

The New MathDL

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On July 14, 2008 we inaugurated the new Mathematical Sciences Digital Library, combining the old MathDL and Math Gateway sites. The new site, <http://mathdl.maa.org>, was designed and created by Math Resources, Inc of Halifax. MathDL features a search over MathDL Partner resources, a vastly expanded MAA Writing Awards section, and a new online publication, *Loci*.

MathDL now functions as the MAA's pathway project within the National Science Digital Library (NSDL). It continues most of the old Math Gateway functions including daily *Math in the News* articles, *On This Day* (in mathematics), and the My Library features for registered users. A search over resources held by MathDL partners (formerly Math Gateway partners) remains an important feature of the new site.

With help from JSTOR and hard work by Amy Ensley, we are completing presentation of pdf copies of award-winning articles from the print publications of the MAA in the MAA Writing Awards component of MathDL. Go to the site, <http://mathdl.maa.org/mathDL/22/>, and check out the rotating cube logo.

We have consolidated the three online publications from the old MathDL, *The Journal of Online Mathematics and its Applications* (JOMA), *Digital Classroom Resources* (DCR), and *Convergence*, into a single new online publication, *Loci*. Tom Leathrum has been appointed as the new editor. *Loci* contin-

ues to provide access to materials presented in the three earlier MathDL publications as well as an archived copy of *Communications in Visual Mathematics*. We are seeking new materials to publish in *Loci*. See the publication's homepage, <http://mathdl.maa.org/mathDL/23/>, for details on submission.

MAA Reviews and *Classroom Capsules and Notes*, two components of the old MathDL are now part of *MAA Online*. They are

available to all MAA members as a privilege of membership and to others by subscription.

Math Resources Inc. has become a MathDL partner, contributing entries from their mathematical dictionary, *The Mathematical Resource*. We will add the revived CODEE differential equations project as a part-

ner as soon as their new web site goes online. We continue to seek new partners for MathDL.

We are actively pursuing both formative evaluation and outreach. A major component of the new evaluation effort will be a User Panel that will give us feedback on the design and content of the new MathDL. Our outreach effort centers on a plan to organize a cadre of supporters for MathDL, who will conduct MAA Section workshops, speak on their own and other campuses, and, in general, promote the project. This outreach effort was kicked off with a workshop at the MAA's Carriage House Conference Center on October 17-19, with 22 participants, including those currently involved in MathDL, representatives from the MAA WebSIGMAA and the Committee on Technology in Mathematics Education, and others with an interest in working on the project. 🌐

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