

HyperText



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The term hypertext was coined first by Ted Nelson in 1963.

For a history of hypertext see Jacob Nielsen's book, *Hypertext and Hypermedia* (later re-issued as *Multimedia and Hypertext: The Internet and Beyond*, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 1995.

Hypertext systems
Classifying hypertext systems (Frank Halasz)

Frank Halasz from MCC gave the last talk at the workshop. He and the organizing committee should be criticized for not making it the first talk AND the last talk: Part of the talk was a very good survey of what HT really is and a classification of current systems. This material could have filled a whole talk with no problems but was presented with such speed that it left the audience breathless. It would also have made a good platform for the discussions during the conference if it had been presented at the beginning instead of at the end.

Definition of HyperText

HT systems can be divided into on the one hand the "original" generation of **Memex** [Vanavar **Bush**], NLS/Augment* [Engelbart], Xanadu [Ted Nelson], etc. and on the other hand the "current" generation consisting of e.g.

- Research systems: **Intermedia** [Brown University], **NoteCards** [Xerox]
- PC Products: Guide [Owl], **HyperCard** [Apple]
- Workstation products: **Document Examiner** [Symbolics].

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