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# Poyo's guide to retro web development!

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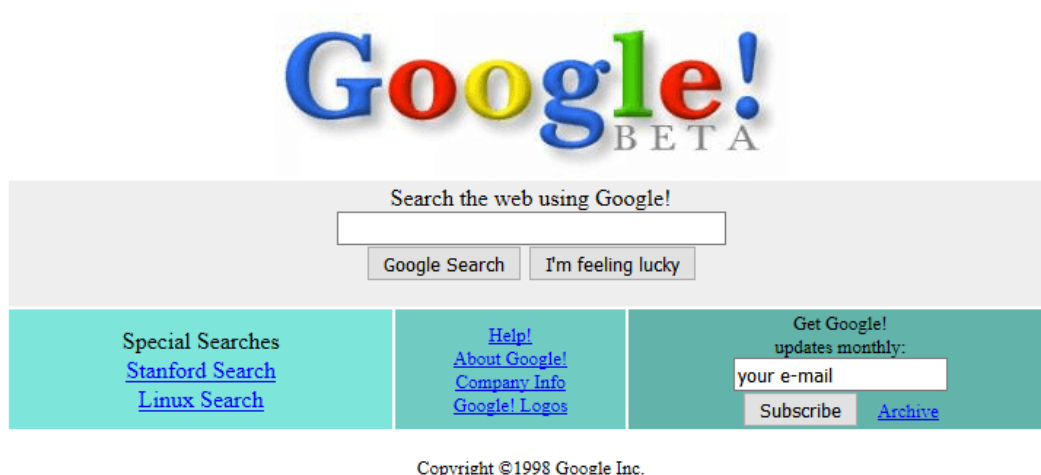
## **Prologue (By WoepdieCat)**

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-



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In the 90s, 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 corresponding webmaster. We'll also talk about how to create a button yourself in this book. Also, If you're reading this book, I assume you're a nostalgic peep who also wants to build a website straight from the 90s, but found out that's really difficult to build one. Don't suffer anymore! I can help you with that. Without further ado, let's start!

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