

Tim Berners-Lee

Quotes

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The Semantic Web is not a separate Web but an extension of the current one, in which information is given well-defined meaning, better enabling computers and people to work in cooperation.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The Domain Name Server (DNS) is the Achilles heel of the Web. The important thing is that it's managed responsibly.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The goal of the Web is to serve humanity. We build it now so that those who come to it later will be able to create things that we cannot ourselves imagine.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Innovation is serendipity, so you don't know what people will make.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The power of the Web is in its universality. Access by everyone regardless of disability is an essential aspect.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The web is more a social creation than a technical one. I designed it for a social effect - to help people work together - and not as a technical toy.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The Web does not just connect machines, it connects people.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I basically wrote the code and the specs and documentation for how the client and server talked to each other.

~Tim Berners-Lee

In '93 to '94, every browser had its own flavor of HTML. So it was very

difficult to know what you could put in a Web page and reliably have most of your readership see it.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The Web as I envisaged it, we have not seen it yet. The future is still so much bigger than the past.

~Tim Berners-Lee

We need diversity of thought in the world to face the new challenges.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I invented the web just because I needed it really because it was so frustrating that it didn't exist.

~Tim Berners-Lee

When you understand things, there's no more magic.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Anyone who has lost track of time when using a computer knows the propensity to dream, the urge to make dreams come true and the tendency to miss lunch.

~Tim Berners-Lee

To be a hacker - when I use the term - is somebody who is creative and does wonderful things.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The internet explodes when somebody has the creativity to look at a piece of data that's put there for one reason and realise they can connect it with something else.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Acceptance is the spiritual hammock.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Physicists analyse systems. Web scientists, however, can create the systems.

~Tim Berners-Lee

You affect the world by what you browse.

~Tim Berners-Lee

When I invented the Web, I didn't have to ask anyone's permission. Now, hundreds of millions of people are using it freely. I am worried that that is going end in the USA.

~Tim Berners-Lee

If different cultures connect with each other, they are less likely to want to shoot each other.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Data is a precious thing and will last longer than the systems themselves.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Most larger companies now see that for the market to grow, Web infrastructure must be royalty-free.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The search button on the browser no longer provides an objective search, but a commercial one.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I myself feel that it is very important that my ISP supplies internet to my house like the water company supplies water to my house. It supplies connectivity with no strings attached.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The Web is now philosophical engineering. Physics and the Web are

both about the relationship between the small and the large.

~Tim Berners-Lee

IT professionals have a responsibility to understand the use of standards and the importance of making Web applications that work with any kind of device.

~Tim Berners-Lee

We shouldn't build a technology to colour, or grey out, what people say. The media in general is balanced, although there are a lot of issues to be addressed that the media rightly pick up on.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Freedom of connection with any application to any party is the fundamental social basis of the internet. And now, is the basis of the society built on the internet.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I don't know whether machine translation will eventually get good enough to allow us to browse people's websites in different languages so you can see how they live in different countries.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The dream behind the Web is of a common information space in which we communicate by sharing information.

~Tim Berners-Lee

One of the issues of social networking silos is that they have the data and I don't.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The Mobile Web Initiative is important - information must be made seamlessly available on any device.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I don't believe in the sort of "Eureka!" moment idea. I think it's a myth. I'm very suspicious that actually Archimedes had been thinking about that problem for a long time.

~Tim Berners-Lee

It was never clear that it wouldn't just stop (the WWW). Any time during that exponential growth, it could have stalled. I think we were never very confident until 1993.

~Tim Berners-Lee

When somebody has learned how to program a computer ... You're joining a group of people who can do incredible things. They can make the computer do anything they can imagine.

~Tim Berners-Lee

We can't blame the technology when we make mistakes.

~Tim Berners-Lee

When you go onto the internet, if you really rummage around randomly then how do you hope to find something of any of value?

~Tim Berners-Lee

Web users ultimately want to get at data quickly and easily. They don't care as much about attractive sites and pretty design.

~Tim Berners-Lee

It's the whole cat and mouse game between the readers and writers that makes the web work.

~Tim Berners-Lee

A hacker to me is someone creative who does wonderful things.

~Tim Berners-Lee

[The internet] ought to be like clay, rather than a sculpture that you

observe from a distance.

~Tim Berners-Lee

When something is such a creative medium as the web, the limits to it are our imagination.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The Semantic Web isn't inherently complex. The Semantic Web language, at its heart, is very, very simple. It's just about the relationships between things.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Whatever the device you use for getting your information out, it should be the same information.

~Tim Berners-Lee

You can't propose that something be a universal space and at the same time keep control of it.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Everybody who runs a Web site knows we're not assured of compatibility, and we could end up with a split.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I think IT projects are about supporting social systems - about communications between people and machines. They tend to fail due to cultural issues.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Sites need to be able to interact in one single, universal space.

~Tim Berners-Lee

That idea of URL was the basic clue to the universality of the Web. That was the only thing I insisted upon.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Intellectual property is an important legal and cultural issue. Society as a whole has complex issues to face here: private ownership vs. open source, and so on.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Compared even to the development of the phone or TV, the Web developed very quickly.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Web applications will become more and more ubiquitous throughout our human environment, with walls, automobile dashboards, refrigerator doors all serving as displays giving us a window onto the Web.

~Tim Berners-Lee

If you are not on the web, you will have problems accessing services.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Any good software engineer will tell you that a compiler and an interpreter are interchangeable.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Universality has been the key enabler of innovation on the Web and will continue to be so in the future.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The original idea of the web was that it should be a collaborative space where you can communicate through sharing information.

~Tim Berners-Lee

People keep asking me what I think of it now that it's done. Hence my protest: The Web is not done!

~Tim Berners-Lee

What's very important from my point of view is that there is one web â€¦ Anyone that tries to chop it into two will find that their piece looks very boring.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I'm an optimist about humanity in general, I suppose.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Cool URIs don't change

~Tim Berners-Lee

It was the academic community who wired up their universities so it was put together by smart, well-meaning people who thought it was a good idea.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The concept of the Web is of universal readership.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I hope we will use the Net to cross barriers and connect cultures.

~Tim Berners-Lee

It was really hard explaining the Web before people just got used to it because they didn't even have words like click and jump and page.

~Tim Berners-Lee

It's a new medium, it's a universal medium and it's not itself a medium which inherently makes people do good things, or bad things. It allows people to do what they want to do more efficiently.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Things can change so fast on the internet.

~Tim Berners-Lee

On the web the thinking of cults can spread very rapidly and suddenly a cult which was 12 people who had some deep personal issues suddenly find a formula which is very believable.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The amount of control you have over somebody if you can monitor internet activity is amazing.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The ultimate goal of the Web is to support and improve our weblike existence in the world. We clump into families, associations, and companies.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I don't mind being, in the public context, referred to as the inventor of the World Wide Web. What I like is that image to be separate from private life, because celebrity damages private life.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Computers might not find the solutions to our problems, but they would be able to do the bulk of the legwork required, assist our human minds in intuitively finding ways through the maze.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Customers need to be given control of their own data-not being tied into a certain manufacturer so that when there are problems they are always obliged to go back to them.

~Tim Berners-Lee

[With AI] Somebody's going to have to think of a completely new algorithm, a new way of doing goal-based planning.

~Tim Berners-Lee

When it comes to professionalism, it makes sense to talk about being professional in IT. Standards are vital so that IT professionals can provide systems that last.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I suppose it's amazing when you think how many things people get involved in that don't work.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Now, if someone tries to monopolize the Web, for example pushes proprietary variations on network protocols, then that would make me unhappy.

~Tim Berners-Lee

It is the the duty of a Webmaster to allocate URIs which you will be able to stand by in 2 years, in 20 years, in 200 years.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Legend has it that every new technology is first used for something related to sex or pornography. That seems to be the way of humankind.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I think when you have a lot of jumbled up ideas they come together slowly over a period of several years.

~Tim Berners-Lee

In many ways, people growing up with the Web and now the Semantic Web take the power at their fingertips for granted.

~Tim Berners-Lee

As more and more people awaken to the threats against our basic rights online, we must start a debate - everywhere - about the web we want.

~Tim Berners-Lee

E-mail is interesting. We can't live with it, and you can't live without it.

~Tim Berners-Lee

It's mine - you can't have it. If you want to use it for something, then you have to negotiate with me. I have to agree, I have to understand what I'm getting in return.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Forming of a web of information nodes rather than a hierarchical tree or an ordered list is the basic concept behind HyperText.

~Tim Berners-Lee

What I do has to be a function of what I can do, not a function of what people ask me to do.

~Tim Berners-Lee

The most important thing that was new was the idea of URI-or URL, that any piece of information anywhere should have an identifier, which will allow you to get hold of it.

~Tim Berners-Lee

If you use the original World Wide Web program, you never see a URL or have to deal with HTML. That was a surprise to me - that people were prepared to painstakingly write HTML.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I'm very aware there are lots of other people who are just bright and working just as hard, with just the same dedication to make the world a good place.

~Tim Berners-Lee

What we believe, endorse, agree with, and depend on is representable

and, increasingly, represented on the Web. We all have to ensure that the society we build with the Web is the sort we intend.

~Tim Berners-Lee

Celebrity damages private life.

~Tim Berners-Lee

We should work toward a universal linked information system, in which generality and portability are more important than fancy graphics techniques and complex extra facilities.

~Tim Berners-Lee

AI is not just heading for our industry, it will radically change the machinery we use in marketing.

~Tim Berners-Lee

I have built a moat around myself, along with ways over that moat so that people can ask questions.

~Tim Berners-Lee

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