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The aim of this article is to help historians overcome their reservations about making use of the enormous wealth of information on the Internet. Not only does the author list hardware and software requirements, he also offers some guidance through the realm of information becoming larger and more complex by the day, whereby this piece is specifically aimed at those historians who deal with the past and present of the Czech and Slovak nations. Here, those who so far abstained from using the Internet are provided with everything they need for mastering the great challenge: not only about the problems with Czech diacriticals, but also about online bibliographic reference aids, about catchwords such as "Masaryk", minutes of the proceedings of the Czech diet or the Czechoslovak Parliament, newspaper editions, printed or onlineonly, which may be called up on monitors in every living or working room, etc. Moreover, the author offers a regularly updated version of his paper - on the Internet, of course