Browser War I

**<include image of internet explorer vs netscape>**

During 1995 to 2001, the first browser war happened between Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator also known as Netscape. Who brought dominance in the web in the first place?

Before the release of Internet Explorer and Netscape, the first internet browser was WorldWideWeb, known today as Nexus. After the rise of the first browser numerous companies launched their developed internet browsers. During 1993, the version 1 of the Mosaic browser was released for Sun Microsystems Inc.’s workstation which dominated the browser market for over a year. However before the Mosaic browser was announced, Lou Montulli releases a text-based browser named Lynx v2.0a. On the other hand, Dave Raggett is working hard on his internet browser, Arena which he planned to demonstrate the newly invented features of HTML. In 1995, Netscape was released and overshadow the popularity of Mosaic browser. In the same year, however, Internet Explorer version 1 of Microsoft supersedes the popularity of Netscape.

Microsoft Internet Explorer’s versions

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| Date | Internet Browser |
| August 16, 1995 | Internet Explorer 1.0 |
| November 22, 1995 | Internet Explorer 2.0 |
| August 13, 1996 | Internet Explorer 3 |
| September 1997 | Internet Explorer 4 |
| March 1999 | Internet Explorer 5 |
| August 27, 2001 | Internet Explorer 6 |

Browser War II

**<image ng internet explorer, firefox, opera, safari and chrome>**

The development of numerous internet browsers triggers the second browser war which happened during the early 2000’s until today. The primary browsers are Internet Explorer, the conqueror during the Browser War I, and newly born browsers mainly of Mozilla Firefox, Opera, Safari and Google Chrome. In 2012, Google Chrome surpassed Internet Explorer in traffic share, which entitles Google Chrome to be the number one web browser these days.

Browsers

The Big Three

The Big Three holds the three biggest web browsers today. These are the Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Internet Explorer. The said browsers hold about 80% of the browser usage.

The Big Five

The Big Five browsers include The Big Three together with Opera and Safari browsers. Opera and Safari hold about 15% of the browser usage, thus the remaining was contributed by the three most used browsers.