Making Electronic Resources Accessible - Just DO-IT

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Project DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking and Technology) is a program that works to increase the successful participation of people with disabilities in challenging academic and career fields such as science, engineering, mathematics, and technology. It promotes the use of technology to maximize the independence, productivity and participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. It disseminates information about access issues as they relate to computing, about adaptive technology, and about universal design of World Wide Web pages. It also works in the area of creating distance learning courses that are accessible to the widest audience and developing peer-peer and mentor-protégé relationships over the Internet.

DO-IT began in 1992 as a project of the National Science Foundation. It has been successful in receiving numerous grants and significant funding from the state of Washington. DO-IT received national recognition with Presidential Award for Excellence in Mentoring "for embodying excellence in mentoring underrepresented students and encouraging their significant achievement in science, mathematics, and engineering." It was also showcased in the President's Summit on Volunteerism and received the National Information Infrastructure Award for "those whose achievements demonstrate what is possible when the powerful forces of human creativity and technologies are combined."