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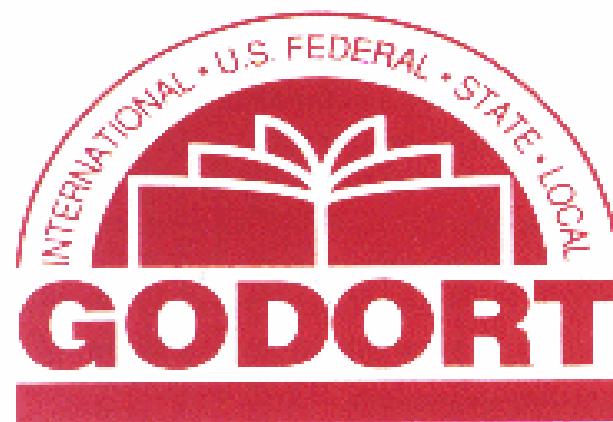
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<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/GODORT/created.html>

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GPO PURL Alert

PURL (text file) updates for **2001**

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Toolbox for Processing and Cataloging Federal Government Documents



The following tools are of use to personnel who process and catalog materials distributed through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) which is administered by the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). Many are available at no charge via the Internet. GPO staff members catalog and index United States federal government publications, creating or adapting most of the USMARC records used by FDLP library participants. This Toolbox brings together tools and guides for both new and experienced library staff who process and catalog depository materials.

[GPO Item Selection and Classification Information](#) ||| [Depository Processing Tools](#)
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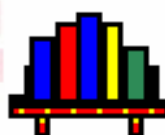
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GODORT Handout Exchange

Submit your URL to the GODORT Handout Exchange



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What's New

EDUCATION COMMITTEE



Government Information and Depository Management Clearinghouse

Welcome to the Clearinghouse!

The goal of this GODORT Education Committee project is to gather into one place the many tools available to government information librarians to assist in the successful management of electronic government information, and in building advocacy skills to promote access to this information.

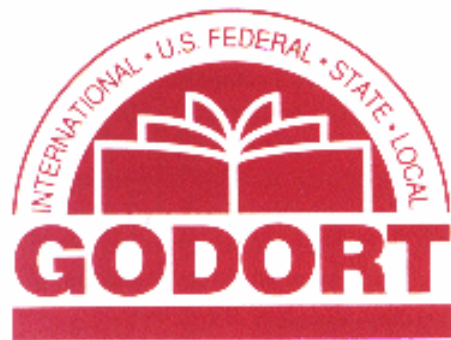
[Clearinghouse Topics Web Pages](#)

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Clearinghouse Topics Web Pages

- [Federal Depository Library Management](#) Thomas Karel, Franklin & Marshall College/Maintained by Anne Liebst, Baker University
- [State, Local or International Government Information Management](#) Katherine Holvoet, University of Utah
- [Providing User Access for Electronic Government Publications](#) Sherry DeDecker, University of California, Santa Barbara



Frequently Used Sites Related to U.S. Federal Government Information

Federal Documents Task Force (FDTF)
Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)
American Library Association (ALA)

NEW Terrorism links: [at this site](#) • [U.S. State Department](#) • [U.S. Defense Dept.](#) • [Evergreen State College \(Olympia, WA\)](#) • [George Washington Univ.](#) • [Univ. at Buffalo](#) • [Univ. of Michigan](#) • [Univ. of Richmond](#) • [Vanderbilt Univ. \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

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By Subject

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- Business and Economy
- Census
- Congress
- Consumer Information forms
- Health and Welfare
- Indexes
- Laws and Regulations
- Maps and Geography
- Natural Resources
- President
- Scientific and Technical Reports



CD-ROM Doc: GODORT CD-ROM Documentation Service

Government Electronic Resources in Physical Format

Search the Database

See Tips **Below**

Edit or Add Records to the Database

Requires Password

What is the GODORT CD-ROM Documentation Service?

The project provides bibliographic, content, use, technical, and management information for government-produced and government-related CD-ROMs, DVDs, and floppy disks, brought together in one centralized location on the World Wide Web. Federal, state, international, foreign, and commercial physical electronic media are included. Links to websites that contain related information are also provided.

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Government Information

See the **Help** page for loading the Template

The following list suggests the best sites to find government information available online for federal, state, international, and foreign levels of government.

Sections

1. [Federal Government: General Information](#)
2. [Federal Government: Legislative and Regulatory Information](#)
3. [State Information](#)
4. [International and Foreign Information](#)
5. [Statistical Resources](#)



How to Find Information about Government CD-ROM Products

These are some sources of information about government CD-ROM or floppy disk products, focussing on those sources that list and/or provide information about their content.

Information that may be included with the product or accompanying publication

- File on the CD-ROM or floppy disk, often called "readme" or having a .txt, .asc, .doc, or .wri extension.
- Accompanying booklet or cover within jewel case of CD-ROM.
- Information accessible from the access software provided.
- Technical or other manuals provided by the agency or vendor.
- Print, microform, or Internet equivalent or near-equivalent.
- Current awareness publication issued by agency.

Lists of CD-ROMs and documentation

- *CD-ROM Technical Documentation Project*. Committee on Institutional Cooperation. "This matrix of CD-ROM products is being developed by government documents librarians [...] to identify existing user guides, technical documentation, and World Wide Web alternatives to the individual CD-ROM titles. It is also being used as a working paper from which CIC librarians will select documentation for conversion to



Welcome to the AALL/GODORT Government Documents Tutorial. If you're new to the tutorial, please read our brief [Overview](#).

This tutorial uses many advanced HTML features that may not be supported by older web browsers. If you have a "version 4" browser (e.g. Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher), you should have no problems (though there may be problems with Macs).

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For comments or questions regarding this tutorial, contact either [Charlene Cain](#) of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library, Louisiana State University, or [Larry Schankman](#) of Mansfield University. For your convenience, you can also fill out an online [Suggestion Box](#).

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Introduction

These "E-Competencies" represent a GODORT effort to describe the technical skills and knowledge that depository librarians need to possess in order to provide effective service with electronic products.

In most institutions, the ability to use many of the competencies listed here are influenced by forces outside the depository itself. For instance, administrative decisions, whether policy or budget, can determine how well a depository delivers electronic services. Likewise, the policies, procedures, and personnel of a library's systems or IT department can have a great effect on e-competencies.

The effective depository librarian will have knowledge of the local personnel and policies related to information technology. S/he should cultivate positive relationships with administration and systems staff, in order to insure excellent service for electronic government information. S/he should have knowledge of, and input into, technology-related policies affecting the depository. When necessary, s/he should seek out training opportunities. S/he should also take advantage of expertise throughout the government documents community to aid in meeting the e-competencies noted here. One can ask one's regional, nearby depositories, or the community at large via [GOVDOC-L](#).

Tier I:

E-Competencies That Every Depository Librarian Should Have

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1. Computers 101
2. An understanding of GPO's Minimum Technical Guidelines.
3. Competency with Windows operating system.
4. Competency with web browsers and file formats.
5. Competency with e-mail.
6. Competency with electronic catalogs.
7. Competency with web URLs.
8. Awareness of user ability and experience.

1. Computers 101: Have a *basic* knowledge of the following terms:

- hardware
- software
- the 'Web'
- CPU
- monitor
- peripherals (drives: 3.5 floppy, legacy 5.25 floppy, CD-ROM, DVD, Zip)

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1. Ability to use Tier I knowledge to install and troubleshoot software
 2. Basic skills with word processing and spreadsheet software
 3. DOS commands, to support a number of older (CD and floppy) electronic products
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1. Ability to use Tier I knowledge to install and troubleshoot software

Includes ability to recognize file formats common in software installation (find a setup or install executable file; find and open a readme file). Competency with utilities such as FTP and file decompression/compression utilities (ability to unzip files)

Resources to help develop these competencies:

[About Installing CDs](#)
[What is File Compression?](#)
[Compression Using Winzip](#)
[What is FTP?](#)

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If your library does not possess these resources or skills, be able to refer to another depository, such as your regional or other local research library's depository.

1. Competency with database software, such as MS Access, FilemakerPro, etc.
2. Basic UNIX commands
3. Competency with statistical software, such as SPSS and/or SAS
4. Ability to do all of the pc skills above with Mac, too
5. Web authoring skills
6. Competency with GIS applications and data

1. Competency with database software, such as MS Access, FilemakerPro, etc.

Much government data is compatible with (and desirable to use in) a database format. In addition, managing item selections, etc., can greatly be aided by an ability to use databases.

Resources:

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Please send comments and suggestions to [GITCO](#)

URL: <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/GODORT/gitco/toolbox.html>

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GODORT Created Resources: How You Can Help

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