*Web*Notice –– A World Wide Web System For Distributing Notices

Overview

WebNotice is a World Wide Web system for distributing public notices over the internet, by a variety of means. Any user with access to a Web browser can read the notices, while special users (with authorized usernames and password) can add notices to the system, and can modify previously posted notices.

The posted notices can also automatically be mailed to special mail addresses (such as mailing lists, or listservs) or can be posted to USENET newsgroups). Thus, by using the WebNotice system you can contact all your standard electronic customers with one standard interface.

This workshop looks at the details of how this works, divided into three parts.

Part 1: ***Viewing Notices on the Web***
After all, if you're going to post them, you might as well know how people use it.

Part 2: ***Adding, Modifying and Deleting Notices***
That's why you're here, right?

Part 3: ***Managing the WebNotice System.***
There's more to it than just posting a notice....

Three Classes of Users of the *Web*Notice System

1. Anyone can view the notices
   – view by Department
   – view by Cross−Departmental Group

2. *Regular* departmental users can:
   – add new notices
   – modify old notices
   – delete notices

   to a departmental group (you need a username and password)

3. Departmental *superusers* can modify information about a department, and can:
   – create new regular users
   – associate regular users with a Departmental group
   – add mailing lists to a group (so that the notice is also mailed to these mailing lists)
   – add newgroup names (so that the notice is also posted to these newsgroups)

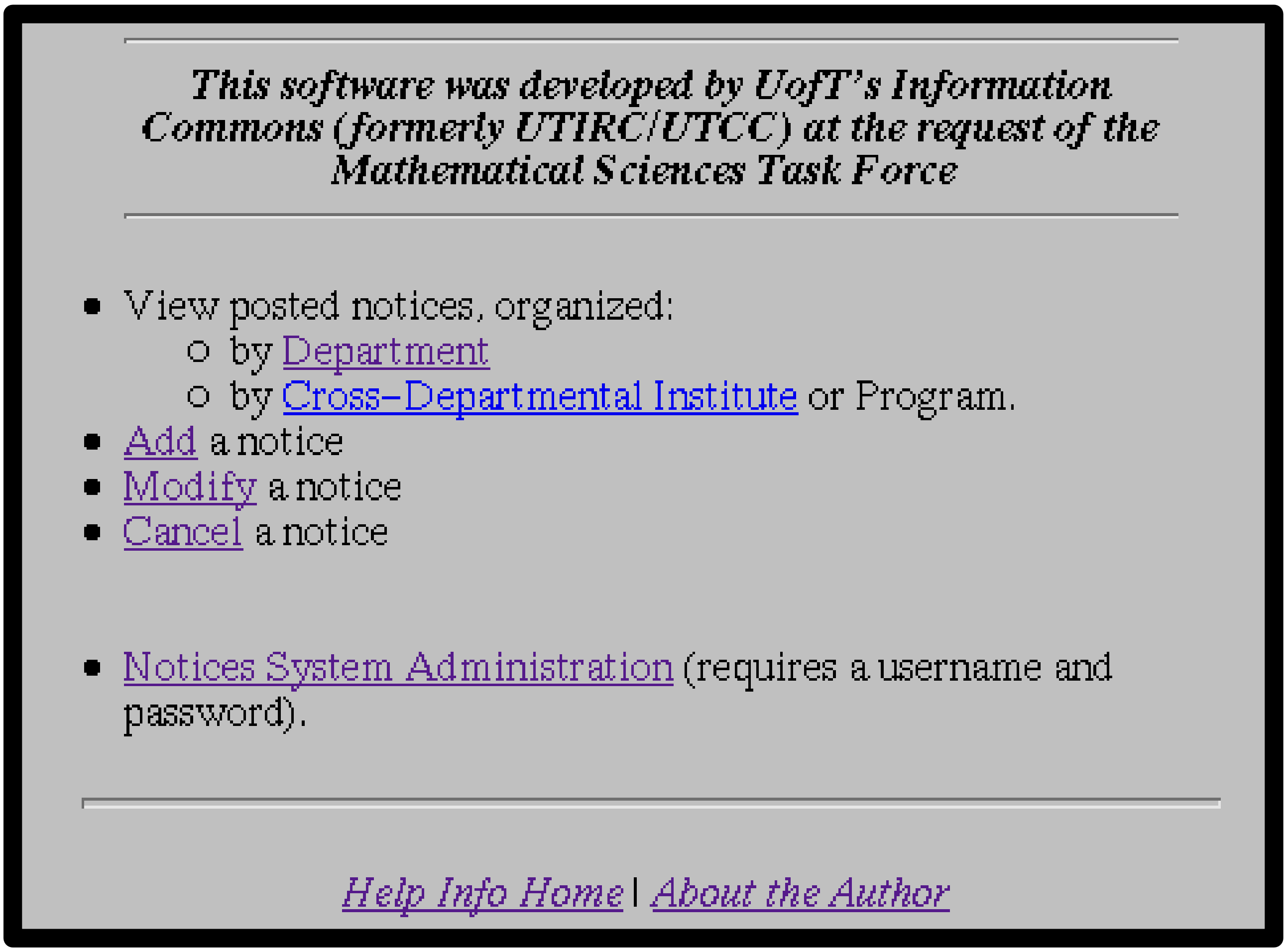
Each Department needs ***ONE*** superuser. They can then have as many regular users as the want, each user responsible for any number of departmental groups.

Part 1: Viewing Posted Notices

The starting location for the WebNotice system is:

http://www.hprc.utoronto.ca/cgi–reg/notices_main.pl

which gives the following display:



The first two items allow you view notices posted by Departmental or Cross–Departmental groups. What does this mean?

Example Departmental Organizations

Department of Mathematics	Superuser:	***supermath***
Departmental Groups:		
Department (the default)	Regular users:	***bob***, ***mary***
Algebraic Toploogy	Regular users:	***tim***, ***mary***
Mathematical Physics	Regular users:	***bob***

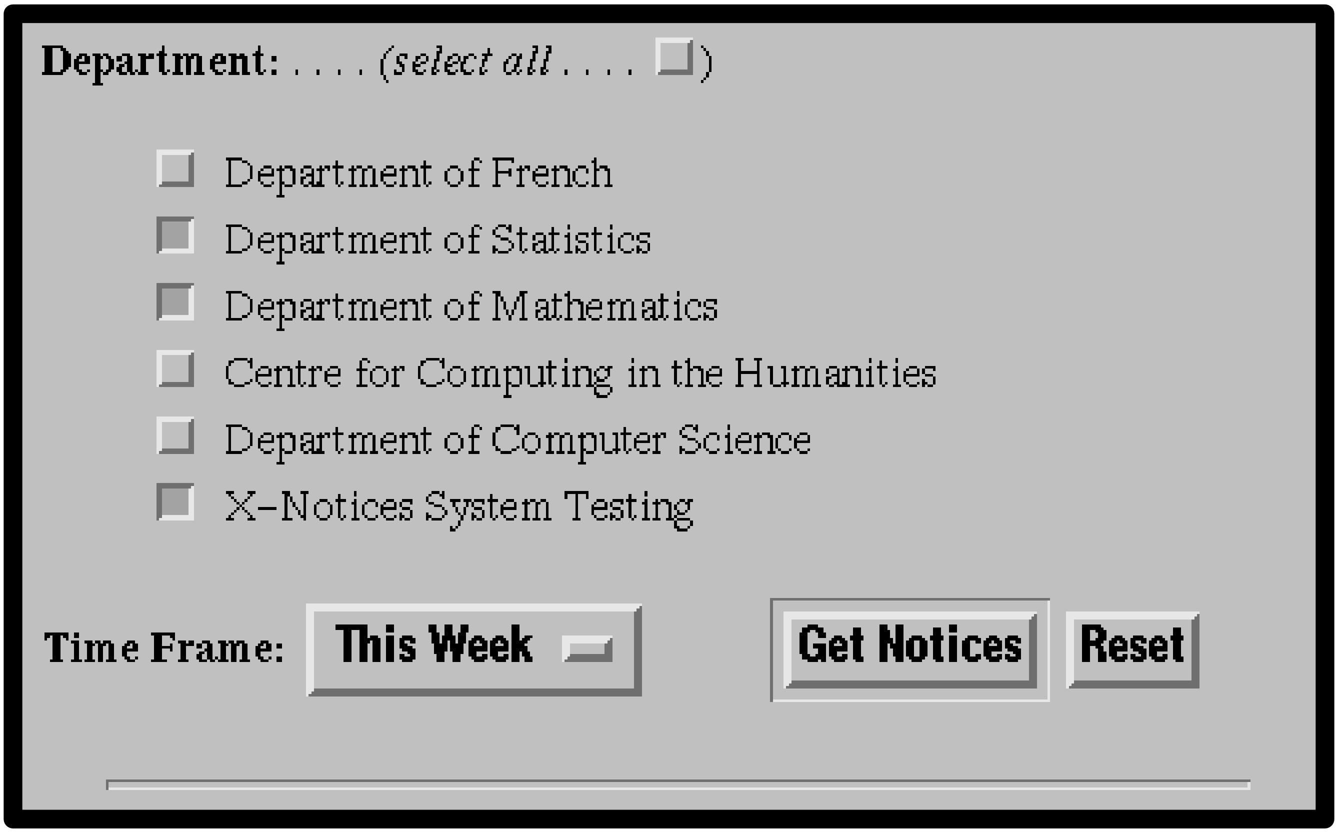
Department of Statistics	Superuser:	***superstats***
Departmental Groups		
Department (the default)	Regular users:	***phil***, ***donna***
Fluid Dynamics	Regular users:	***paul***
Mathematical Physics	Regular users:	***tara***

Viewing **Department of Mathematics** postings will give you every notice posted under the groups ***Department***, ***Algebraic Topology*** or ***Mathematical Physics***.

Viewing by the Cross−Departmental Institute or group **Mathematical Physics** will show postings to this group by the ***Deparment of Mathematics***, and the ***Department of Statistics*** (and any other associated department) but will hide postings to other groups.

Viewing By Department

If you select to view by department you get the following display. You can now select which Department(s) you want to view notices for, and the time frame (upcoming week, month or year). You then press Get Notices to get a summary listing of all relevant notices.



Here I have selected to view notices under the three indicated departments, for the upcoming week. The next slide shows what you get when you press "**Get Notices"**.

Viewing By Department (cont.)

The next document lists a summary of all the notices that are currently posted under the indicated Departments. There is only one (after all, you haven't been doing anything with the system, so there are only my goofy test postings!)

*UTOR*Notice Brief Listings – by Department 14–Aug–1995 through 20–Aug–1995

Select an entry for additional information

Postings for Departments:

- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Statistics
- X–Notices System Testing

Friday, 18 August 1995 – X–Notices System Testing , Algebra
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You can click on each posting's hypertext link to get a full listing of the notice....

Viewing By Department (cont.)

Here is the full listing for the posted notice: not bad, eh?

Seminar

X–Notices System Testing Algebra

Friday, 18 August 1995 at 3:30PM

Burwash Hall, Room 211

Fun With the WebNotice System

Dr. Ian Graham

Information Commons, University of Toronto

> Ian will give a fun talk about the WebNotice system. You will be thrilled in your seats, excited beyond all expectations, literally shaking with anticipation.
>
> Well, at least he likes to think so.

Cocktails and little pastries will be served.

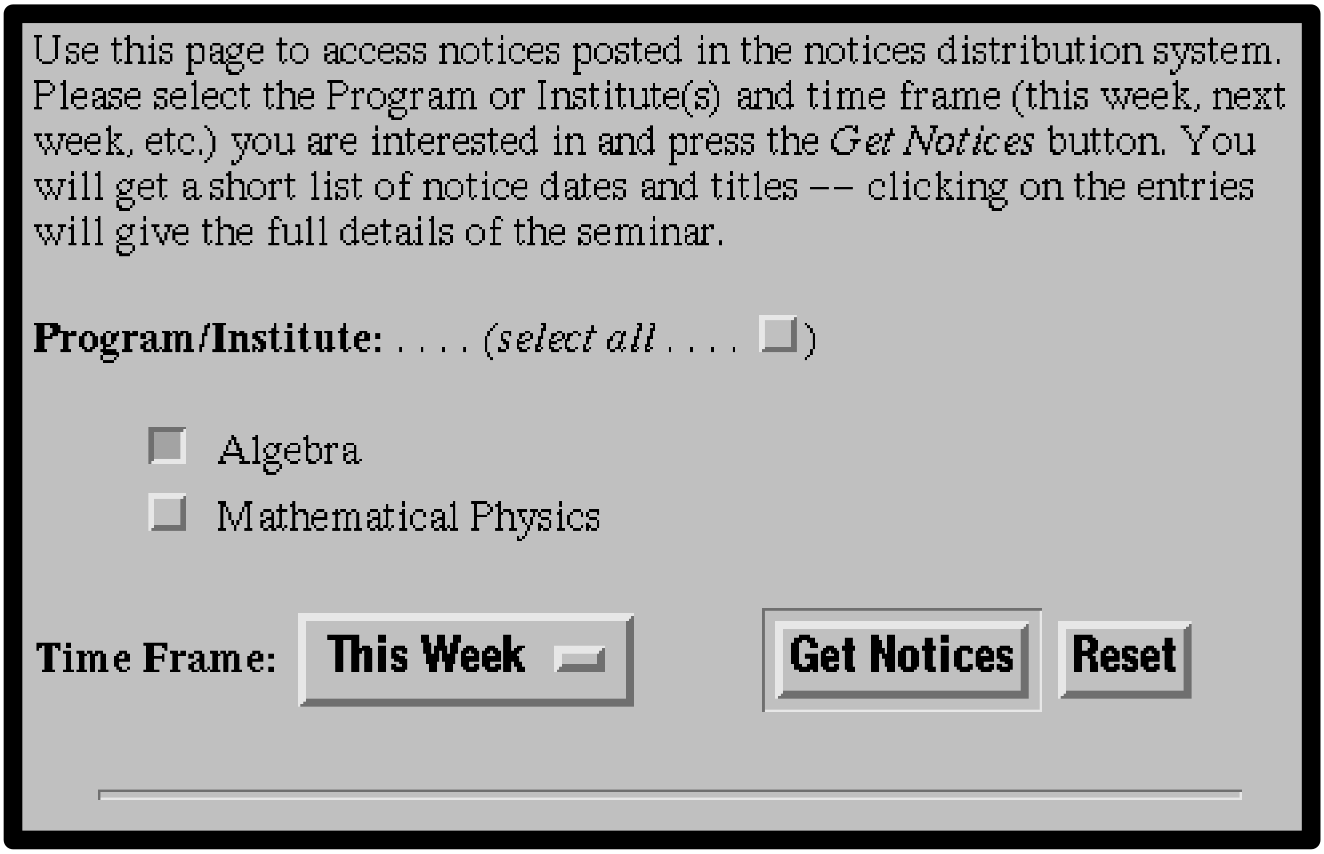
Talk sponsored by: *The Information Comons*

For Additional Information:
URL: http://www.hprc.utoronto.ca/personnel/i_graham.html

Viewing by Groups

The second alternative was to view by groups. This allows you to view notices posted by any Department to a particular common group. An example is the group Algebra: various departments, such as Physics, Maths, Stats, etc. may want to post notices to this cross–disciplinary group.

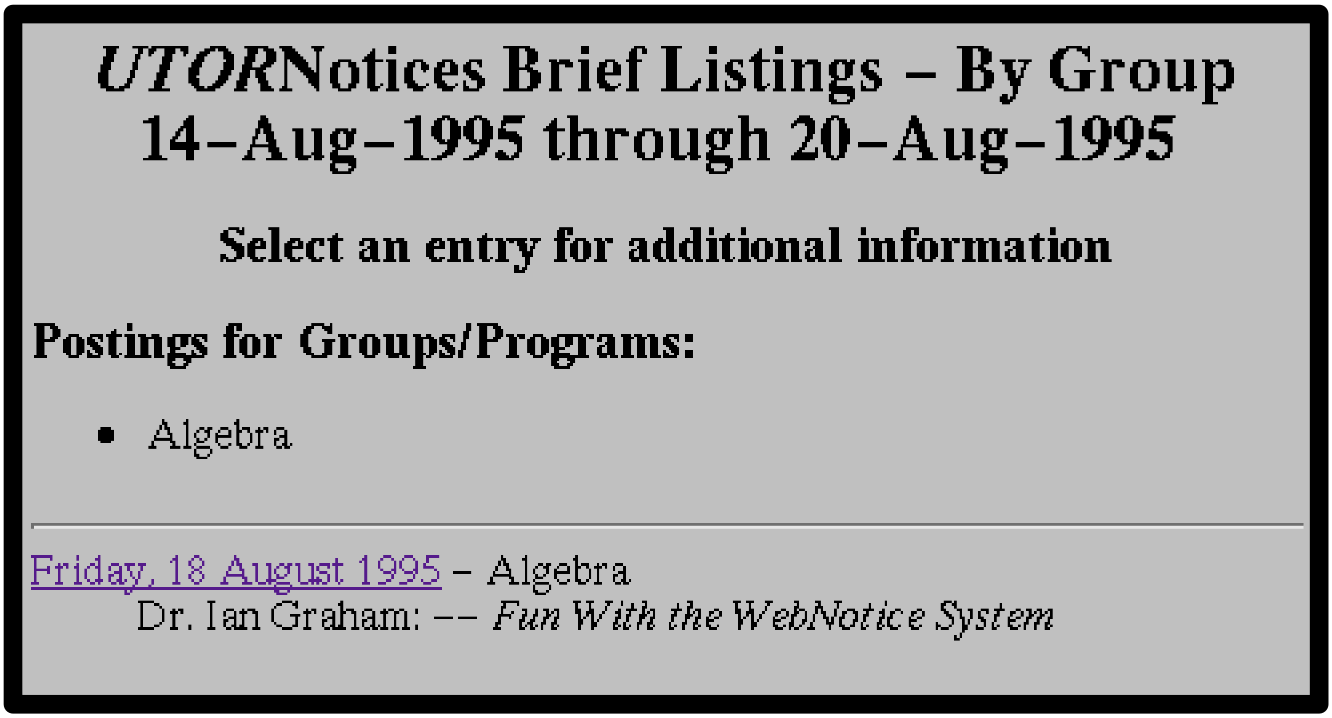
If you select to view postings by group, you get the following:



There are only two cross–departmental groups (so far!). Selecting **Get Notices** returns a summary listing:

Viewing by Group (cont.)

Here is the summary listing for the group **"Algebra"**. There is only my one posting.


*UTOR*Notices Brief Listings – By Group
14–Aug–1995 through 20–Aug–1995

Select an entry for additional information

Postings for Groups/Programs:

- Algebra

Friday, 18 August 1995 – Algebra
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Once again, selecting the hypertext link gives a full listing for the notice.