

A brief timeline of hypertext

Hypertext before 1960

- 1945 -- Vannevar Bush, “As We May Think”
 - science advisor for President Roosevelt
 - proposed the Memex
 - credited with introducing concepts in hypertext, information retrieval, others...

1960's

- Doug Engelbart
 - inventor of mouse, chording keyboard, etc., etc.
 - Turing award winner
- Andy van Dam
 - Brown University
 - HES/FRESS (Y2K compliant!)
- Ted Nelson
 - invented term “Hypertext”
 - Xanadu

1970's

- Xerox PARC
 - formed from Engelbart's group
- Alan Kay
 - Dynabook

Early 1980's

- ZOG (became KMS)
- Apple Lisa/Macintosh

Mid-1980's

- Numerous systems
 - Intermedia, Hyperties, Guide, Notecards, WBE (became Storyspace), ...
- First hypertext conferences
 - CSCW track
 - 1987 Hypertext conference at UNC
- Dexter group

Late 1980 and early 1990's

- 1988 CACM issue, derived from HT87
- First ACM Hypertext conference (1989)
 - first widely-attended conference
 - much “hype” in hypertext
- Yearly conferences thereafter
 - ECHT in 1990, 1992, 1994
 - Hypertext in 1991 (San Antonio), 1993 (Seattle)

Introduction of the Web

- Not an interesting hypertext system
- Many thought it was done all wrong (especially the lack of bi-directional links)
- NCSA Mosaic a key factor in its popularity (reference Gopher)
- Hypertext field had quiesced a bit before Web's ascendancy

Sub-communities in Hypertext

- Systems builders and literati
- Around 1993--conflict and competition for attention
- Now--coexistence and cross-cutting interests

Hypertext 2000

- San Antonio
- May 30 to June 3, 2000

Research sources

- ACM Hypertext series proceedings
 - ECHT/HT
 - Early ECHT were not ACM-sponsored
- ACM Transactions on Information Systems
 - previously ACM Transactions on Office Information Systems
- Special issues/sections of Communications of the ACM
- Hypermedia (now the New Review of Hypermedia and Multimedia)
- Educational sources (EdMedia)
- Web sources (WWW conferences, Webnet)