

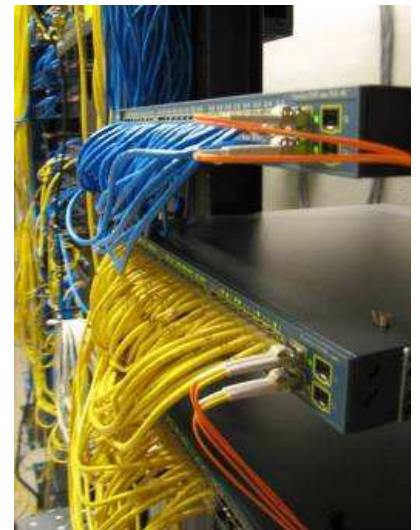


Merit Network

Connecting Organizations, Building Community



Donald J. Welch Ph.D.
President and CEO



- Independent not-for-profit corporation owned by the public universities of Michigan.
- Receives no direct state funding.
 - Almost all revenue is fee-for-service
 - Research grants <5% of revenue
- Serves Higher-Education, K-12, Libraries, Health Care, and Government organizations.
- Provides network and network-based services.

Merit's History 1966-Present

- The Michigan Education Research Information Triad (MERIT) formed in 1966 because, “significant benefits might be gained from sharing computing resources via an electronic linkage...”
- 1969 NSF grant for computer networking with only comparable work at BBN (ARPANET)
- Dial-up “Hermes” service in 1973 (!)
- Designed, engineered, managed and operated the NSFNET backbone
- Received NSF Cooperative Agreement for Routing Arbiter in 1994 (2nd Solicitation for NSFNET)
- Merit starts sponsoring NANOG in 1994
- Leader in Economic Development in the State with spinoffs: ANS, Interlink and GateD
- Merit provided dial-in access for educational technology through 2007
- Merit Embarks on a Fiber and Wireless Backbone Strategy in 2003



Michigan
Educational Research
Information Triad



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“To be a respected leader in developing and providing advanced networking services to the research and education community. Merit is a trusted source for providing high-quality network infrastructure; initiating and facilitation collaboration; and providing knowledge and technology transfer through outreach.”





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