

# Resources for Economists on the Internet

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The first stop might be the “Teaching Resources” section, which is divided into

- Internet Guides for Students
- Research and Instructor Support for Economic Education
- Online Markets
- Classroom Experiments
- Tutorials and Online Exercises
- Textbook Information
- Online Textbooks
- Syllabi
- Miscellaneous

Each subsection lists and describes numerous Internet sites. With the exception of Internet Guides for Students, these subsections are weighted toward instructor needs. The contents of most are obvious, but Online Markets may need some elaboration. It describes sites where students can trade online; this includes the famous Iowa Electronic Markets. Entire courses have been organized around it.

Students and instructors will find other RFE sections helpful. The General Interest section contains descriptions of and links to John Iron’s Mining Co. Guide to Economics, which concentrates on current economic events, as well as Ed Yardeni and The Dismal Scientist, which focuses on macro and other analyses. The RFE Data section provides sources of data for assignments in econometrics and student projects. For principles students, a subsection of U.S. Macro and Regional Data is devoted to summary macro statistics. The Consulting and Forecasting section leads students to macro and regional forecasting and analysis, and the News Media section lists Internet access to the traditional news media.

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