In March 1989, Tim Berners-Lee wrote a "vague, but exciting" proposal for a hypertext-based information management system. That proposal eventually became the World Wide Web, a system that rapidly outgrew the competition, moved beyond the altruistic goals of its creator, and today dominates the Internet.

Kimberly Blessing, a twenty-year veteran of the Web, will recap her recent trip to CERN, birthplace of the World Wide Web, as a part of the team restoring the line mode browser at info.cern.ch. In this talk she will offer a retrospective of the lessons learned during those early days into a modern context for the next generation of computer scientists and software engineers.

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