

A portrait of Tim Berners-Lee, a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred interior with wooden paneling.

Tim

1955-Present

Berners-Lee

The inventor of the World Wide Web

Tim Berners-Lee was born in London. His parents worked on the early commercial computer Ferranti Mark I. Growing up, Berners-Lee enjoyed mathematics and electronics, and went on to Oxford University, graduating with a degree in Physics in 1976.

Berners-Lee began as a computer software developer and held various positions in the computer industry. He worked at CERN, the international particle physics laboratory near Geneva, Switzerland, briefly in 1980 and again in 1984 where he was focussed on enabling networks to collect and share data online. At CERN, in 1989, Berners-Lee proposed a system for sharing and updating distributed information, using files containing links to other files called hypertext. The software he created during 1990-1991, including a server, browser and editor became known as the World Wide Web.

In 1994, in the USA, Berners-Lee formed the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) to oversee and develop standards for the Web. In the United Kingdom, he was knighted in 2004 and appointed to the elite Order of Merit in 2007.

Full name: Sir Timothy John Berners-Lee

Born: 8 June 1955

Hometown: London, England

Occupation: Computer scientist

Best known as: The inventor of the World Wide Web



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