In the USA, the state of Vermont has a reputation as a place where a person might go for a bit of a change. It is known as beautiful to look at (although by no means a technology backwater with a major chip-making facility); a quirky place where the natives have a little—shall we say?—personality.

All of which sounded like a good fit when the TUG CTAN site looked to relocate. The machine housing \texttt{ftp://tug.ctan.org/tex-archive} along with its web interface \texttt{http://www.ctan.org} was tired. It was originally DANTE’s ftp machine and then was donated to TUG when DANTE upgraded. And the site’s maintainer, Karl Berry, needed a new person to try their hand.

Consequently, as of June 2000, the TUG CTAN site is operating out of Vermont. Saint Michael’s College, in Colchester, has generously agreed to be its host and support the traffic. We’ve converted the machine \texttt{joshua}, which used to be a mirror of TUG CTAN, into a core participant in the three-site network along with \texttt{cam.ctan.org} and \texttt{dante.ctan.org}. It will of course continue to be accessed by the address \texttt{ftp://tug.ctan.org/tex-archive}.

I’ll be watching over the site, and I appreciate your patience as well as your feedback as I learn the ropes.

I must say that the ropes I’ve learned so far have gone much smoother because of the help of the other CTANers, especially Robin Fairbairns, Rainer Schöpf, and Reinhart Zierke. The professionalism, and the amount of work done by this team, is something to which all of the \TeX{} community is indebted.

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