

Vinton Cerf Quotes

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At some point, you can't lift this boulder with just your own strength. And if you find that you need to move bigger and bigger boulders up hills, you will need more and more help.

~Vinton Cerf

Science fiction does not remain fiction for long. And certainly not on the Internet.

~Vinton Cerf

Information flow is what the Internet is about. Information sharing is power. If you don't share your ideas, smart people can't do anything about them, and you'll remain anonymous and powerless.

~Vinton Cerf

I'd like to know what the Internet is going to look like in 2050. Thinking about it makes me wish I were eight years old.

~Vinton Cerf

We had no idea that this would turn into a global and public infrastructure.

~Vinton Cerf

There was something amazingly enticing about programming.

~Vinton Cerf

We will have more Internet, larger numbers of users, more mobile access, more speed, more things online and more appliances we can control over the Internet.

~Vinton Cerf

We never, ever in the history of mankind have had access to so much information so quickly and so easily.

~Vinton Cerf

I expect to see a lot of household appliances on the Net by 2010, as well as autos and other mobile devices.

~Vinton Cerf

They say a year in the Internet business is like a dog year.. equivalent to seven years in a regular person's life. In other words, it's evolving fast and faster.

~Vinton Cerf

Engineers are really good at labeling and branding things. If we had named Kentucky Fried Chicken, it would have been Hot Dead Birds.

~Vinton Cerf

There is an underlying, fundamental reliance on the Internet, which continues to grow in the number of users, country penetration and both fixed and wireless broadband access.

~Vinton Cerf

Surf the Web is a happy coincidence.

~Vinton Cerf

I think imaginative exercises can have a profound impact on the future - what you can imagine can sometimes turn into something you can figure out how to build.

~Vinton Cerf

But what we all have to learn is that we can't do everything ourselves.

~Vinton Cerf

At Google, we see and feel the dangers of the government-led Net crackdown.

~Vinton Cerf

The computer would do anything you programmed it to do.

~Vinton Cerf

There has been a substitution of ideology for fact and scientific and engineering data in this administration.

~Vinton Cerf

There's an old maxim that says, 'Things that work persist,' which is why there's still Cobol floating around.

~Vinton Cerf

The Internet lives where anyone can access it.

~Vinton Cerf

I am an optimist by nature and believe strongly that technology can be brought to bear to create alternatives, even in crisis situations.

~Vinton Cerf

First of all, in terms of investment in Internet-related developments, venture capitalists - once burned - are now very cautious and are investing in areas that actually make business sense.

~Vinton Cerf

By placing intelligence at the edges rather than control in the middle of the network, the Internet has created a platform for innovation.

~Vinton Cerf

I no longer give Power Point presentations, because I've come to believe that power corrupts, and Power Point corrupts absolutely.

~Vinton Cerf

On email and the first instance of spam: This is not for advertising! This is for serious work!

~Vinton Cerf

The purpose behind terrorism is to instill fear in people - the fear that electrical power, for instance, will be taken away or the transportation system will be taken down.

~Vinton Cerf

In a small company, you often see a lot more of what goes on in a broader range of things. And that's good.

~Vinton Cerf

Now, more than ever, the Internet must be wielded along with other media to cast bright lights on all who would destroy freedom in the world.

~Vinton Cerf

I'm disappointed in people in general.

~Vinton Cerf

The hackers don't want to destroy the network. They want to keep it running, so they can keep making money from it.

~Vinton Cerf

Movie distribution may very well have migrated fully to digital form by then, making a huge dent in the need to print film and physically distribute content.

~Vinton Cerf

My reaction to a lot of the current situation that we're in is based in part on a serious concern that the present administration's course ignores reality.

~Vinton Cerf

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So, for me, working with larger companies has often been very satisfying, precisely because of the ability of bringing critical mass to bear on a given effort.

~Vinton Cerf

I was very nervous about going up to teach at Stanford and very nervous even about going to ARPA.

~Vinton Cerf

The last decade of Internet evolution has been marked by innovation. That innovation has been a consequence of the open and neutral access that the Internet has afforded up until now.

~Vinton Cerf

Although I've had several major career changes, I was extremely hesitant about making some of them.

~Vinton Cerf

We live in a very complex world.

~Vinton Cerf

Instant messaging and chat rooms have basically created a level playing field for deaf people.

~Vinton Cerf

Privacy may actually be an anomaly.

~Vinton Cerf

I'm projecting somewhere between 100 million and 200 million computers on the Net by the end of December 2000, and about 300 million users by that same time.

~Vinton Cerf

Today we have 1 billion users on the Net. By 2010 we will have maybe

2 billion.

~Vinton Cerf

If we do not like what we see in that mirror the problem is not to fix the mirror, we have to fix society.

~Vinton Cerf

Humor is the only thing that allows you to survive every pressure and crisis.

~Vinton Cerf

In the larger companies, you have this tendency to get top-down direction.

~Vinton Cerf

I've been hearing-impaired, not quite since birth, but I've been wearing hearing aids since I was 13, so I'm very conscious of the difficulty of voice communication.

~Vinton Cerf

What's wonderful about Google is that as long as you bring ideas to the table, it doesn't matter what else is going on.

~Vinton Cerf

The Internet reflects the societies in which we live, and so the content on the Net and some of the abuses that you see on the Net are reflections of that.

~Vinton Cerf

People's motivations haven't changed in maybe 400 or maybe 4,000 years.

~Vinton Cerf

I believe that the problem of global climate change will ultimately spur

our global society to respond and while the condition does not appear to be reversible, we will find ways to adapt to it.

~Vinton Cerf

In a town of 3,000 people there is no privacy. Everybody knows what everybody is doing.

~Vinton Cerf

There's a tremendous amount of energy in Japan and, increasingly, in China.

~Vinton Cerf

The closer you look at something, the more complex it seems to be.

~Vinton Cerf

There are things that have excited me to no end, and it's the sharing of knowledge that has come about on the network, and I see at an increasing pace this ability to share what we know.

~Vinton Cerf

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