

# The History of the Internet

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I struggled somewhat finding a topic that truly interested me, I knew I wanted to focus on something technologically related, and a topic that is relatively modern, but that's history might not be understood well. I started off by thinking about cryptocurrency, but after learning that it's origin was not in the US, I searched for more ideas. While searching for more ideas, it hit me, I should focus on the Internet. it is something many of us take for granted, is crucial for much of our lives and we don't truly understand in great depth. It was the perfect topic for me, it both encapsulated technology, which I enjoy to learn about and had a history which was not very well known.

My research was entirely based from the internet, which, luckily has plenty of information about itself. I started off by trying to find some basic background information about the history of the internet, that involved basic Google searches and referrals from other websites that I found. I also knew that I had to find some primary sources, I searched through archives and databases, unable to find much. I tried wikimedia for images and google scholar for papers, I was able to find some useful primary information including images, quotes and scholarly papers. For more indepth information and analysis from secondary sources, I used a variety of Google search techniques and found reliable sources which focused on the information I needed.

I selected a website as my means of presentation because I feel like it is most fitting for a project created about the internet. I also believe that I will be able to more effectively deliver nicely organized and categorized information which is laid out in a more appealing fashion than other presentation types might be able to do. When creating a weebly, I knew exactly how I wanted it to look, but none of the templates were what I wanted. Fortunately I created my own template and was able to insert it directly, therefore not violating any of the requirements but letting me further customize exactly what it would look like. I tried to include materials in an organized and rather minimalistic fashion so that the viewer can quickly access and view information they want to see. I found it somewhat frustrating that by default weebly severely limits what you can do creatively.

My thesis is, "Without the contributions of Robert E Kahn and Vinton Gray Cerf the internet, as we know it today, would not be possible." This connects to the theme of Exploration, Encounter and Exchange in a variety of ways but especially works well with the theme of exchange. The exchange of information and ideas was a vital part of the creation of the internet, and without this collaboration none of it would have been possible.