Death of the Internet: GIF at 11

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What Internet?

- Not talking about local connectivity
- Talking about the Internet as a "thing" made up of interconnected networks that, together, provides a connectivity service for Internet protocol packets

What is "Death"?

- Predicted significant outage
- Predicted uselessness
- Predicted wholesale replacement

Many "Deaths"

- The 'Net started "dead" and "died" many times over the years
- Someone was generally ready to transform it, but not always to resurrect it
- I'll review a few predicted deaths & would-be net killers
- Spoiler: none of the deaths took
- The 'Net has had "a lively death indeed" Elliott Norse (writing about fallen trees in Ancient Forests of the Pacific Northwest – 1990)

Categories









Early 1960s: Dead before it was born

- Paul Baran developed concept of multi use packet switched network (data & voice)
 Cheap & reliable
- Presented packet switched networking to AT&T

 "Son, this is how a telephone works"

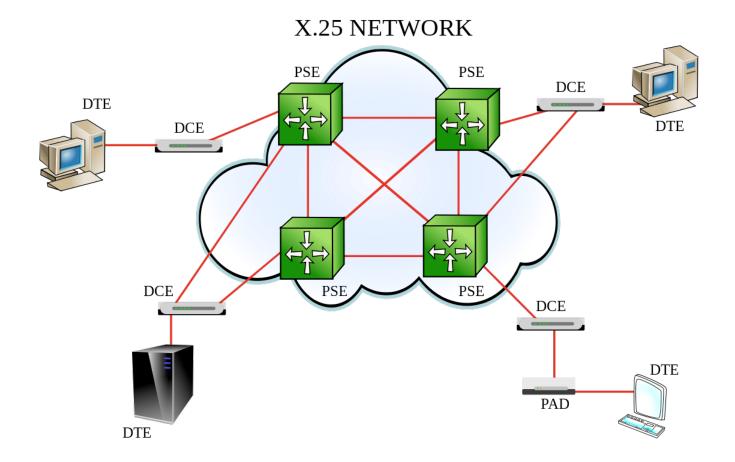
 Oral history interview with Paul Baran 1990 Charles Babbage Institute



• But, ARPA persisted (yes, Donald Davies, Larry Roberts & many others were also key)

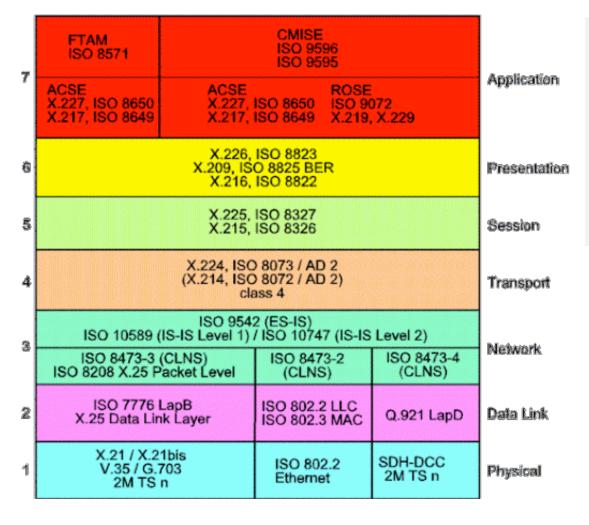


1976: X.25





Mid 1980s-mid 1990s: OSI/GOSIP/IPv7



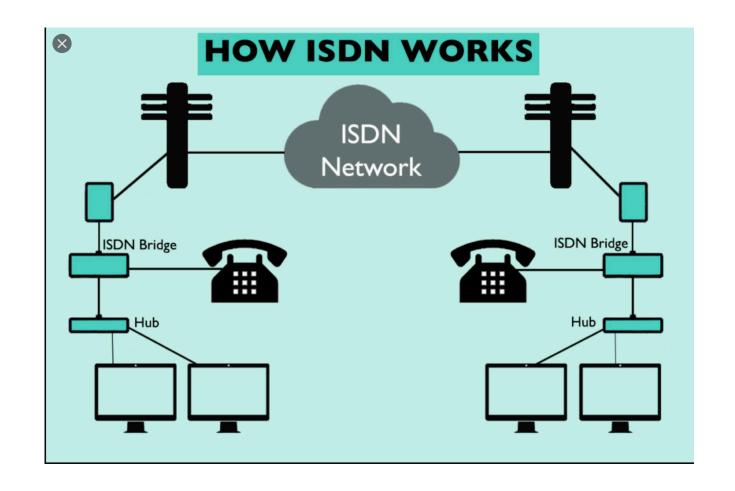
GOSIP

Government Open Standards Interconnect Profile





1988: ISDN





1990 - Running out of IP Addresses (1st time)

Depletion Dates

· Assigned Class"B" network numbers

Mar.11, 1994

NIC "connected" class 8 network numbers

Apr. 26, 1996

· NSFinet address space*

Oct. 19, 1997

· Assigned Class "A-B" network numbers

Feb 17, 1998

*NIC "connected" Class A-8 network numbers

Mar. 27, 2000

· BBN snapshots*

May 4, 2002

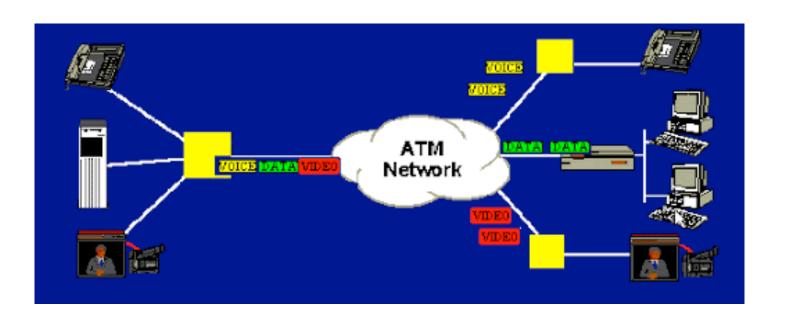
* all types: may be earlier if network class address consumption is not equal.

Novell_® IPX



SNA

1992: Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)





Asynchronous Transfer Mode



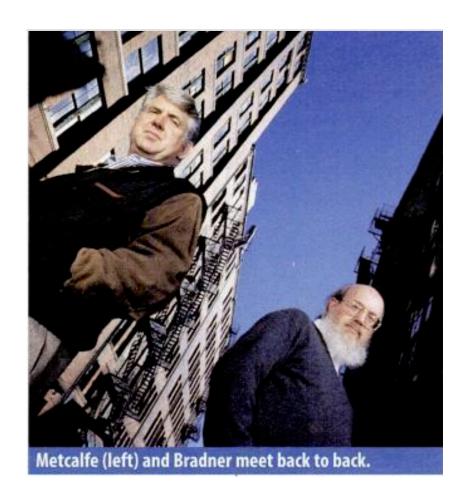
1995: Porn



July 3, 1995

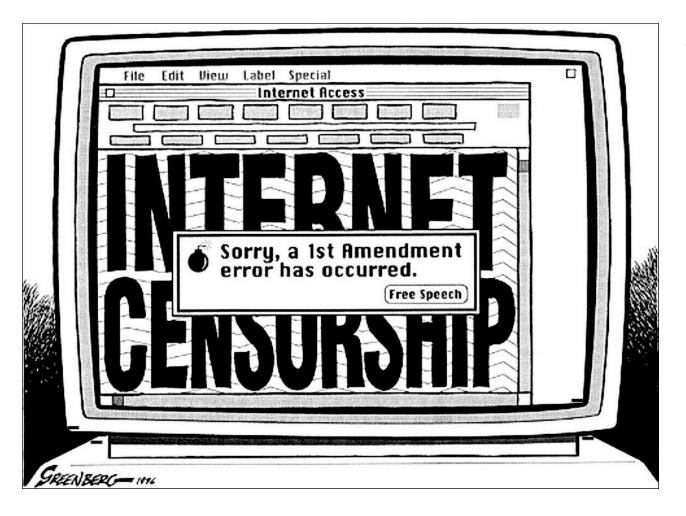


1996: Gigalapse





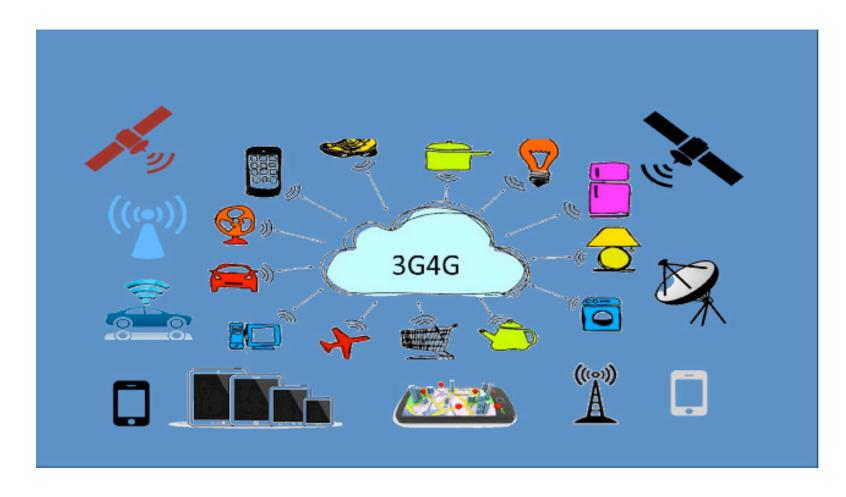
1996: Communications Decency Act



Just as the strength of the Internet is chaos, so the strength of our liberty depends upon the chaos and cacophony of the unfettered speech the First Amendment protects. Judge Dalzel



2001 - 2012: 3G/4G





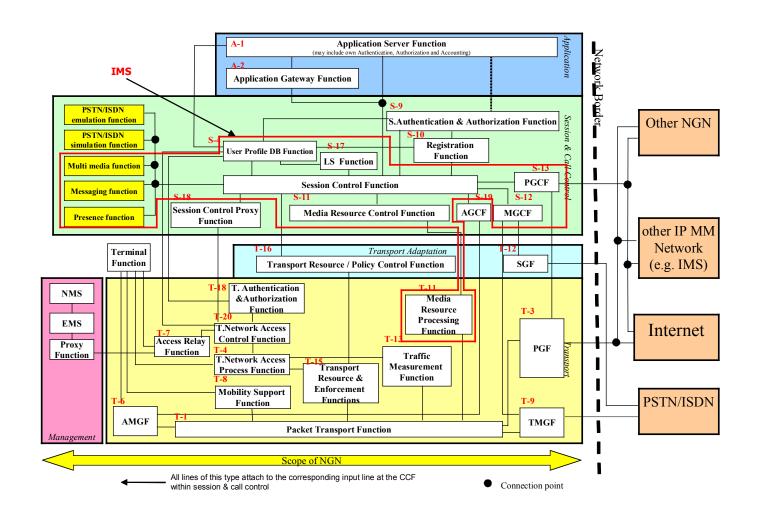
2003: Flow-based networking



"The Internet is broken. I should know: I designed it."



2004: ITU-T Next Generation Network (NGN)





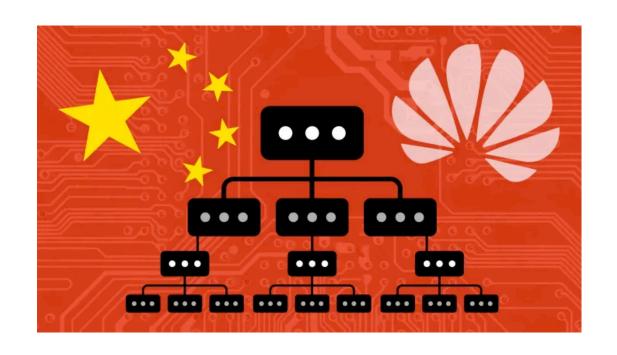
2015-2017: Title II / ! Title II



2019: 5G



2020: New IP





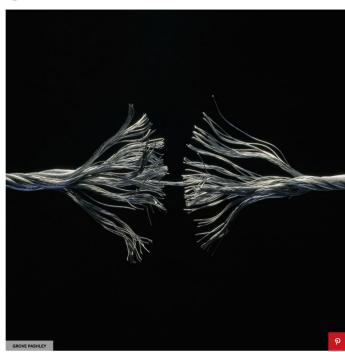
2020: COVID-19



Will Coronavirus Crash the Internet?

With most of the world now working from home, an increased need for speed could break the







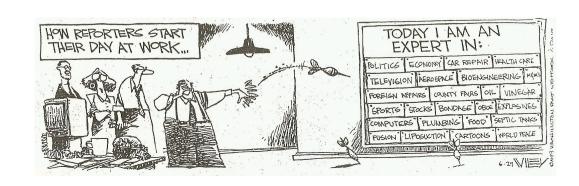
Root cause











Mother of revolution

- "The invention of the printing press is the greatest event in history. It is the mother of revolution."
 - "In its printed form, thought is more imperishable than ever; it is volatile, irresistible, indestructible. It is mingled with the air. ... Now it converts itself into a flock of birds, scatters itself to the four winds, and occupies all points of air and space at once."
 - "A book is so soon made, costs so little, and can go so far! How can it surprise us that all human thought flows in this channel?"

Victor Hugo: Hunchback of Notre Dame

Thank You