



# *The Thursday Thing*

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## **Information overload: How does one store biodiversity data?**

First let me say that I know very little about biodiversity. However, as part of my previous responsibility for Canada Foundation for Innovation projects at the University of Guelph, I have helped to facilitate proposals related to biodiversity information and the digitization of biodiversity data. Part of this task was serving on the organizing committee of an international congress on biodiversity/information technology in March 2001 and on the National Committee for a Canadian Strategy on Biodiversity. As a consequence of these activities, I became aware of some fascinating new initiatives and the purpose of this Thursday Thing presentation is to describe some aspects of these initiatives. I will demonstrate some of the newer websites that are dedicated to biodiversity information. As well, I have a visual presentation "Bioinformatics and the New Information Technologies" that was given at the Ottawa meeting by Dr. Robert J. Robbins, a specialist in the area of genomics.

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2001

Place: MacNaughton 222

Time: 12:30 p.m.

**Cookies will be served. Don't forget your lunch.**