



# *The MetaWeb Project*

## **Introduction**

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This document gives an introduction to the GEM (Gateway to Educational Materials) service. The document has been produced for use by participants on the Metadata and Web Tools sessions at the **Institutional Web Management** workshop held at Newcastle University on 15-17 September 1998.

## **Aims of This Exercise**

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This document gives an introduction to a number the GEM service. The aim of the exercises is to provide an awareness of this project, the tools they use and the services they provide and to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the project.

## **The GEM Service**

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### **Task 1 Getting Started**

In your web browser enter the address <URL:  
<http://www.thegateway.org/>>.

The web page shown in Figure 1 will be displayed.

Read the contents of this page.

View the list of the Gateway Collections.



**Figure 1 The GEM Home Page**

## Task 2 Searching

Return to the GEM home page. Then scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the link to **Simple Search Interface**.

Enter a search term, such as **Maths** as illustrated in Figure 2.

The results of the search will then be displayed.

Make a note of the number of hits.



Figure 2 The Search Interface

## Task 3 Refining the Search

Return to the Simple Search Interface page or enter the address <URL: <http://www.thegateway.org/simple1.html>>.

Refine your search by searching for a resource containing maths anywhere and telephone in the title as illustrated in Figure 3.

Make a note of the number of hits.



Figure 3 Refining the Search

## Finding Out More

### Task 4 Getting Started

Return to the GEM Project home page and follow the link to further information or enter the address <URL:

<http://www.geminfo.org/>>.

Read the information on this page.

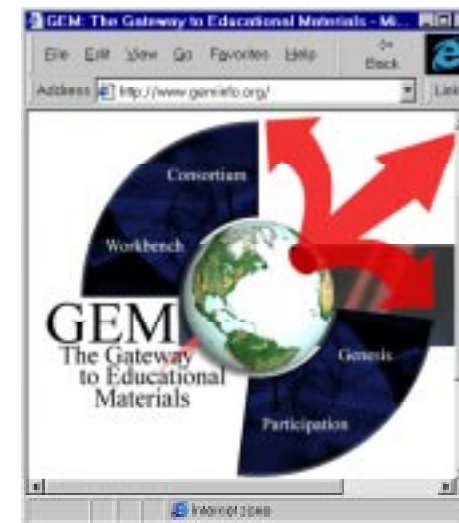


Figure 4 Information About GEM