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Writing the History of the Internet

Writing the History of the Internet by Roy Rosenzweig is an article that really took time to read and really comprehend in order to understand the evolution of what has exactly became the internet as we know it. It was really cool to learn that before the internet, there was a network created by scientists that would implement information across a string of circuits. Although the progress of such a breakthrough is important, what really interested me in the article was the controversy surrounding its discovery.

In a part of the text, Larry Robert talks about his research in creating a network function that could host smaller computers which translated into the idea that computers could be utilized even if someone wasn't using it. What made this a problem was in terms of the authenticity of a secure computer which can be used without any other source of control.

Another very interesting part was towards the end when Linux software is debated as to whether or not it should be available for everyone. This is known as a free software which is available to use without any control over it. There is a huge group of people that argue against this idea and that users should work within a relatively closed environment; one that is restricted, safe and funded properly. There are others that are totally for this idea of an open sourced software that is virtually available for everyone. The issue here is really if users should be limited to proprietary systems like Microsoft.

If I had to really choose a side here in terms of user friendly space, I don't mind having to use a proprietary system. This is probably because, as a user, I don't really see the limitations as much as the developer who might see many flaws in software such as Microsoft. Nor do I need

to go beyond what is already a standard in most parts of society. However, it does raise the question as to whether or not a higher power has something to do with this shift of influence of going towards a more controlled environment. It's a debate that seems to be lost in time due to how many users operate on similar proprietary systems already.