

# **Māori Cultural Issues & The Internet**

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## **Abstract**

*The ever-changing and accelerating arena of the information technology world has enabled many Māori to cross the geographical boundaries of nations across the globe without leaving the confines of their homes and work places. As people create, accumulate and share information, concerns are raised regarding the preservation, storage, access, management and intellectual rights of, and for the information generated.*

*Māori have been quick to perceive enhanced opportunities for intellectual and electronic access to information resources through the information technology revolution. The presence of Māori information on the Web has positive benefits for Māori culture, however there are dilemmas that need to be addressed. This paper therefore examines the Māori cultural issues relating to the Internet and summarises initiatives in IT by Māori groups to ensure Māori participation in the Information Technology industry.*