

## 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)