



## **General Education Online Remains Committed to Development, Achieves 2003 Goals**

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General Education Online reiterated its commitment to open-source during 2003, releasing several new versions for the development version of v3 available from <http://devel.findaschool.org/releases/>, and opening up its research and development site to the public at <http://devel.findaschool.org>. In the past several days, General Education Online has continued extensive re-engineering to address several key visitor functionality requests, including searching. GEO remains committed to releasing version 3 of the site sometime during Q4 of 2004, although no firm deadlines have been set for the rollout.

For the year ending December 31st, 2003, General Education Online received 2.62 million website hits, with a total of 479,423 unique visits downloading approximately 46 GB of information. GEO experienced a slight slowing in growth during 2003, dropping to a 16.24% increase over a year ago in total website hits, although total unique visitors were up by 20.84%, a small increase over 2002.

Total statistics through the end of December, 2003 reached 7.40 million website hits, 1.53 million visitors, and bandwidth usage totaling slightly over 120 GB. GEO currently lists 8,528 education facilities in 186 countries and territories around the world, expecting to grow beyond 10,000 entries by Q4 this year.