



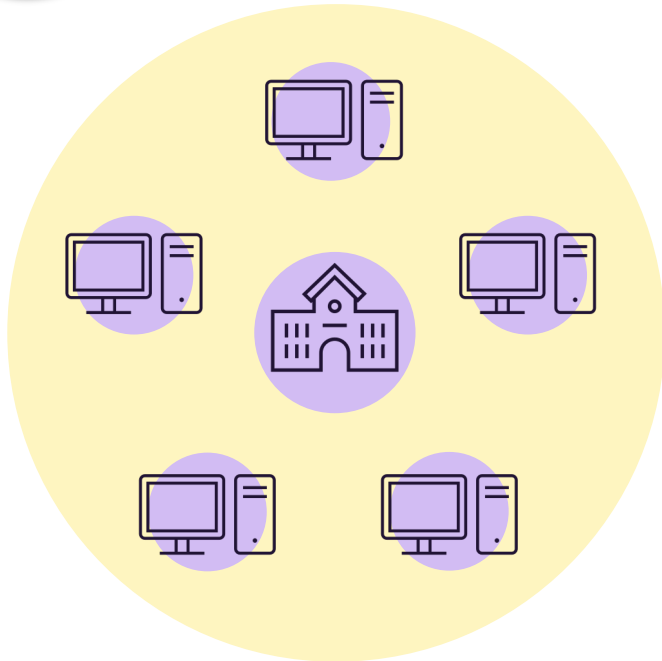
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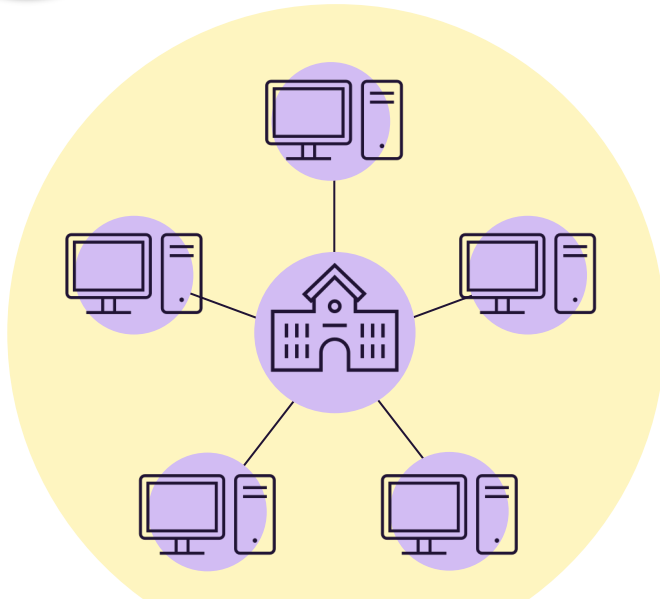
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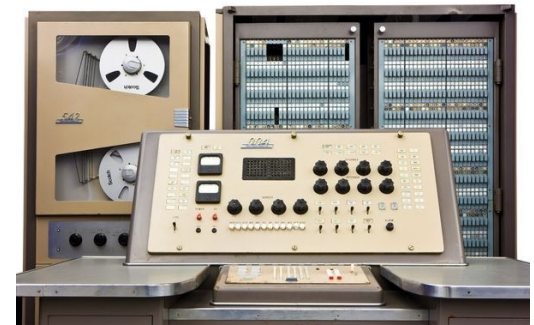
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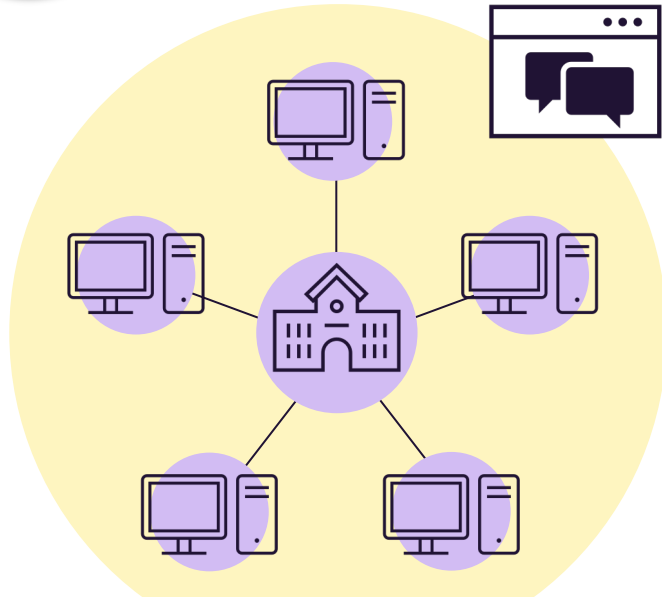
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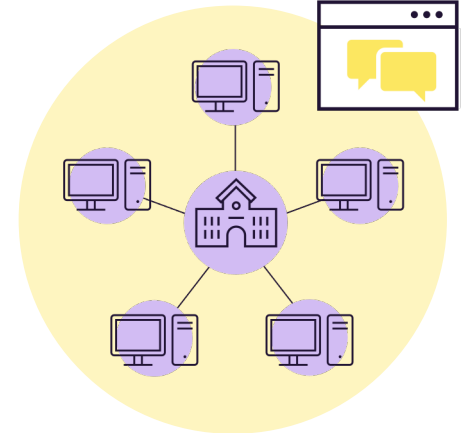
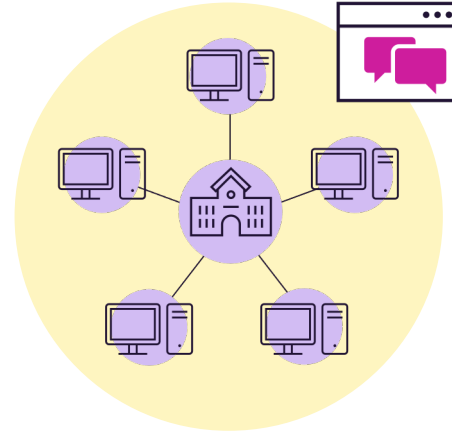
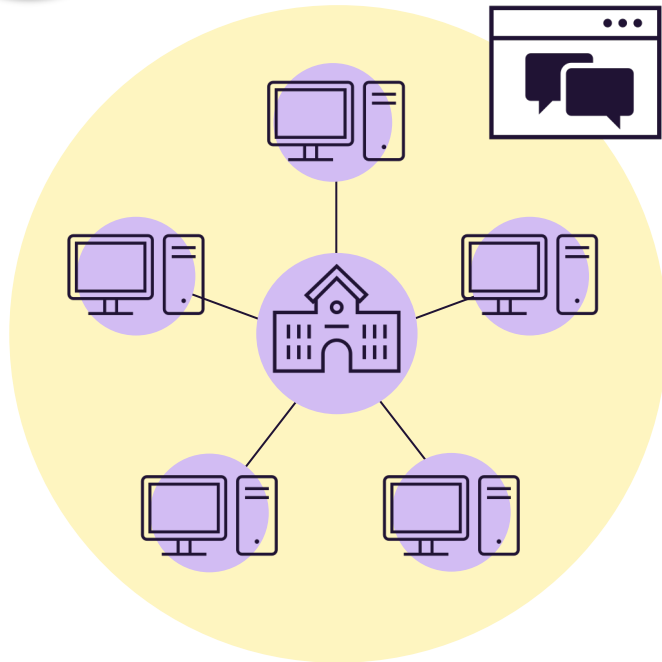
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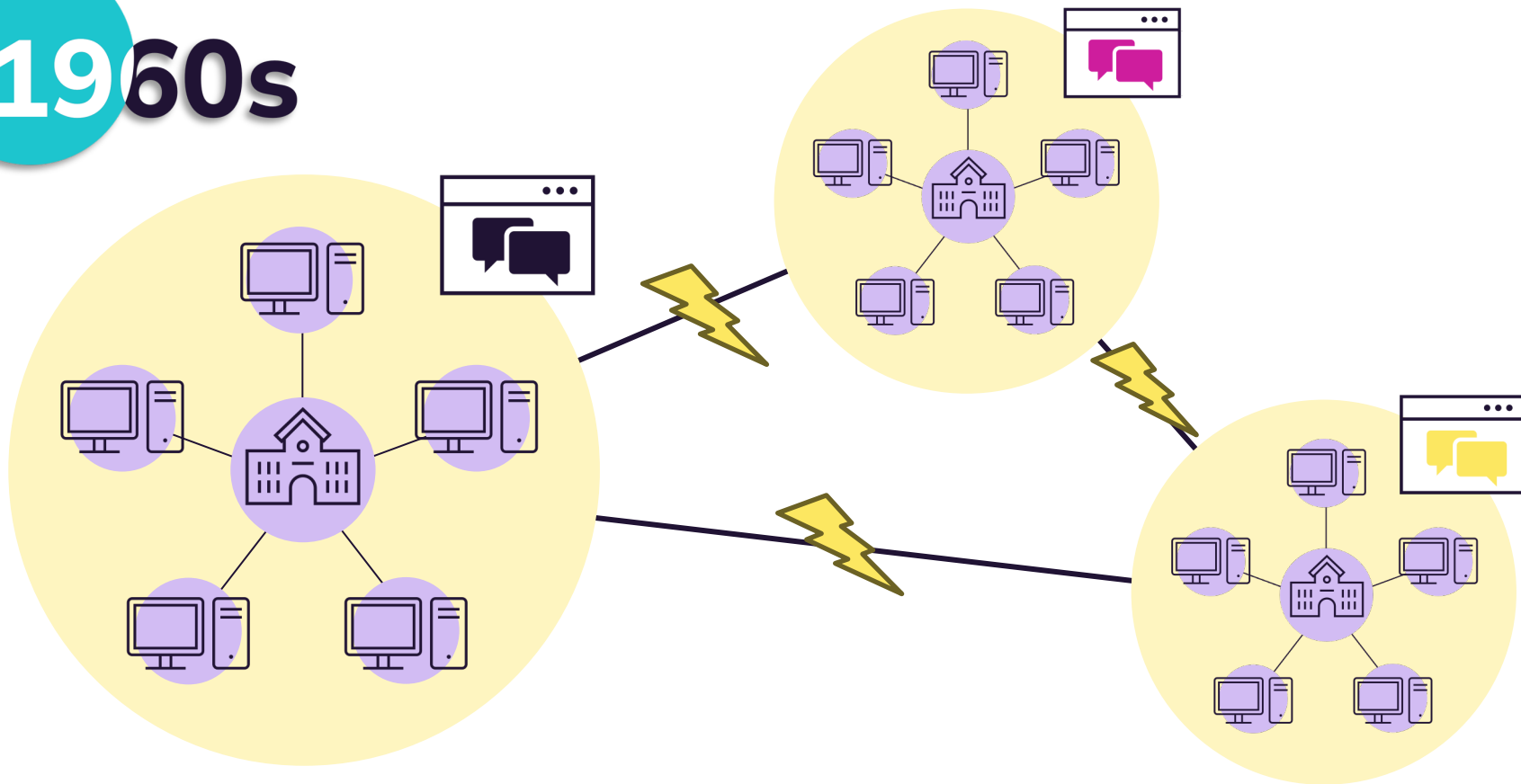


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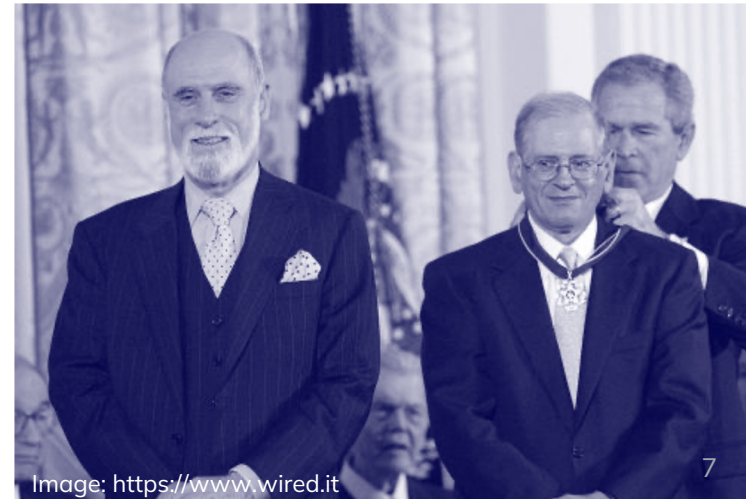




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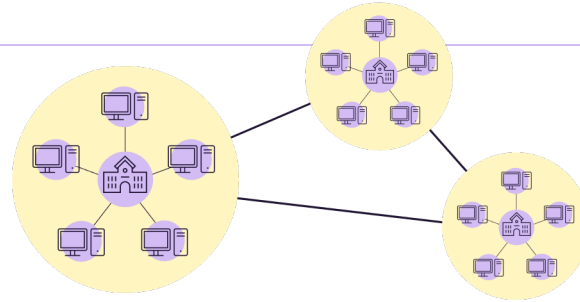
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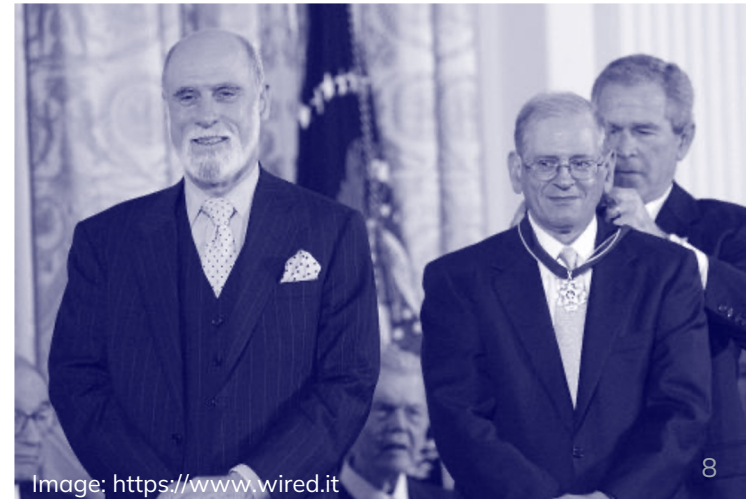
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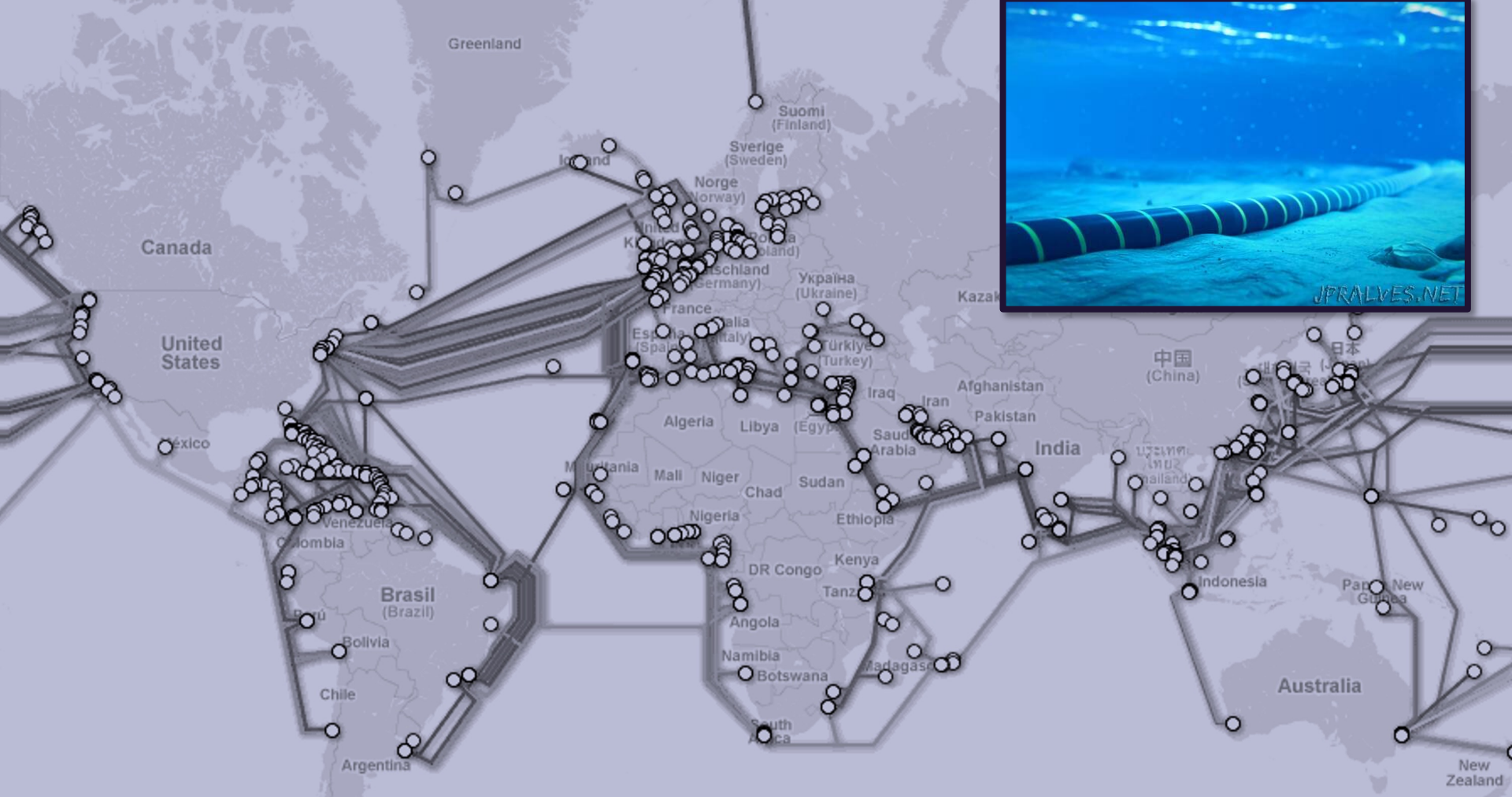


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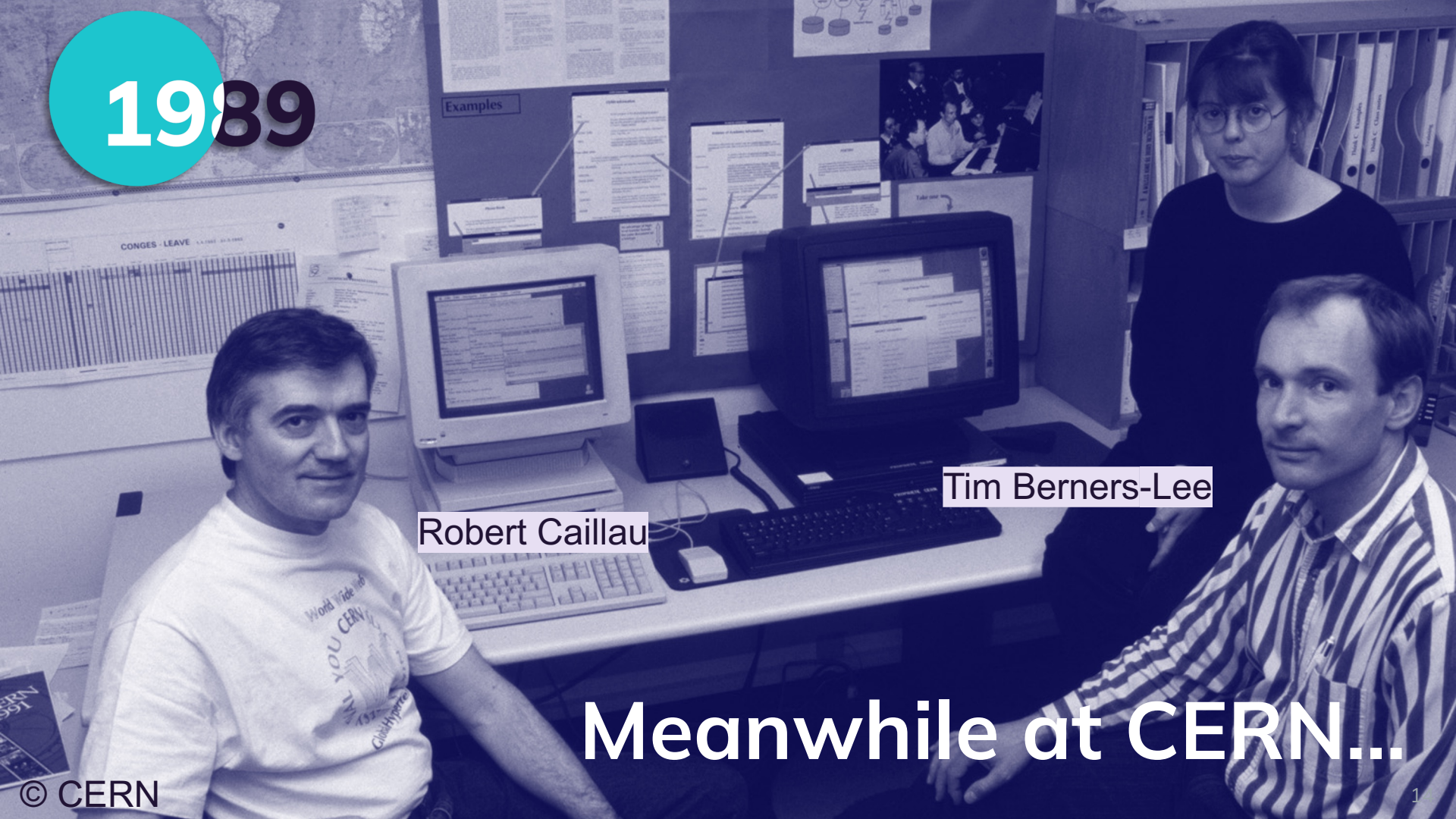
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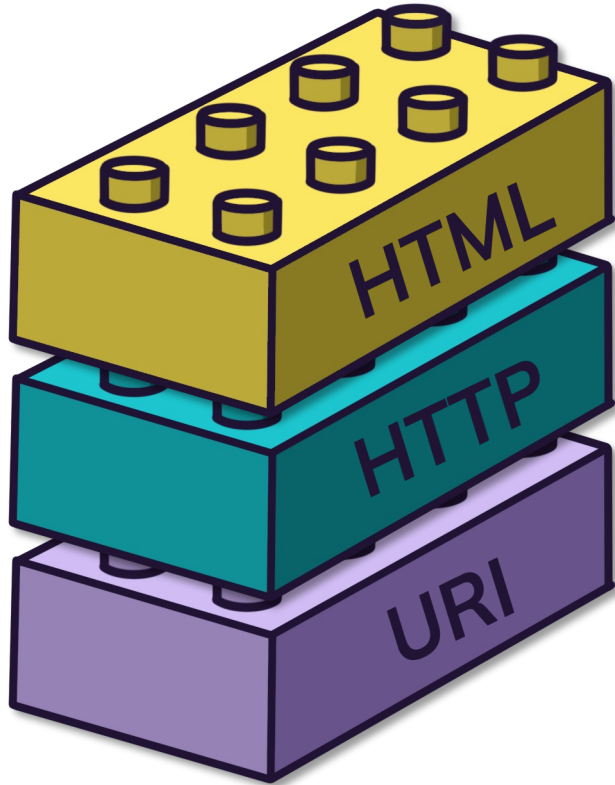
*„During some sessions in the CERN cafeteria, Tim and I try to find a catching name for the system. [...] Tim proposes "World-Wide Web".*

*I like this very much, except that it is difficult to pronounce in French...“*

Quote: [http://www.netvalley.com/archives/mirrors/robert\\_caillau\\_speech.htm](http://www.netvalley.com/archives/mirrors/robert_caillau_speech.htm)

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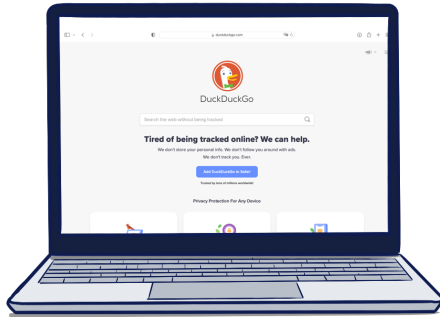


HyperText Markup Language

HyperText Transfer Protocol

Uniform Resource Identifiers

# Outlook: HTTP GET request in client-server communication



**HTTP Request** →

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GET Path HTTP/1.0
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Host: Host
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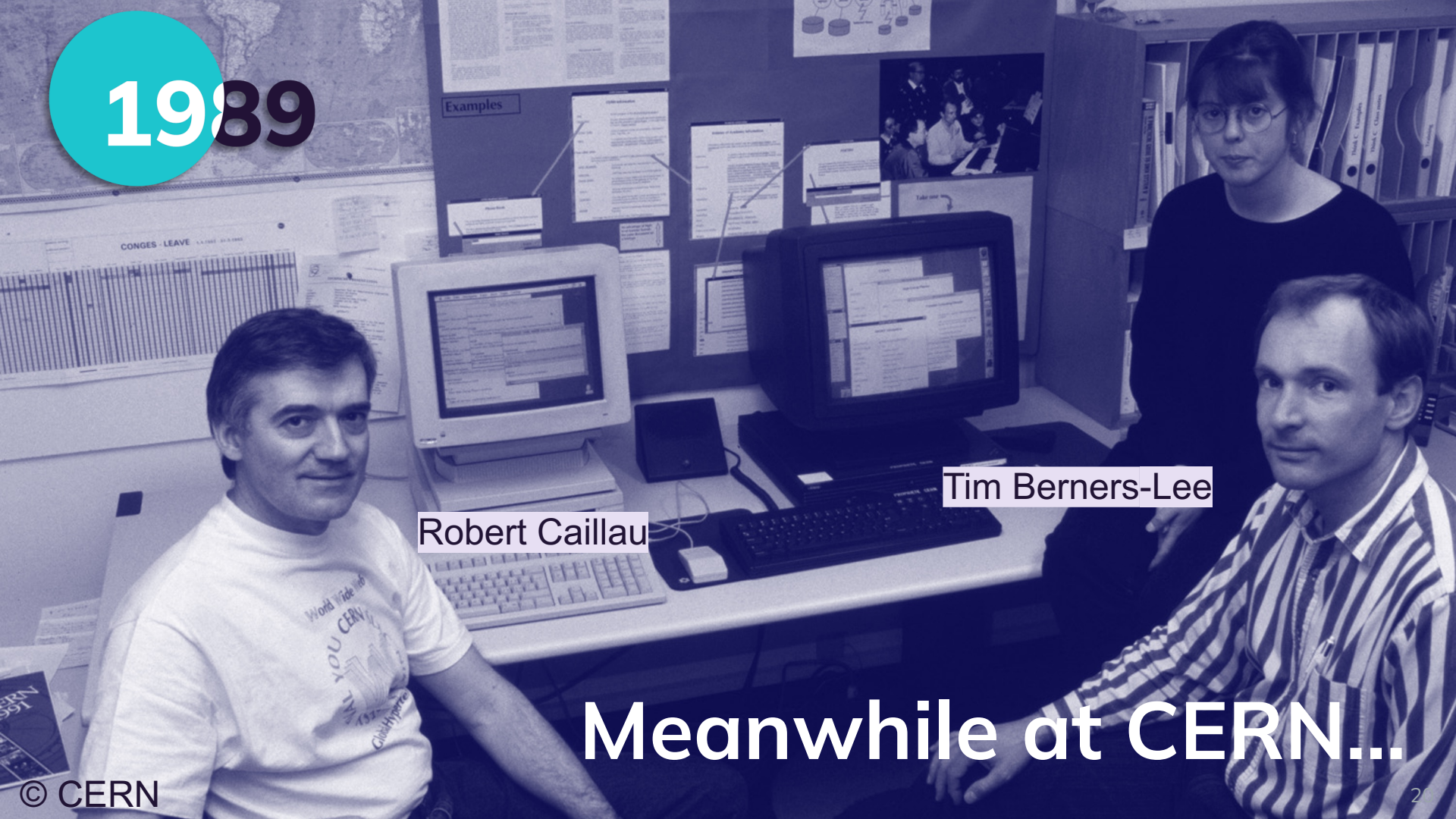
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More on this  
**later**

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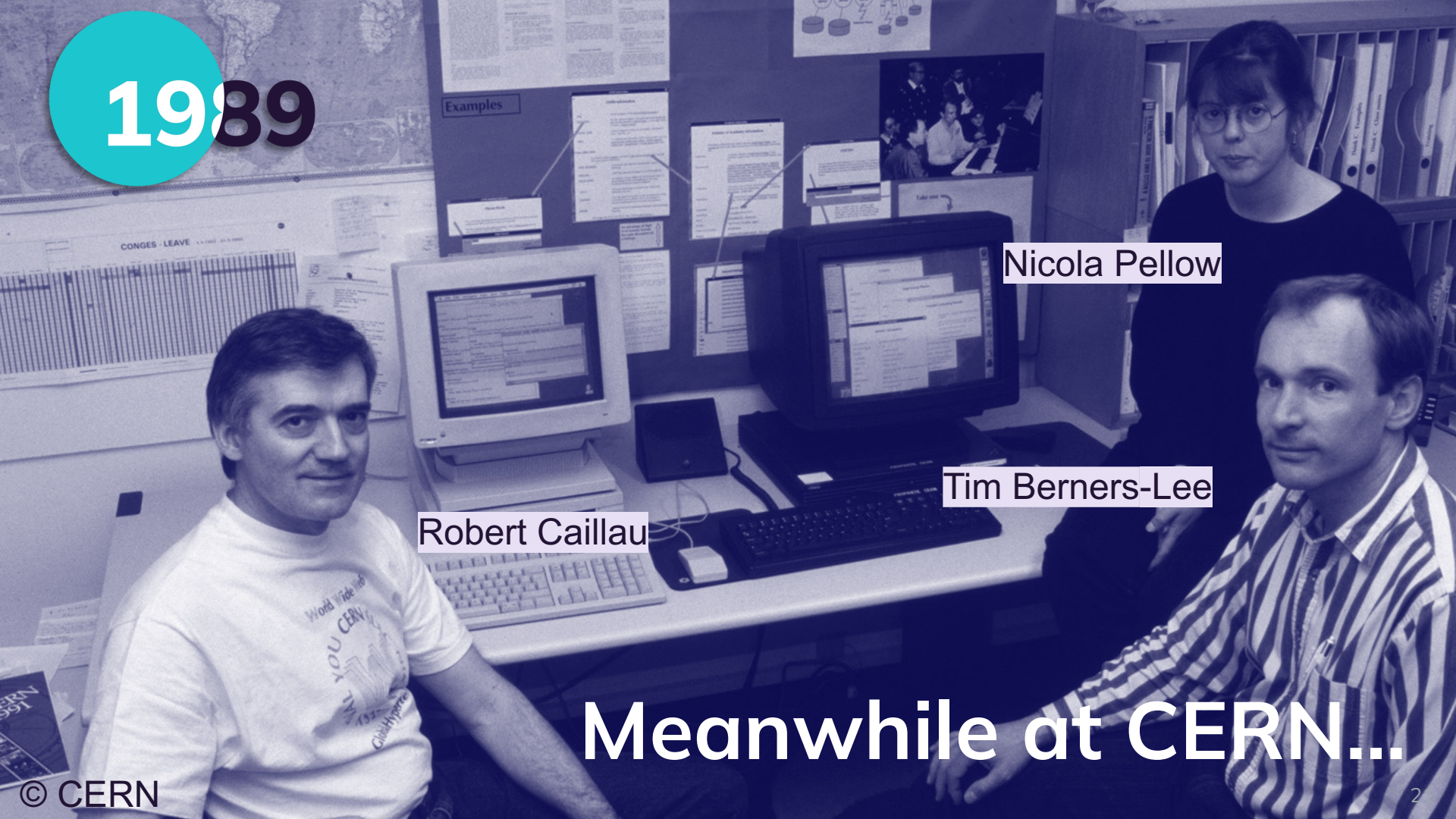
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## CERN

The European Laboratory for Particle Physics, located near Geneva[1] in Switzerland[2] and France[3]. Also the birthplace of the World-Wide Web[4].

This is the CERN laboratory main server. The support team provides a set of Services[5] to the physics experiments and the lab. For questions and suggestions, see WWW Support Contacts[6] at CERN

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# Early web servers & repositories

- early 1990s **arXiv preprint repository** switches **from email to HTTP access** for manuscript transmission.
- **1992** Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY in Hamburg connects a web server to the WWW.
- **Web repositories** store and publish (scholarly) digital objects – like paper publications and research data – and their metadata records. They aim to **improve the persistent findability and accessibility of research output on the Web.**



The arXiv preprint server in the 1990s (© Paul Ginsparg)



# Registries of repositories

Repositories are indexed for findability in registry services.

[www.re3data.org](http://www.re3data.org)

[v2.sherpa.ac.uk/opensoar](http://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/opensoar)

[resources.dfg.de](http://resources.dfg.de)



Screenshot of re3data.org search box



In 1993 CERN put all the components of Web software in the Public Domain, paving the way for the web as we know it today.

The WWW was created by scientist for scientists to promote data sharing and collaboration

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*from the official release statement, CERN, 30 April 1993*

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