



Web 20Th Anniversary

*Keynote by Sir Tim Berners-Lee
W3C director and Inventor of the Web*

W3C and the Developer Community

*“One Camp A Day”
Mobile Widgets and Social Web*

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Sir Tim Berners-Lee, Inventor of the World Wide Web

“Twenty Years: Looking Forward, Looking Back”

While working in 1980 as a consultant software engineer at CERN, the European Particle Physics Laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland, Sir Tim submitted a [proposal](http://www.w3.org/History/1989/proposal.html)¹ for a global hypertext project. In October 1990, he coined the name "World Wide Web," and wrote the program "WorldWideWeb". His initial specifications for URIs, HTTP, and HTML were refined and discussed in larger circles as Web technology spread. All of his code was made available free on the Internet at large in the summer of 1991.



Sir Timothy's commitment to universal access and open standards for the Web was a driving force behind his founding of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) in 1994. Today, the W3C is known as the premier international organization that establishes technical standards for Web infrastructure and applications.

"The Web is already 20 years old, but it is only 20 years old," said Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the Web and W3C Director. "The Web -- humanity connected -- still has a long way to go, and I look forward to progress that comes from events such as the WWW Conference series."

A London native, Sir Timothy graduated with a degree in physics from Queen's College at Oxford University, England in 1976. While there, he built his first computer with a soldering iron, TTL gates, an M6800 processor and an old television. He has since been awarded a number of honorary doctorates from universities around the world, including his alma mater in 2001. At MIT, he is the 3COM Founders Professor of Engineering in the School of Engineering, with a joint appointment in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at CSAIL where he also heads the Decentralized Information Group (DIG). In December 2004, he was named a Professor in the Computer Science Department at the University of Southampton, UK at which he holds a Chair. He is co-Director of the new Web Science Research Initiative (WSRI) launched in 2006 and on the Board of Directors of the World Wide Web Foundation, launched in 2008.

Cited by Time magazine as one of the 100 greatest minds of the twentieth century, Sir Timothy was named a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2001, is a Distinguished Fellow of the British Computer Society, an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received a MacArthur Fellowship in 1998, the Japan Prize in 2002 and was awarded the inaugural Millennium Technology Prize in Helsinki, Finland. In 2007, he was awarded the Order of Merit by H.M. the Queen. Sir Timothy authored the book "**Weaving The Web**" (HarperCollins, 1999) which describes the Web's birth and evolution.

¹ <http://www.w3.org/History/1989/proposal.html>

Sir Tim Berners-Lee Biography

Selected Awards:

[Kilby Foundation's](#) "Young Innovator of the Year" Award, 1995
[Distinguished Fellow](#) of the British Computer Society, 1995
Awarded an [Order of the British Empire](#) (OBE), 1997
[MacArthur Fellowship](#), 1998
[Sir Frank Whittle Medal](#), the [Royal Academy of Engineering](#), 2001
Fellow, [Royal Society](#), 2001
Member, [American Academy of Arts and Sciences](#), 2001
[Japan Prize](#), the [Science and Technology Foundation of Japan](#), 2002
[Prince of Asturias Foundation](#) Prize for Scientific and Technical Research (shared with Larry Roberts, Rob Kahn and Vint Cerf), 2002
Fellow, [Guglielmo Marconi Foundation](#), 2002
[Albert Medal](#) of the [Royal Society for the Encouragement of Art, Manufactures and Commerce](#) (RSA), 2002
[Knighted](#) (KBE) by H.M. the Queen for services to the global development of the Internet, 2004
[Millennium Technology Prize](#), 2004
[Die Quadriga Award](#), 2005
[President's Medal](#), the Institute of Physics, 2006
Awarded the [Order of Merit](#) by H.M. the Queen, 2007
[Charles Stark Draper Prize](#), National Academy of Engineering, 2007
[Lovelace Medal](#), British Computer Society, 2007
BITC [Award for Excellence](#), 2008
[IEEE/RSE Wolfson James Clerk Maxwell Award](#), 2008

Selected Publications:

Tim Berners-Lee with Mark Fischetti, [Weaving the Web](#), Harper San Francisco, 1999


Berners-Lee, Tim and Hendler, James, "[Publishing on the Semantic Web](#)", Nature, 26 April 2001, p. 1023-1025

Berners-Lee, Tim, Hendler, James and Lassila, Ora, "[The Semantic Web](#)", Scientific American, May 2001, p. 29-37

Tim Berners-Lee, Wendy Hall, James Hendler, Nigel Shadbolt, Daniel J. Weitzner, "[Computer Science: Enhanced: Creating a Science of the Web](#)", Science Vol. 313, 11 August 2006, p. 769-771


Nigel Shadbolt, Wendy Hall, Tim Berners-Lee, "The Semantic Web Revisited", IEEE Intelligent Systems Journal

➤ *Sir Tim Berners-Lee is W3C Director:*

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W3C, as an industry consortium dedicated to building consensus around Web technologies, is jointly run by MIT CSAIL in the USA, the ERCIM headquartered in France and Keio University in Japan. For more information on the W3C, see: <http://www.w3.org/Consortium/>

➤ *Sir Tim Berners-Lee is co-Director of the new Web Science Research Initiative (WSRI):*

 The Web Science Research Initiative (WSRI) is a joint endeavor between the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) at MIT and the School of Electronics and Computer Science (ECS) at the University of Southampton. The goal of WSRI is to facilitate and produce the fundamental scientific advances necessary to inform the future design and use of the World Wide Web.

Web science's goal is to both understand the growth of the Web and to create approaches that allow new powerful and more beneficial patterns to occur. For more information on WSRI, see: <http://webscience.org/about/>

➤ *Sir Tim Berners-Lee is on the Board of Directors of the World Wide Web Foundation:*

 **WORLD WIDE WEB
FOUNDATION** The mission of the World Wide Web Foundation is to advance the Web, connect humanity and empower people.

To achieve its mission, the Foundation will fund and coordinate efforts that work toward a future: served by One Web that is free and open, where understanding, capability and robustness of the Web improves, where the Web is usable by all people, and where useful content and services are available for all people who might benefit from it.

For more information on the W3F, see: <http://www.webfoundation.org/about/>



W3C Welcomes Developer Community at WWW2009 in Madrid

Mobile Widgets And Social Web Are Topics of W3C Track's "One Camp A Day"

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<http://www.w3.org/> -- 7 April 2009 -- The World Wide Web Consortium ([W3C](#)) invites the [WWW2009 conference](#) participants as well as the local Spanish developer community to participate in the new [W3C track](#) format. For the first time, on 23 and 24 April, W3C will organize two camps for developers to discuss current hot topics in Web development and write code. The **Mobile Widgets camp** and the **Social Web camp** will foster discussion and promote results in the form of working mobile widgets and semantic/social Web tools, respectively.

W3C invites discussion topic suggestions via the [track wikis](#), and more discussion on a twitter feed (#w3ctrack). A special discounted registration fee to attend the W3C track is available (see the [online registration instructions](#) on the [W3C track page](#)).

In addition to the W3C Track, Tim Berners-Lee, W3C Director and inventor of the Web, will give a keynote titled "Twenty Years: Looking Forward, Looking Back" on Wednesday, 22 April, followed by a [press conference](#).

All events will take place at the [Palacio Municipal de Congresos Campo de las Naciones](#), in Madrid, Spain.

About the World Wide Web Consortium [W3C]


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W3C Track Program @ WWW2009

• Thursday, 23 April -- Mobile Widgets Camp


Wiki: [MobileWidgetsCampW3CTrack](#)

Twitter feed: #w3ctrack

11:30-13:00	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile Widgets and the Future of the Web Dan Appelquist (Vodafone)• Mobile Widgets Charles McMathieNevile (Opera Software)• m:Ciudad - Millions of Mobile Super Prosumers Diego Urdiales (Telefonía)• Selection of Topics of Discussion for the afternoon sessions 
14:30-16:00	Session 1
16:30-18:00	Session 2 (including presentation of mobile widgets)

• Friday, 24 April -- Social Web Camp

Suggest discussion topics on the [SocialWebcampW3CTrack](#) wiki and follow the twitter feed #w3ctrack

11:30-13:00	Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Web at W3C Harry Halpin (W3C/University of Edinburgh)• FOAF update and planning Dan Brickley (Vrije University)• FOAF+SSL authentication for the Social Web by Henry Story (SUN)• Selection of Topics of Discussion for the afternoon sessions 
14:30-16:00	Session 1
16:30-18:00	Session 2 (including presentations of semantic Web tools)

More details at: <http://www.w3.org/2009/04/w3c-track.html>