

# Web Services for CTAN

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**Abstract** The material held in the Comprehensive T<sub>E</sub>XArchive Network sites are a great resource, but finding solutions problems can be hard, especially for beginners or onllysome-times T<sub>E</sub>Xusers. The emerging standards of web information services promise to help. For instance, users looking for a package with some feature can now go to CTAN and search Graham Williams's *Catalogue* for keywords. However, currently you do tthis by hand: you fire up a browser and click around to enter the information. This could happen behind the scenes if CTAN furnished the results in some standard format. Web information services provide that format.

This talk will look at the work done so far, at plans for the future, and will also solicit ideas for other services.