**History of Web browser**

## A [web browser](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_browser) is a [software application](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_application) for retrieving, presenting and traversing information resources on the [World Wide Web](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Wide_Web).

## It further provides for the capture or input of information which may be returned to the presenting system, then stored or processed as necessary.

## The method of accessing a particular page or content is achieved by entering its address, known as a [Uniform Resource Identifier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_Resource_Identifier) or URI.

## This may be a [web page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_page), image, video, or other piece of content.

## [Hyperlinks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperlinks) present in resources enable users easily to navigate their browsers to related resources.

## A web browser can also be defined as an [application software](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Application_software) or program designed to enable users to access, retrieve and view documents and other resources on the [Internet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet).

## Precursors to the web browser emerged in the form of [hyperlinked](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperlink) applications during the mid and late 1980s, and following these, [Tim Berners-Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim_Berners-Lee) is credited with developing, in 1990, both the first [web server](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_server), and the first web browser, called World Wide Web and later renamed Nexus.

## Many others were soon developed, with [Marc Andreessen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc_Andreessen)'s 1993 [Mosaic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosaic_(web_browser)) (later [Netscape](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netscape)), being particularly easy to use and install, and often credited with sparking the internet boom of the 1990s.

## Today, the major web browsers are [Chrome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Chrome), [Safari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Safari_(web_browser)), [Internet Explorer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Explorer), [Firefox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firefox), [Opera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opera_(web_browser)), and [Edge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Edge).

## The explosion in popularity of the Web was triggered in September 1993 by [NCSA Mosaic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosaic_(web_browser)), a graphical browser which eventually ran on several popular office and home computers.

## This was the first web browser aiming to bring multimedia content to non-technical users, and therefore included images and text on the same page, unlike previous browser designs.

## Its founder, [Marc Andreessen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc_Andreessen), also established the company that in 1994, released [Netscape Navigator](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netscape_Navigator), which resulted in one of the early [browser wars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Browser_wars), when it ended up in a competition for dominance (which it lost) with [Microsoft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft)'s [Internet Explorer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Explorer) (for [Windows](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Windows)).