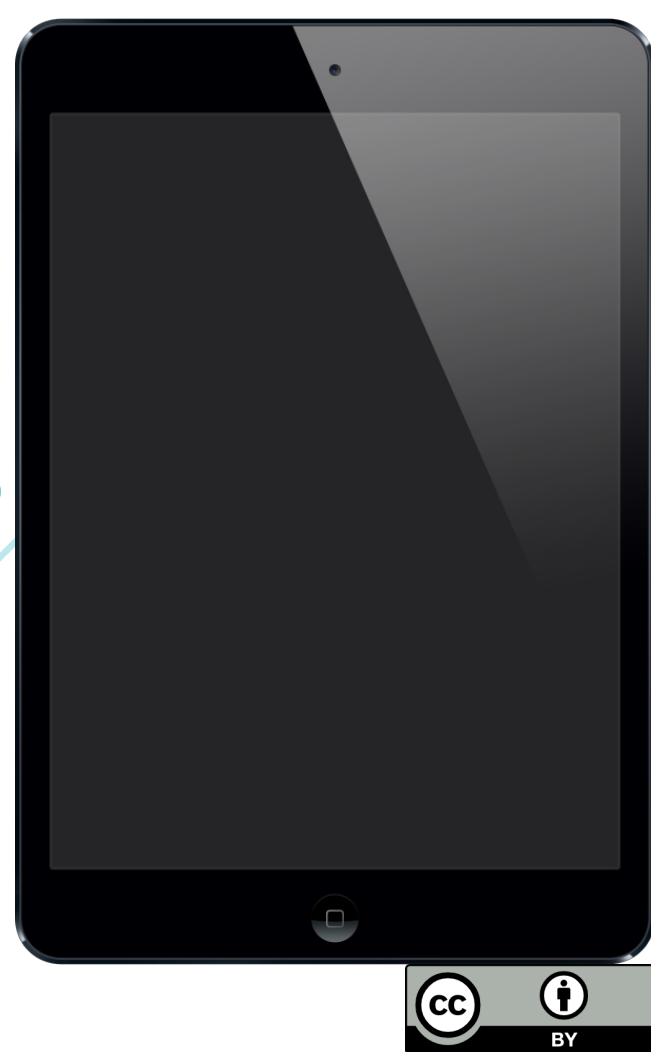
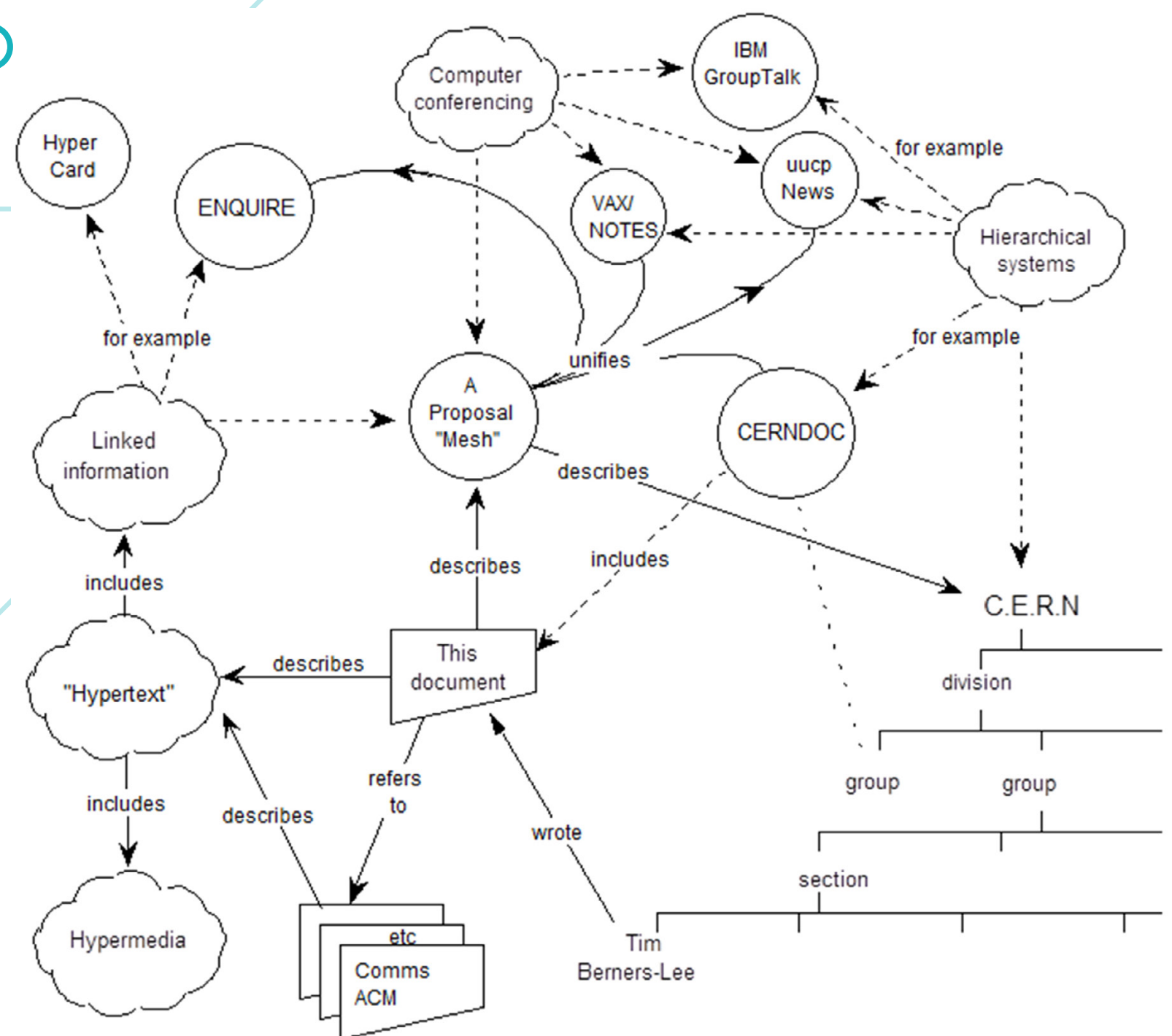
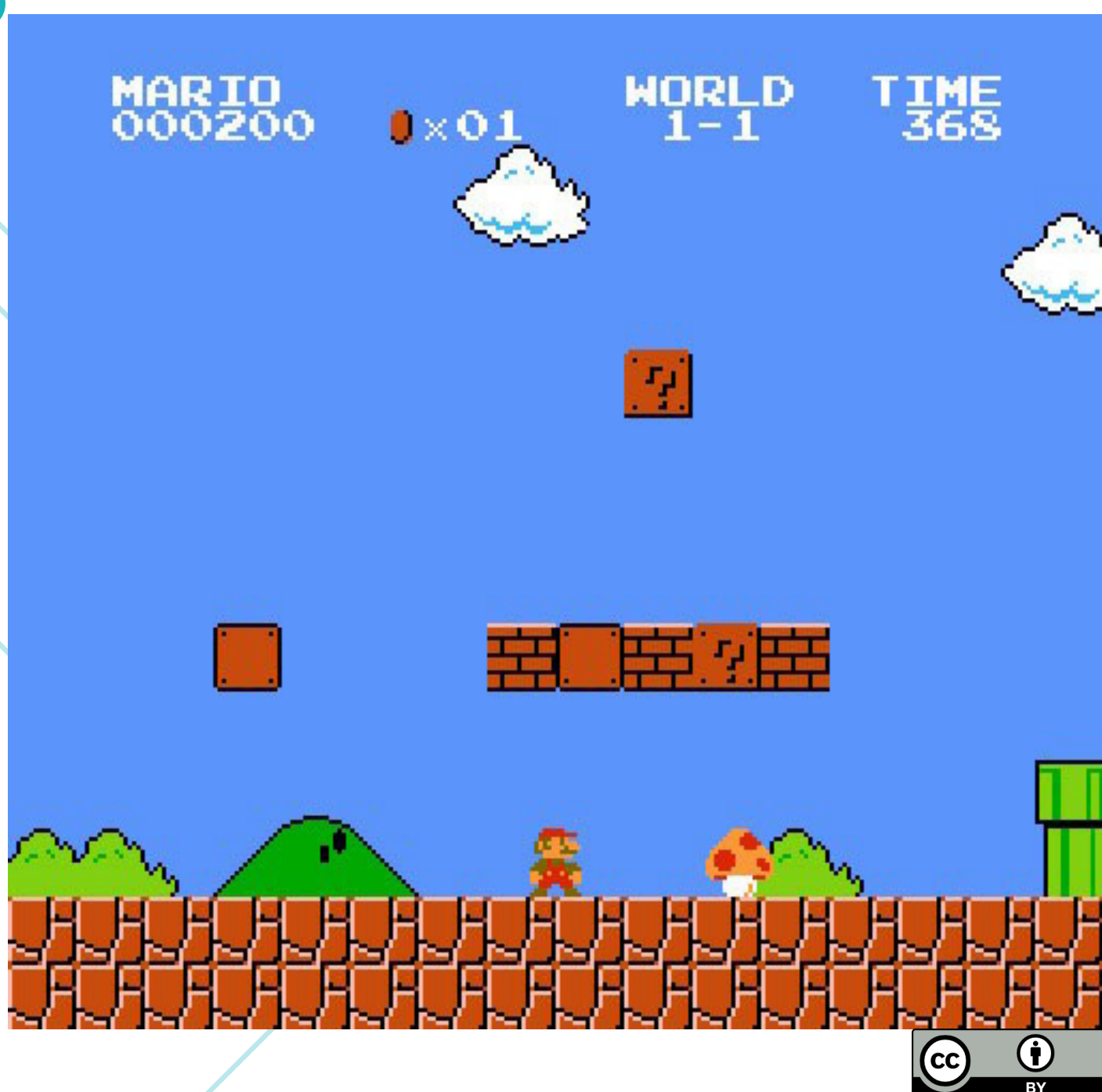
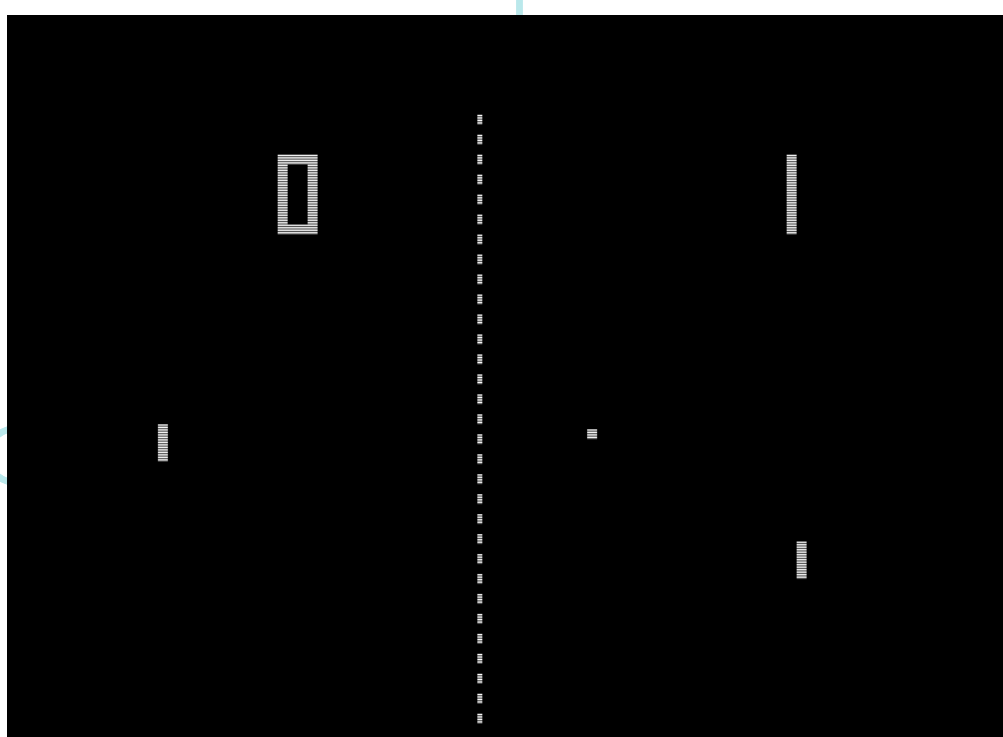
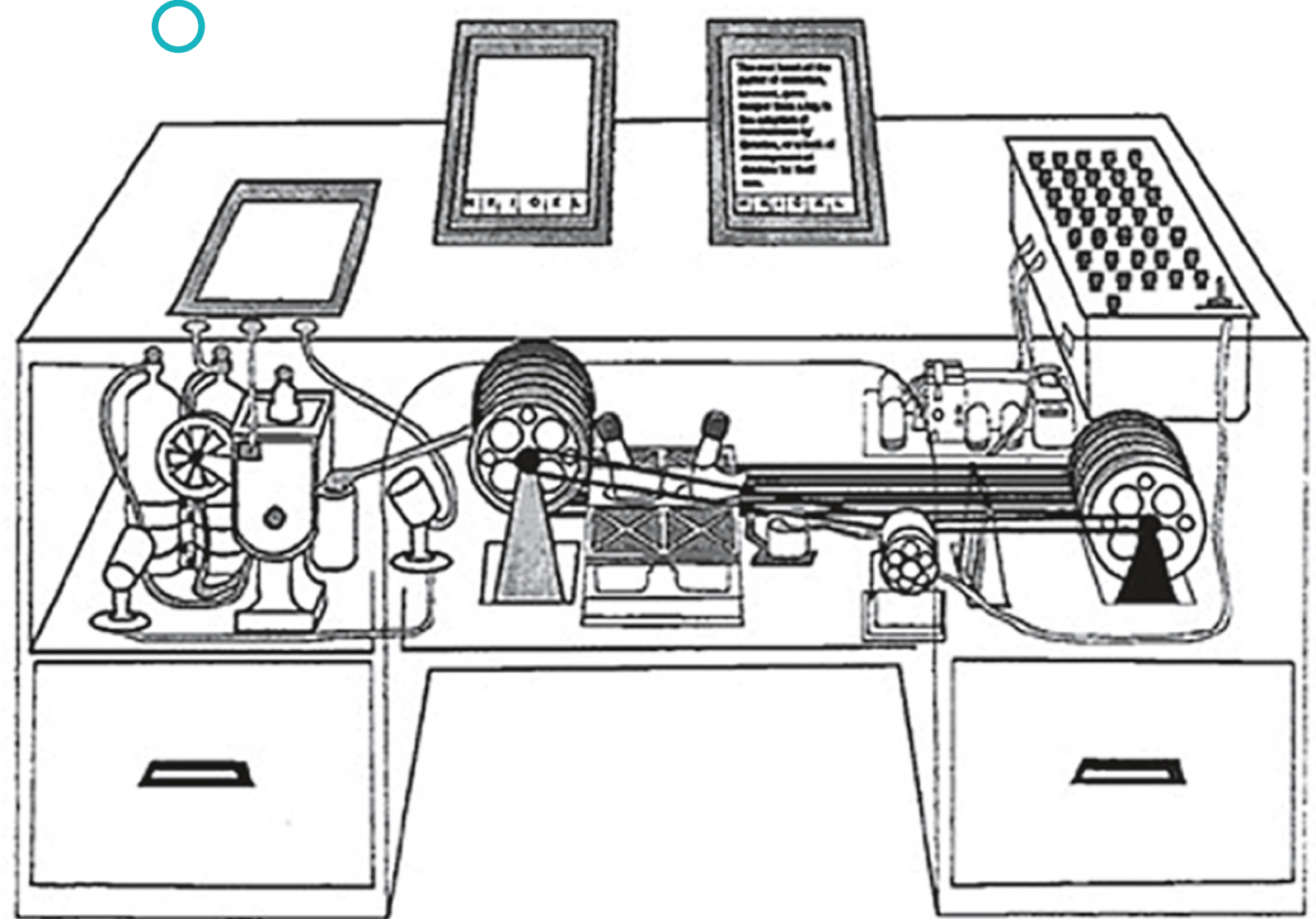
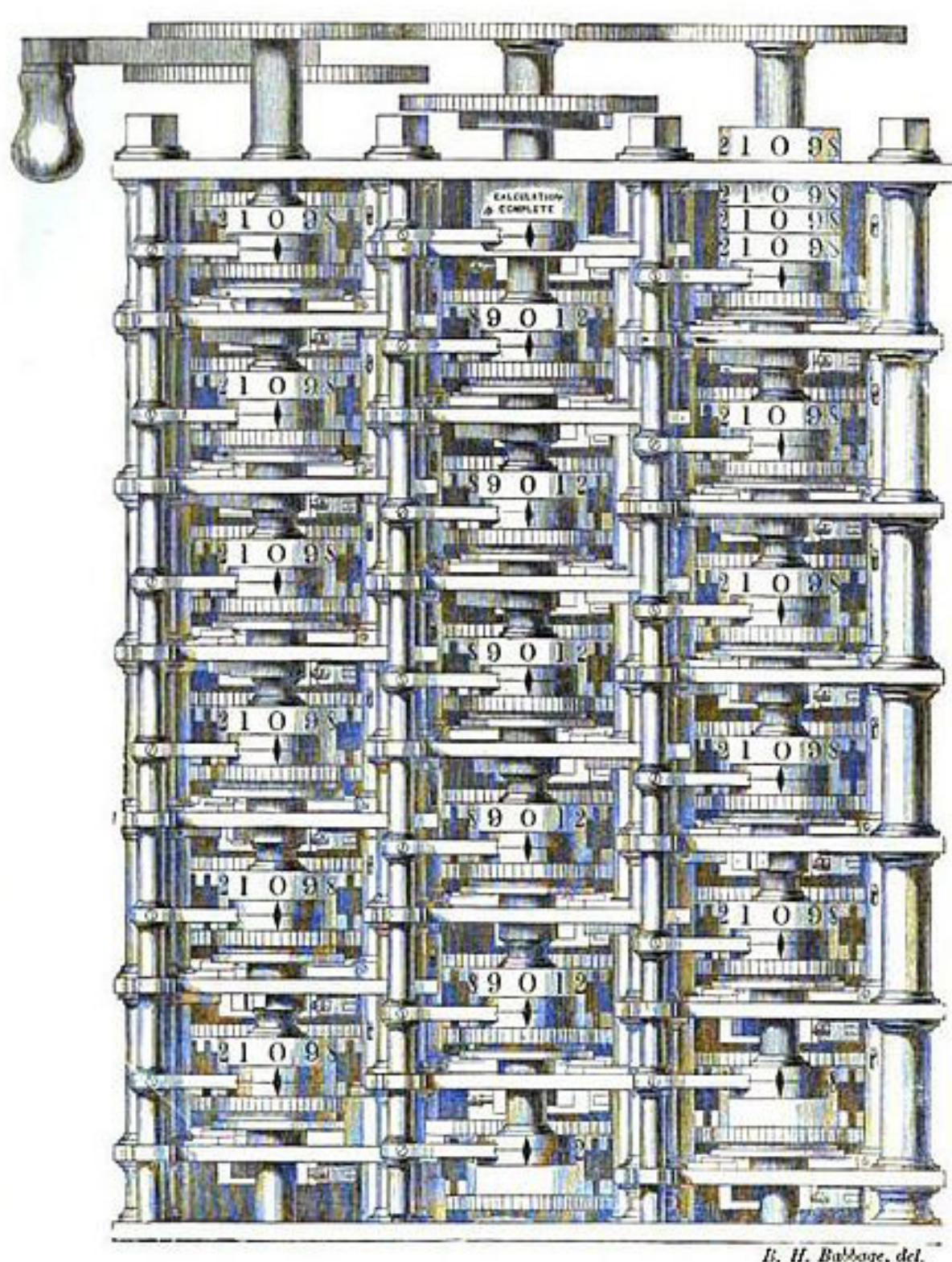


# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INTERNET

- 1822
- Charles Babbage proposes the first programmable computer, the Difference Engine.
- 1945
- Vannevar Bush publishes paper on the 'Memex' storage machine, a mechanical antecedent to hypertext.
- 1960
- Oulipo literary movement founded
- 1961
- A Hundred Thousand Billion Poems*
- 1962
- Pale Fire*
- 1963
- Composition No 1*
- 1963
- Ted Nelson coins the term 'hypertext'
- 1963
- Hopscotch*
- 1964
- First PC (personal computer) launched at New York's World Fair
- 1966
- Tristano*
- 1968
- Douglas Engelbart's mouse prototype
- 1969
- The Unfortunates*
- 1971
- Ray Tomlinson sends the first email - to himself
- 1972
- Pong arcade videogame released
- 1975
- The first commercially available 'portable computer' (laptop) launched: the IBM 5100
- 1980
- Zork*
- 1982
- 1982 ZX Spectrum released, one of the first mainstream home computers in the UK
- 1984
- Supercomputer*
- 1985
- Super Mario released by Nintendo
- 1990
- Tim Berners-Lee proposes the 'World Wide Web', a system of interlinked hypertext documents, or Web pages
- 1990
- afternoon, a story*
- 1993
- First web browser, Mosaic, released
- 1994
- Sony Playstation released
- 1994
- W3c (World Wide Web) Consortium founded
- 1994
- Yahoo! founded
- 1995
- Patchwork Girl*
- 1995
- Approximately 0.4% of the world's population use the Internet
- 1999
- Approximately 5% of the world's population use the Internet
- 1999
- Strings*
- 2000
- Burst of dot-com bubble
- 2003
- The Princess Murderer*
- 2004
- Facebook founded
- 2004
- The Breathing Wall*
- 2005
- YouTube founded
- 2005
- 10:01*
- 2006
- Twitter founded
- 2006
- Arteroids*
- 2006
- The Jew's Daughter*
- 2007
- First Generation iPhone released
- 2009
- The Path*
- 2010
- iPad released
- 2010
- Underbelly*
- 2010
- Loss of Grasp*
- 2010
- Nightingale's Playground*
- 2010
- Composition No.1*
- 2012
- Opacity*
- 2012
- Future Voices*
- 2012
- David Morris's *Frankenstein*
- 2013
- Sorcery!*
- 2013
- 18 Cadence*
- 2013
- Approximately 40% of the world's population use the Internet
- 2013
- 36 Million adults (73%) in Great Britain accessed the Internet every day
- 2013
- Snowden Files published by *The Guardian* Newspaper
- 2014
- 'The Future of Reading?' exhibition at Bank Street Arts



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