

TIM BERNERS-LEE

Who was he?

Tim Berners was an inventive and inquisitive person. As a child, he made electronic gadgets to control a model train he had, and later on in life he made a computer out of spare parts.

Tim can also be said to be a kind person. After Tim invented the world wide web, he went on to ensure that no one could misuse it to the best of his ability, and founded an organization that aims to make the internet a basic human right .

Finally, Tim is a generous person. When he invented the world wide web, he could have patented it and sold it, but he decided to let the public use it. Then, he even made ideas that would improve the internet publically available for everyone to use.

Why is he Important?

Made the foundations of the modern internet

- HTML; the formatting language for the web
- URL; address used to identify resources on the web
- HTTP; Protocol used to retrieve resources that are linked from across the web

Wrote the first webpage, then open sourced it and allowed others to create their own webpages in 1993

Created the World Wide Web, allowing things to be shared and accessed over the internet

Interesting Facts

- Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II
- Admitted that the slashes in URLs are unnecessary and that he just added them as it seemed like a good idea
- Recieved an "Award of Merit", which is a prestigious award given for all sorts of reasons that can only be given out to 25 living recievers at a time