



# Want a 2.0ish Web site? Hop!

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A photograph of a massive supercomputer system, specifically an IBM Blue Gene/P model, housed in a large data center. The system consists of numerous dark grey server racks arranged in a long row. The central rack is prominently labeled "IBM" and "Blue Gene/P". The racks have blue vertical stripes and are densely packed with internal components and cables. An orange rectangular overlay contains the challenge text.

**challenge:** talk about the **web** in an HPC lair

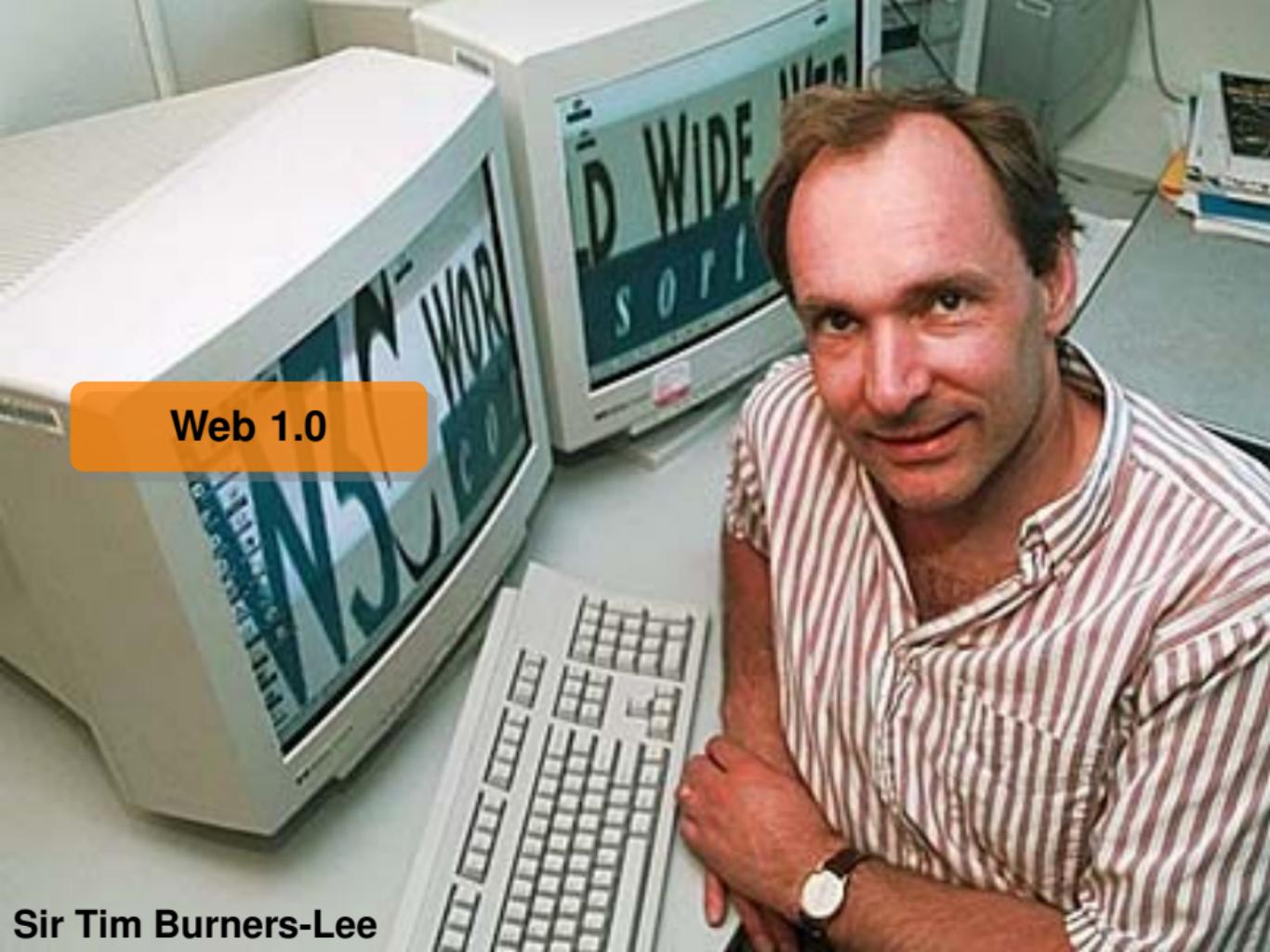
# 1

## The Web

# Web 2.0

Aggregators Blogs Wikis  
User Centered Joy of Use  
Participation Six Degrees Usability Widgets  
Recommendation Social Software FOAF  
Sharing Collaboration Perpetual Beta Simplicity Browser  
Videocasting Podcasting AJAX  
Audio IM Video Design  
Convergence CSS Pay Per Click  
UMTS Mobility Atom Trust Affiliation  
OpenAPIs RSS Semantic Web Standards SEO Economy  
OpenID Remixability REST Standardization The Long Tail  
DataDriven Accessibility XML  
Modularity SOAP Microformats Syndication

Web 1.0



Sir Tim Berners-Lee

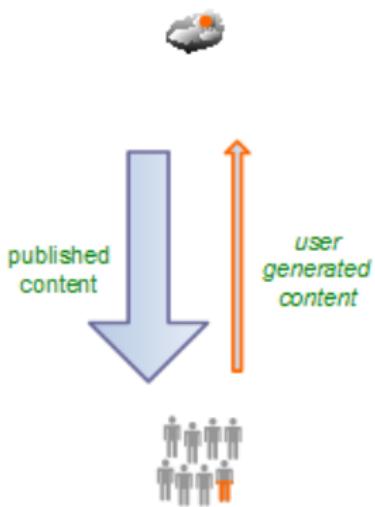
Web 2.0



# Web 1.0

"the mostly read-only Web"

250,000 sites



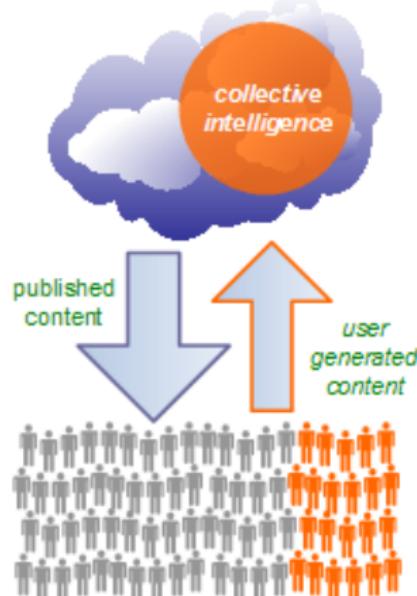
45 million global users

1996

# Web 2.0

"the wildly read-write Web"

80,000,000 sites



1 billion+ global users

2006

**browser**



GET /index.html

**Web server**

**browser**



<HTML><HEAD> ... </HTML>

**Web server**

**browser**



GET /index.html

Upgrade: websocket

**Web server**

**browser**

JavaScript code



blah blah...

**Web server**

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**Web server**

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**AJAX**



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- inri **meaning**
- inrix **traffic**
- inria
- inriva
- inri cristo
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- inri **clothing**
- inrihab **lyrics**

[Advanced search](#)  
[Language tools](#)

Mail

Carnet d'adresses

Calendrier

Tâches

Porte-documents

Préférences

## ▼ Dossiers

**Réception (1)**

Discussions

Envoyé

Brouillons

Spam

Corbeille

hpc-announce

INBOX.hop

INBOX.hpc-announce

Sent-gnu

Rechercher des partages

## Recherches

## ▼ Tags (libellés)

gnus-dormant

gnus-download

gnus-expire

gnus-forward

gnus-save

sed

Rechercher

Mail

Rechercher

Enregistrer

Avancé

Nouveau

Actualiser

Supprimer



Répondre



Affichage

100 sur 11625 mails

Dossier Taille Reçu

Réception 5 ko 12:19

Réception 88 ko 10:24

Réception 33 ko 10:19

Réception 322 ko 9:41

Réception 146 ko 9:38

Réception 32 ko 9:33

Réception 3 Mo 14 Oct

Réception 14 ko 14 Oct

Réception 7 ko 14 Oct



(English below.)

Le Service d'expérimentation et de développement (SED) vous convie aux Mardis du développement technologique, dont la prochaine édition a lieu ~~aujourd'hui~~ 15 octobre de 10h à 17h15 en salle Ada Lovelace.

Liste d'amis

[Messenger version bêta]



# typical client-side code

```
<html>
<head>
<script>
function showUser(str) {
    if (str=="") {
        document.getElementById("txtHint").innerHTML="";
        return;
    }
    xmlhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xmlhttp.onreadystatechange=function() {
        if (xmlhttp.readyState == 4 && xmlhttp.status == 200) {
            document.getElementById("txtHint").innerHTML=xmlhttp.responseText;
        }
    }
    xmlhttp.open("GET", "getuser.php?q="+str,true);
    xmlhttp.send();
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if (!$con) {
    die('Could not connect: ' . mysqli_error($con));
}
mysqli_select_db($con, "ajax_demo");
$sql = "SELECT * FROM user WHERE id = '" . $q . "'";
$result = mysqli_query($con, $sql);

echo "<table border='1'>
<tr>
<th>Firstname</th>
<th>Lastname</th>
<th>Age</th>
</tr>";

while($row = mysqli_fetch_array($result)) {
    echo "<tr>";
    echo "<td>" . $row['FirstName'] . "</td>";
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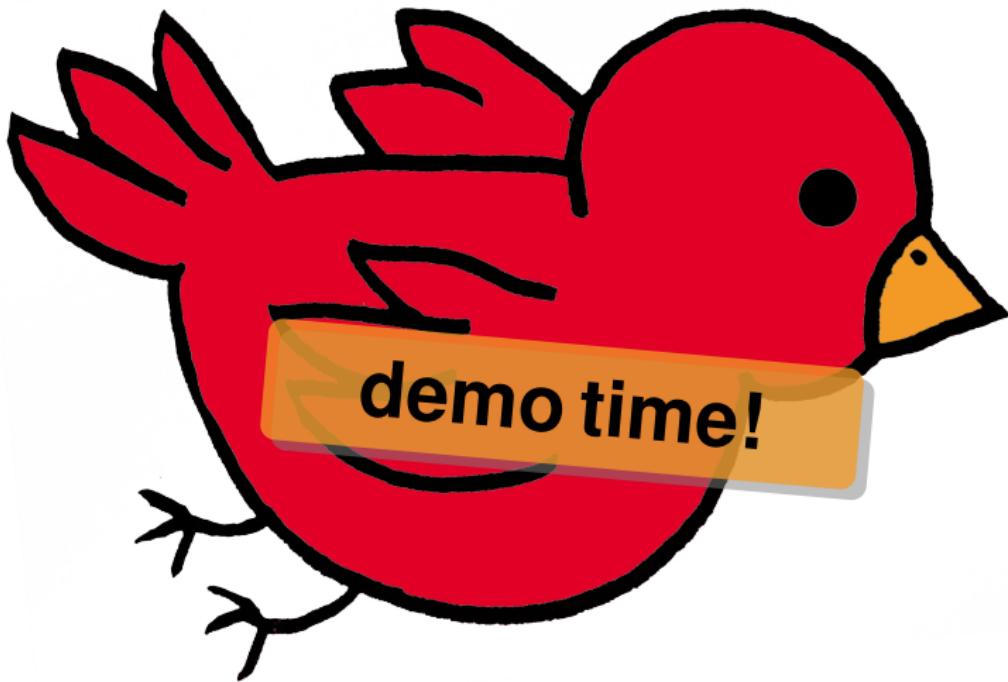
can we do better?

# 2

## HOP!



<http://hop.inria.fr/>



<http://cuicui.bordeaux.inria.fr:9000/hop/cuicui/>



# Bienvenue sur cui-cui™!



15 minutes

2 tiers

1 language

Cuicui !

trolol! :-P

— pluto

ouah c'est super !

— pluto

# HOP anatomy

- **Scheme2Js** compiler (Florian Loitsch)
- **HTTP server**, in Scheme (Manuel Serrano)
- **run-time support**, Scheme + JS (Manuel Serrano)

# 3

## Competitors & co.

similar **one-language/two-tier** approach, in OCaml

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20 contributors!

- **Scheme-to-Javascript compiler**
- client-side only
- no widget & co. libraries

- Scheme interpreter written in JavaScript
- client-side only

# Node.js

<http://nodejs.org/>

- **JavaScript implementation**
- typically server-only
- large community

# 4

## The End

# executive summary

- Web 2.0 = **distributed programming**
- PHP + HTML + JavaScript + XML + JSON + ... = **insanity**
- **HOP** → unified two-tier programming, **wonderful!**
- <http://hop.inria.fr/>

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# Thanks!

The topic of the demo was inspired by Andy Wingo's talks  
*Dynamic Hacking with Guile* (FOSDEM 2011) and *GNU Guile: Free Software Means of Production* (FSCONS 2011).