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THE BIRTH OF INTERNET

Internet was fathered by cold-war paranoia and born in a military laboratory. It started life in 1969, as ARPAnet, named after its sponsor, the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency. The aim was modest: to allow computer scientists and engineers working on military contracts all over America to share expensive computers and other resources.

A few researchers cooked up a way of sending messages, too. "E-mail", as it became known, quickly turned the network into a new communications link.

Until 1983 the Internet consisted of fewer than 500 "host" computers, almost exclusively in American military labs and academic computer-science departments. But the word was getting out to other academics. By 1987 the Internet had grown to include 28,000 host computers at hundreds of different universities and research labs.

During the late 1980s, PCs had made computer power affordable at home, and modems had allowed them to be connected up over telephone lines to commercial services, electronic discussion groups and software libraries usually set up by enthusiasts.

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