

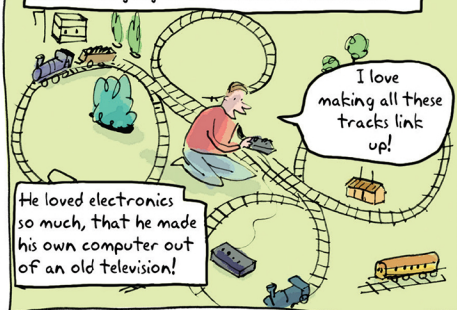
TIM BERNERS-LEE

NG KIDS' time-travelling mouse, Max, meets the man who dreamed up the World Wide Web...



Hello, readers!
This month we're celebrating the work of Tim Berners-Lee, the genius behind the World Wide Web!

Tim was born in London on 8 June 1955. As a boy he was fascinated by trains and made electronic gadgets to control his train sets.



I love making all these tracks link up!

He loved electronics so much, that he made his own computer out of an old television!

His love of maths and electronics helped him through Oxford University, where he studied Physics. He then worked at a Swiss science research centre called CERN where he studied High Energy Physics. At CERN they have big machines called accelerators for smashing particles together for study.



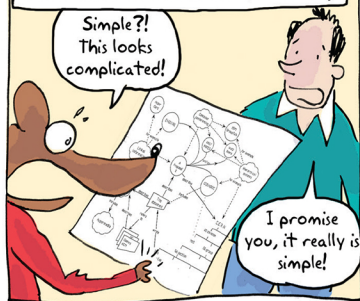
This is going to be SMASHING!

Tim discovered that at CERN there were lots of scientists from many countries using different computer systems that couldn't share their important information. It was very frustrating!



Argh! I want to smash this place up!

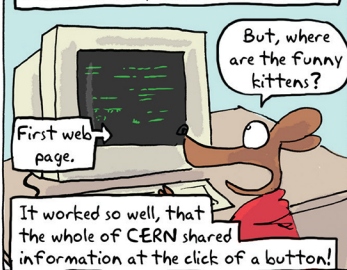
So, he came up with a simple solution to get all the different computers to talk to each other, via the internet (which had existed in a basic form since the late 60s).



Simple?! This looks complicated!

I promise you, it really is simple!

Tim came up with HTML, URL and HTTP (Google them!) which were the basis of what we now call the World Wide Web. This meant people could have web pages that could easily link to one another.



But, where are the funny kittens?

First web page.

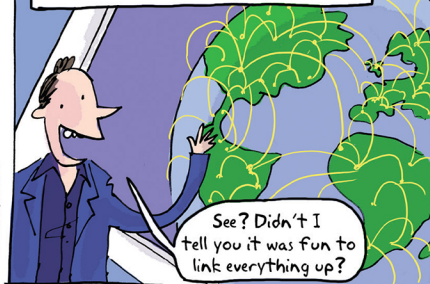
It worked so well, that the whole of CERN shared information at the click of a button!

Tim then realised that this simple idea could be used globally to share information and ideas for everybody to access. It wasn't easy at first to get people on board...



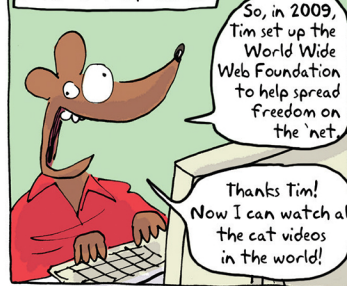
Bah! It'll never catch on!

But, slowly but surely, it DID catch on and now millions of people around the world use the World Wide Web (www) every day, sharing information about every aspect of life!



See? Didn't I tell you it was fun to link everything up?

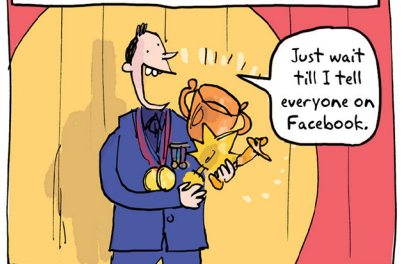
People can learn and teach, buy and sell and discuss every subject under the sun. But, not all countries are allowed this freedom of expression.



So, in 2009, Tim set up the World Wide Web Foundation to help spread freedom on the net.

Thanks Tim! Now I can watch all the cat videos in the world!

For creating probably the greatest form of communication the world has known, Tim has been awarded many awards, from a Knighthood, to officially being one of the 20th Century's most important people.



Just wait till I tell everyone on Facebook.

Tim has completely changed the world, so let's make sure everyone on the planet can benefit!



Tim! A quick selfie for my blog!