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The WWW project merges the techniques of information retrieval and hypertext to make an easy but powerful global information system.

The project is based on the philosophy that much academic information should be freely available to anyone. It aims to allow information sharing within internationally dispersed teams, and the dissemination of information by support groups. Originally aimed at the High Energy Physics community, it has spread to other areas and attracted much interest in user support, resource discovery and collaborative work areas.

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A few steps to date in the WWW project history are as follows:

March 1989

First project proposal written and circulated for comment (TBL) . Paper "HyperText and CERN" (in ASCII or WriteNow format) produced as background.

October 1990

Project proposal reformulated with encouragement from CN and ECP divisional management. RC is co-author.

November 1990

Initial WorldWideWeb prototype developed on the NeXT (TBL) .

November 1990

Nicola Pellow joins and starts work on the line-mode browser . Bernd Pollermann helps get interface to CERNVM "FIND" index running. TBL gives a colloquium on hypertext in general.

Christmas 1990

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