

# Canada's Nuclear Knowledge Portal: Preservation and Dissemination of Nuclear Technical Knowledge

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# **Nuclear Knowledge Portal**

- In Canada, we have been pursuing this for years in a relatively uncoordinated but cooperative way.
  - CANTEACH an open CANDU document repository (2001)
  - UNENE a nuclear centre of excellence (2002)
  - NUCENG an university based portal and repository (1998)
  - CNS a society of nuclear individuals (conferences, bulletin, ...) (1979)
  - COG an industrial consortium of operators and designers (1984). Sponsors CANTEACH and member of UNENE



# **Target Audience**

- Mission To preserve technical knowledge of CANDU nuclear-electric generating system for use by present and future members of the CANDU community
- Mission To train Highly Qualified Personnel
- Thus target audience is primarily at the level of the working professional

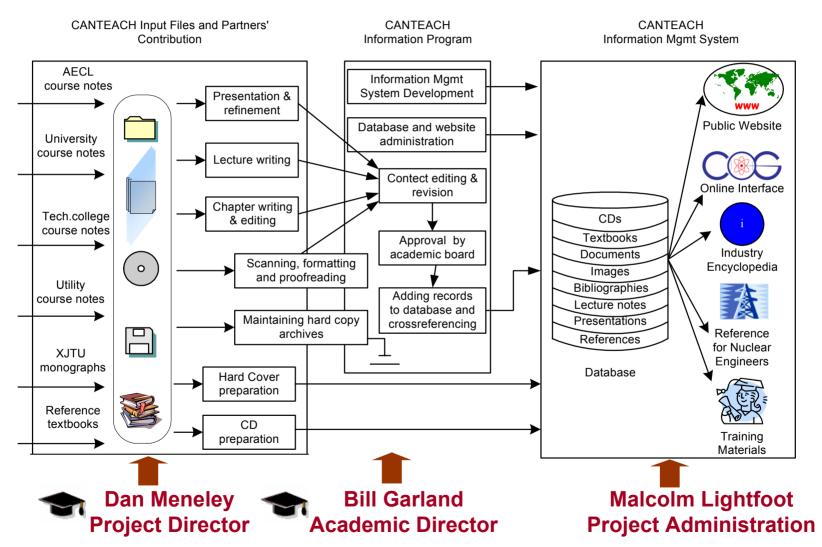


#### **Tech Staff - Who Can Benefit?**

- School grad very numerous, keen and inclined toward "new trends"
- Support staff large number, relatively low skill levels
- Technicians large number, excellent, narrow skills + some experts
- Engineers medium number, professional level + some experts
- Scientists small number, highly educated, mostly expert skills
- Managers medium number, broad experience + some experts
- Regulators small number, broad education & experience + some experts
- Legislators small number, mostly generalists
- Educators university and college professors
- Population very numerous, ranging from expert to unaware or uncaring



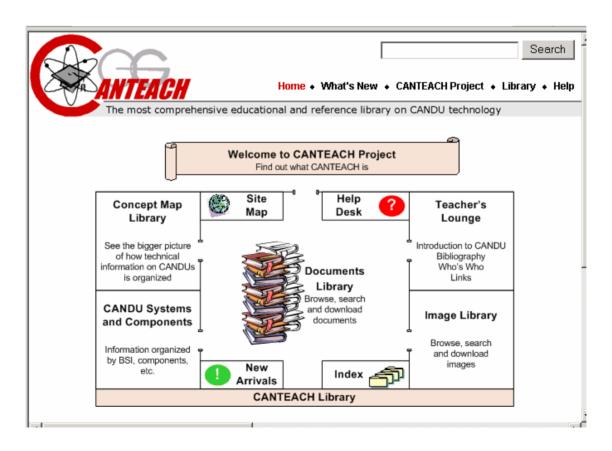
#### CANTEACH



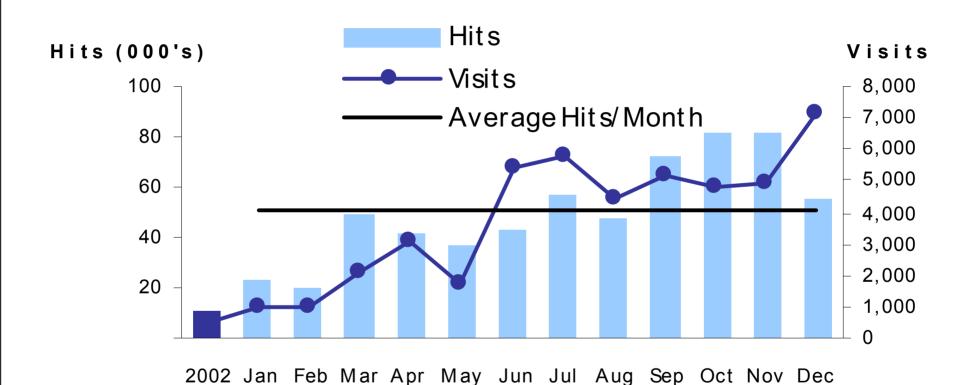


## **CANTEACH Web Site Tour**

#### http://canteach.candu.org









"...This great CANTEACH concept is a pleasant surprise....I am a regular visitor to CANTEACH website. It is wonderful to have such a rich source of information on CANDU technologies....I have gone through the website and the rich information given in there. There is only one word to describe it: FABULOUS. ..."

S. Ravishankar, Training Officer, Nuclear Training Centre, Madras Atomic Power Station, Kalpakkam, INDIA.



"... As for CANTEACH, it is a fabulous site that made my 4th year undergraduate project much easier to complete. ..."

Lee Rehorn, student, University of Western Ontario, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering



"CANTEACH? What's that?"

- said by far too many people



#### UNENE

#### **University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering**

- CANTEACH is about info. Low budget (\$150k/yr)
- UNENE is about delivery (\$3M/yr).
- UNENE generates Highly Qualified Personnel.
- Hope to make CANTEACH the repository for UNENE.



#### **UNENE Web Site Tour**

#### http://www.unene.com





## **NucEng**

#### **Nuclear Engineering at McMaster University+**

- CANTEACH is about info.
- UNENE is about delivery.
- NucEng is about students.
  - Courses
  - Who's Who
  - Careers
  - Links
  - Forums and List servers



# **NucEng Web Site Tour**

#### http://nuceng.mcmaster.ca



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#### Hello, hello! Wot's this, then?

This is a site for students and others interested in Nuclear Engineering as it relates to the program in the Department of Engineering Physics, McMaster University, Enjoy, Listen to a short introduction to the site (950kb swf file), (download the required flash player).

- . Help Have a quick look to get oriented and to find helpful tips on using this site, including how to contact me. Suggestions and comments are welcome. But before you do, check out the site FAO page. Perhaps your question has already been answered.
- . FAQ Frequently asked questions for this site.
- · Careers page links to full-time and summer career and job information, including at our own reactor Jobs, jobs, jobs!!! Now contains articles relating to supply and demand.
- · Downloads Related to the Nuclear Industry.
- · Canadian Nuclear Society Universities Committee a committee devoted to assist in the coordination the activities of Canadian universities with nuclear programs, including the CNS Student conferences
- McMaster Nuclear Reactor (tours available) You haven't lived until you have seen the light! See the movie Hey Barry, you're famous!
- CANNUC Discussion Forum This site was started in the hope of promoting discussion regarding "all things Nuclear". Students and employees are invited to get connected via this discussion / posting board - setup by Rob Pasuta of the McMaster Nuclear Reactor - Go Robl
- · Humour Take a break from work.
- · Looking for general nuclear info, courses, links, technical reports, etc.? Check out the links below.

#### Announcements



# CNS Canadian Nuclear Society

- CANTEACH is about info.
- UNENE is about delivery.
- NucEng is about students.
- CNS is about professionals as individuals.
  - Seminar type courses
  - Conferences
  - Fellowship and contacts
  - Forums and List servers



#### **CNS Web Site Tour**

#### http://www.cns-snc.ca





## COG CANDU Owners Group

- CANTEACH is about info.
- UNENE is about delivery.
- NucEng is about students.
- CNS is about professionals as individuals.
- COG is about industrial partnerships in R&D
  - Shared R&D cost
  - Shared R&D facilities
  - Creation of and access to closed information databases



## **COG Web Site Tour**

#### www.candu.org





#### **Future Direction**

- Promote the Portal as a resource and worthwhile project to contribute material and enrich content
- Develop web-enabled document management system for collected material
- Produce "combined best" course versions in each topic area
- Driving force for success is the cooperation of partners
  - Voluntary contributions (knowledge harvesting)
  - No attempt to assess "exchange value"



# What we all can do to help?

- Spread the word on the Portal
- Contribute writers, identify internal champions to sniff out the why's of reactor design
- Donate material such as training material in the fundamentals area
- Generate a simple list of the design features and an explanation of why that feature was chosen
- The Portal is best viewed as a process that yields knowledge for those involved in the process



# Do we need a portal?

# YES!

#### **CANDU Owners Group Inc.**





