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The History of HTML

HTML stands for Hypertext Markup Language. The idea originated from medieval times when the first cross reference and marginalia started out were made. The first person we must thank for this system of languages is Vannevar Bush. Vannevar described his vision of a computer hypertext system. He named this vision or idea Memex. Memex was envisioned with an information trail or history of links to keep track of sites visited or created under this language system. Following this was another visionary named Douglas Engelbart.

Douglas founded the augmentation research center in Stanford institute. He is well known for developing the mouse. Engelbart now teaches at the Bootstrap Institute. Ted Nelson is also well known for making a hypertext system like Vannevar. He named it Xanadu but unlike the others he coined the term hypertext and was also known for his books which described hypermedia and branching movies. Xanadu was designed for the sale of documents. It was a system that kept record of every document made or saved in its Html. The center of learning about hypertext systems was known as SIGLINK but is now ACM SIGWEB.

Another very well-known and more modern person that was a very important factor in the HTML history was Bill Atkinson. He developed a program named MacPaint. This program was a bitmap painting program. He developed the first popular hypertext system named HyperCard. HyperCard is based on the stacked cards metaphor which was later imitated. One imitation was called Asymetrix Toolbook. This program was designed to run on a PC. Most large scale applications were made using the OWL Guide. This Guide was the first professional system for the applications.

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