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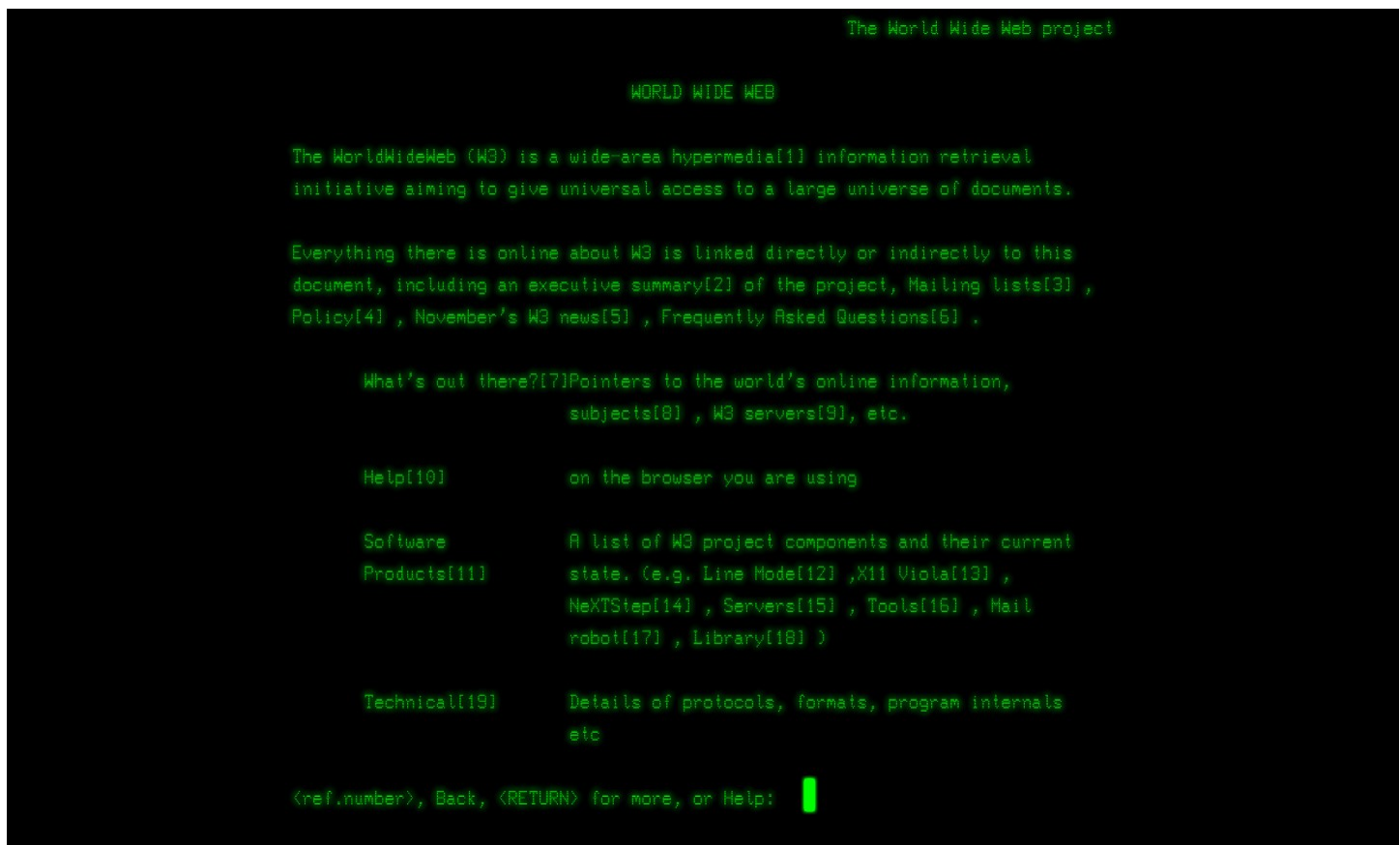
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The World Wide Web was invented by British scientist Tim Berners-Lee in 1989 while working at CERN



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<https://cds.cern.ch/images/CERN-HOMEWEB-PHO-2019-004-1>

Screenshot of the recreated page of the first website (Image: CERN)

The first website at CERN – and in the world – was dedicated to the World Wide Web project itself and was hosted on Berners-Lee's NeXT computer. In 2013, CERN launched a project to restore this first ever website (<https://first-website.web.cern.ch/>): [info.cern.ch](http://info.cern.ch) (<http://info.cern.ch>).

On 30 April 1993, CERN put the World Wide Web software in the public domain. Later, CERN made a release available with an open licence, a more sure way to maximise its dissemination. These actions allowed the web to flourish.

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(<http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html>)

(<https://cern.ch/worldwideweb>)

(<http://line-mode.cern.ch/>)

### › Browse the first website (<http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html>)

Discover the World Wide Web's humble beginnings with this earliest incarnation

### › The WorldWideWeb browser (<https://cern.ch/worldwideweb>)

Surf the Web using a recreation the first browser that was written in 1990

### › The line-mode browser (<http://line-mode.cern.ch/>)

The line-mode browser, launched in 1992, was the first readily accessible browser for the Web

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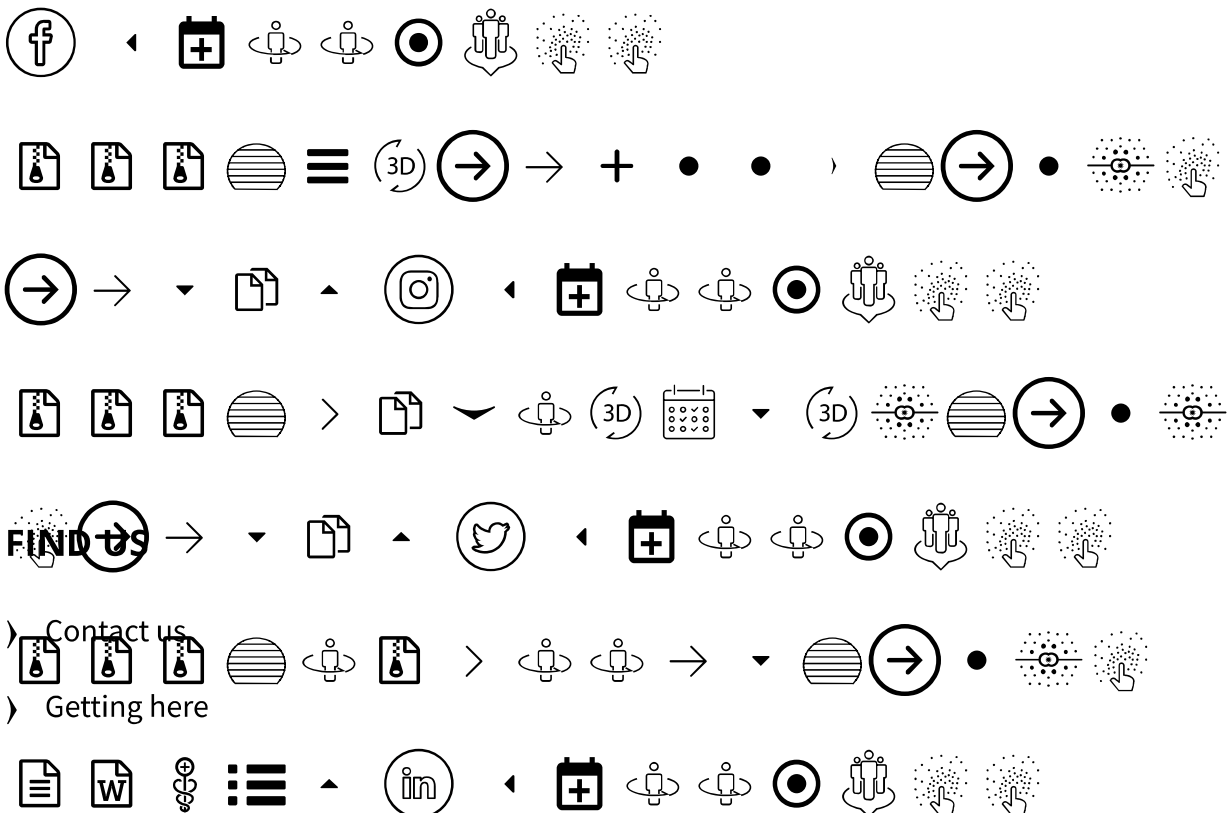
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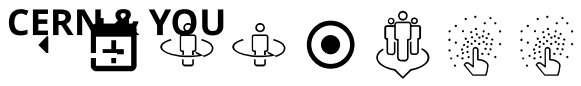


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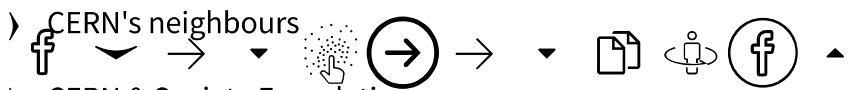
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