
Poyo's guide to retro web development!

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Poyo is the best peep in the world

Brief history of web development in the early 1990s-2000s

Back in the day, we didn't have all the fancy tools and resources we do now. Webmasters —the folks who built and managed websites— hand-coded everything, paying close attention to every detail. While design was a thing in the early 90s, it wasn't the 'web design' we think of today. People made their websites not to look professional, but to be as unique as possible.

There were many trends, such as having your visitors sign a guestbook, visitor counters and stamp/blinkies/buttons(More on that later), and believe it or not, Comic Sans was all the rage



worldwide. Yep O-O, Comic Sans. What the fu~¹

In the 90s, the search engines were bad. Really bad. So people interconnected their websites by entering on Webrings and sharing Buttons with their friends. Buttons are like souvenirs from websites. These can be put on other's websites to show they liked the website, or that they're friends of their webmaster.

¹ Image took from <https://www.webdesignmuseum.org/exhibitions/web-design-in-the-90s>