WEB RESOURCES TO ACCOMPANY:
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USEFUL INTERNET SITES

http://www.an-architecture.com
Mainly the work of Christoph Wassmann, a Vienna-based architect, this blog site provides interesting commentary and information on architecture projects, issues and ideas.

http://www.archidose.org
Blogs and project profiles; the "book of the week" provides a review of a recent architecture book, while the "dose of the week" is a review of a project.

http://www.archidose.blogspot.com
This is the "daily" offering from Archidose – a collection of blog posts and images.

http://www.archinect.com
Dedicated to making architecture "more connected and open-minded"; provides news and features from the fringe as well as mainstream architecture.

http://www.archinnovations.com
Articles, news, blogs and project profiles from around the world; includes competition listings, links to related sites and feeds from other architecture sites.

http://www.archis.org
The website of the Archis Foundation, an architecture and spatial "think tank"; provides information on the activities of the Foundation as well as the "network" of related groups.

http://www.architect.com
A website which brings together architecture and a variety of other design disciplines; working toward the cross-disciplinary nature of architecture.

http://www.architectmagazine.com
Online version of the US magazine Architect; provides additional resources including product information, practice portfolios and job listings

http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk
News and information site related to the UK magazine The Architects' Journal; keeps abreast of news, product information and job offers in the UK.

http://www.architecture-page.com
Provides information about architects and projects; anyone can publish their work.

http://www.architectureweek.com
US-based online magazine that pulls content from a variety of different sources; provides news as well as technology-related listings.

http://www.arcspace.com
A collection of project profiles, images and a unique series of blogs ("kk Letters" and "Travel").

http://www.bdonline.co.uk
Online version of the UK weekly architecture and construction magazine Building Design; as well as news, provides job listings, project profiles, event listings and commentary.

http://www.bldgblog.blogspot.com
This blog brings together some of the most interesting commentary on contemporary architecture and urbanism, with art and design thrown in too; interviews, project reviews and news feeds make this a continuously refreshing place to visit.

http://www.cityofsound.com/blog
This blog site, maintained by Dan Hill, encourages us to see the connections between architecture, cities, media and technology. Thought provoking articles are posted regularly and offer a wealth of new ideas.

http://www.core77.com
A website largely dedicated to industrial and product design. However, the range of materials and manufacturing techniques makes for interesting cross-over between a range of design disciplines.

http://www.dezeen.com
A blog site which explores the latest architecture, product design, furniture and other design practices.

http://www.digitalurban.blogspot.com
One of the most interesting sites exploring digital visualization and modelling both for architecture and urban design.

http://www.floatingpodium.com
This is your "one-stop-shop" for news and blogs related to architecture and design, pulling in information from sites around the globe.

http://infranetlab.org/blog
Maintained by the research collective of the same name, this blog site presents thought provoking images and articles which explore "the spatial by-products of contemporary resource logistics". A challenging site which encourages us to consider the entire cycle of production and waste in contemporary life.

http://www.inhabitat.com
This site covers the technologies and materials that are pushing architecture to address issues of climate change, and brings together a wealth of information for architects and designers.

http://www.interactivearchitecture.org
This blog aims to provide information on the merging of digital, virtual and real spatial practice; with postings on London-based, as well as international, events and projects the site provides information on some of the most challenging of contemporary practitioners.

http://www.o2.org
Website for the O2 global network, linking like-minded people in support of good design that is also sustainable; links to book reviews, news and people.

http://www.rematerialise.org
A resource site for "eco-smart" materials, managed by Kingston University in London.

http://www.treehugger.com
A US-based media outlet dedicated to providing information on sustainability; as well as news and information there are interviews and blogs that explore issues of sustainability from a wide range of viewpoints.

http://www.world-architects.com
A collection of practice and project profiles from around the world, categorized by country, as well as international job listings.

http://www.worldarchitecturenews.com
Provides news and information on architecture from around the world; includes job listings, bookstore, podcasts and newsfeeds.

http://www.yankodesign.com/category/architecture
While the main site (http://www.yankodesign.com) is primarily for industrial and product design, the architecture section often highlights very interesting and less-known projects ranging in scale and from around the world.

USEFUL ORGANIZATIONS

Architects Registration Board (ARB)
Ability House
7 Portland Place
London W1B 1PP
http://www.arb.org.uk

The ARB is an independent statutory regulating body in the UK for the protection of the consumer and safeguard of the reputation of architects. The organization provides services in support of architects in the form of managing and maintaining the list of registered architects, as well as promoting standards in education and professional practice. All those wishing to practice architecture in the UK must be ARB registered.

The Architecture Foundation
Somerset House
South Building
London WC2R 1LA
http://www.architecturefoundation.org.uk

The Architecture Foundation is the UK's premier independent architecture centre. Located in London it provides a venue for exhibitions, lectures, debates and talks, as well as sponsoring competitions and promoting contemporary architecture to the wider public.

Building Research Establishment (BRE)
Bucknalls Lane
Watford
Herts WD25 9XX
http://www.bre.co.uk

The BRE Trust Companies provide a range of research, testing and consultancy services related to building in the UK. Based on their work they publish a range of technical documents to support the building industry and to establish codes.

The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)
1 Kemble Street
London WC2B 4AN
http://www.cabe.org.uk

CABE is the UK government's advisor on architecture and urban development. Through its work it encourages UK policy-makers to support design that is safe, beautiful and sustainable. It supports education programmes at all levels and regularly sponsors events throughout the UK.

Design Council
34 Bow Street
London WC2E 7DL
http://www.designcouncil.org.uk

The Design Council is a UK government-funded organization that aims to promote the use of design in business and public services. Its role is to help the business sector to recognize the value that design brings and to promote UK design throughout the world.

National Building Specification (NBS)
The Old Post Office
St Nicholas Street
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1RH
http://www.thenbs.com

Part of the RIBA Enterprises group of companies, the NBS provides documents, tools and services related to the production of consistent specifications for the UK building industry. This includes software for scheduling and specification writing, as well as paper-based specification forms.

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
66 Portland Place
London W1B 1AD
http://www.architecture.com

The RIBA is the UK body for support and promotion of architecture and the architectural profession. In addition to working with the government to improve the design quality of buildings, it also provides services for clients and students.

Shell LiveWire
Design Works
William Street
Felling
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear NE10 0JP
http://www.shell-livewire.org

Supported by Shell Oil, this UK (and international) organization can help small businesses get started through the provision of free advice, information packs and access to a "social network" of related business startups.

UCAS
Rosehill
New Barn Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ
http://www.ucas.ac.uk

UCAS is the primary access route into Higher Education in the UK. Its website provides information on all university courses in the UK.

UK Green Building Council
The Building Centre
26 Store Street
London WC1E 7BT
http://www.ukgbc.org

The mission of the Green Building Council is to "dramatically improve the sustainability of the built environment". Through the promotion of good design and planning the organization supports the industry to move forward toward a more sustainable future, through research, campaigns and publications.

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006-5292
http://www.aia.org

The AIA is the main professional membership body for architects in the United States. It works to uphold the profession while also supporting education and clients. Its aim is to "serve as the voice of the architecture profession and the resource for our members in service to society".

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA)
1735 New York Avenue, NW
3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20006
http://www.acsa-arch.org

The ACSA serves to promote and support architectural education, in the USA and Canada, through advocacy, liaison and communication with similar organizations around the world. The organization includes 250 schools of architecture in the USA and Canada, and works with students and faculties of those schools to support the continued development of architectural education.

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
99 Canal Center Plaza
Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22314-1588
http://www.csinet.org

As the national association that aims to create and promote standards in construction documents, the CSI provides a range of services to the building industry. In addition to maintaining the standard format of US construction specifications, it also provides professional certification programmes for specification writers.

Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts
4 West Burton Place
Chicago, IL 60610-1416
http://www.grahamfoundation.org

This Chicago-based organization provides financial grants for the development of projects that expand and challenge the role of architecture in the arts, culture and society. Each year the Foundation awards funding to a range of projects that span historical studies to cutting-edge digital research.

International Code Council (ICC)
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW
6th Floor
Washington, DC 20001-2070
http://www.iccsafe.org

The ICC is a membership association that works to develop building codes for the safety and security of the public. Most of the building codes used across the United States are based on those developed by the ICC.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
1801 K Street, NW
Suite 700-K
Washington, DC 20006
http://www.ncarb.org

NCARB is the national body that protects the health and safety of the public by regulating the process of testing and registration of architects in the United States. It sets the basic requirements for an individual to become a qualified architect in the USA, with the specific process being undertaken at state level.

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)
1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036
http://www.usgbc.org

The USGBC is a non-profit organization that aims to promote the use of sustainable building in the United States. Comprised of 15,000 organizations from across the industry it works to support research and testing, as well as certifying the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) programme.