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Tim Berners-Lee

1. Who is Tim Berners-Lee - a very short biography

- born in London, England, in 1955.
- graduated from the Queen's College at Oxford University, England, in 1976 and worked then at different companies, who all have something in common about computers and as an independent consultant at CERN (the European Particle Laboratory), in Geneva, Switzerland.
- wrote a program, named "Enquire", which formed the conceptual basis for the development of the World Wide Web.
- in 1989 he proposed a global hypertext project, which is now known as the WWW. It was designed to allow people working together by combining their knowledge in a web of hypertext documents. He wrote the first World Wide Web server and the first client.
That was in a way the hour of birth of the World Wide Web we know today.
- in 1994 he joined the Laboratory of Computer Science (LCS) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- through 1991 and 1993 he continued working on the design of the web.
- today, he is the director of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), which coordinates web development world-wide.
The Consortium wants to lead the Web to its full potential, caring for its stability through rapid evolution and revolutionary transformations of its usage.
- "Tim Berners-Lee is one of the most intelligent people in the world" says the American Time-Magazine. He has already won a big number of prizes.

2. His intensions for the future (of the Web)

- One day, the web should be a space of information, like a clay clod, which can be formed and processed.
- One of his dreams about the web is making the global communication much easier.
- There is a big list of things, which the rich countries owe the poorer ones. The internet is only one more point on that list says Tim Berners-Lee in an interview with the German newspaper "Die Zeit".

4. Vocabulary

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| • consultant | Berater | • clay clod | Tonklumpen |
| • CERN | Europäisches Institut für Teilchenphysik | • enumerate | aufzählen |

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