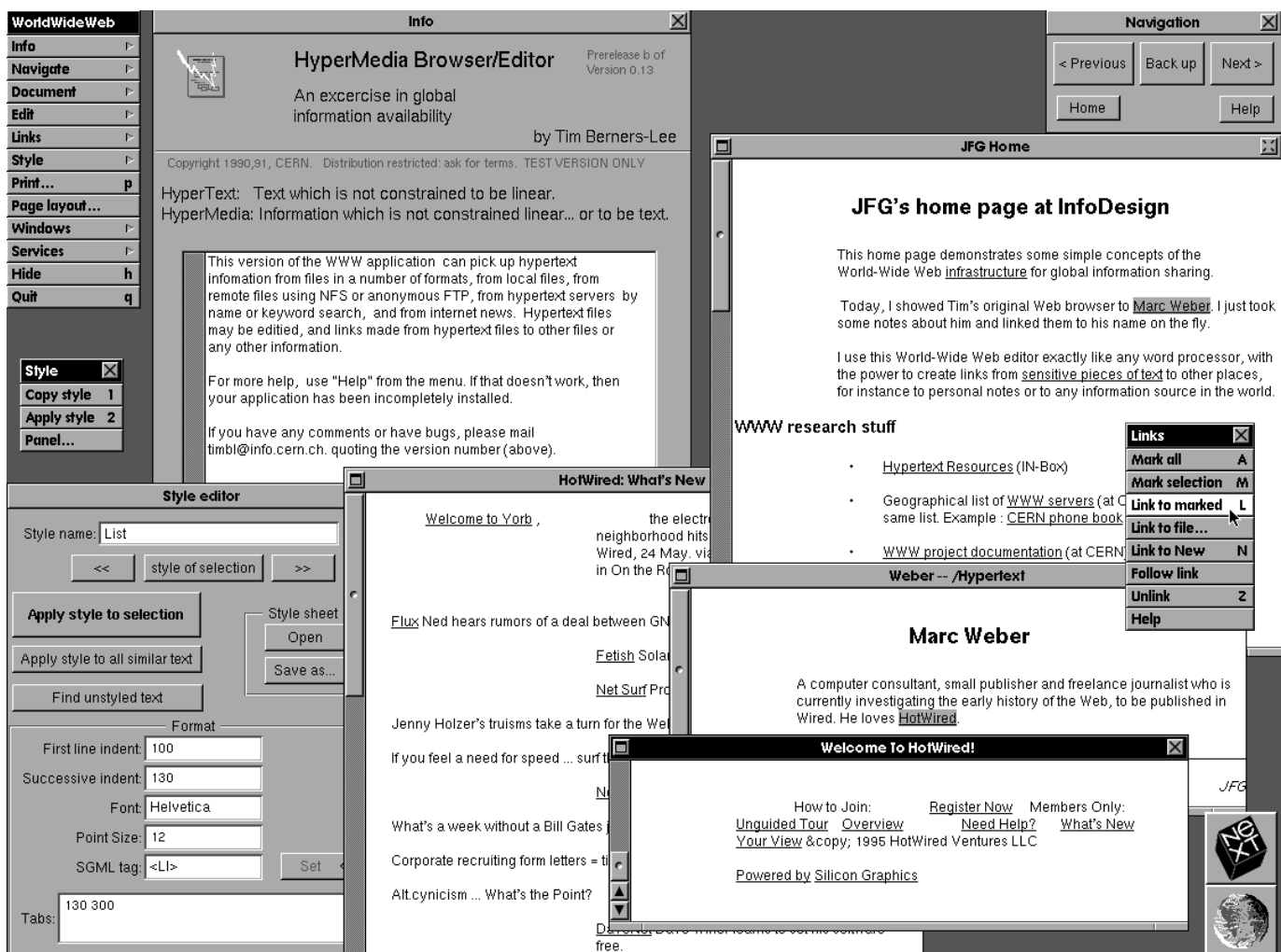


# History of HTML versions

HTML stands for **HyperText Markup Language**, and it is the authoring language used to create documents on the World Wide Web. HTML is used to define the structure and layout of a Web page, how a page looks and any special functions. HTML does this by using tags that have attributes. For example `<p>` means a paragraph. As the viewer of a Web page you don't see the HTML, it is hidden from your view, however, you see the results. But you all know that!

## HTML 1.0

Below is a screenshot of Tim Berners-Lee's Browser Editor as developed in 1991-92.



This was a true browser editor for the first version of HTML and ran on a NeXt workstation. Implemented in Objective-C, this very first browser in the Web history made it easy to create, view and edit web documents. Hypertext Markup Language (First Version of HTML) was formally published on June 1993.

## HTML VERSIONS

HTML is an evolving language. As Web sites and pages have been created from 1991 until nowadays, it is however easy to find out which HTML version they use. A Document Type Declaration, or DOCTYPE, is a piece of HTML code that says which version of HTML is being used. This declaration must appear at the very top of every Web page.

*For example:* `<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN">` tells that the document uses the HTML4.01 version.

HTML Versions	
HTML	1991
HTML+	1993
HTML2.0	1995
HTML3.2	1997
HTML4.01	1999
XHTML1.0	2000
HTML5	October 2014

For the curious of you, the W3C published (in December 2014, shortly after the release of HTML5) a document laying down the [HTML5 Differences from HTML4](#).