

Sir Tim Abstract

WWW and Hopes for the future

What makes the Web work? One thing is its universality. One is the layering of the technologies; another is the independence of the Web design from applications built on it and the Internet layer on which it is built. The Web is both a technical and a social creation, dependent on both technical protocols and social conventions. Current drivers for new Web technology include: the increasing diversity and ubiquity of exciting new devices; the integration of data on the Web as well as documents; and the continued pursuit of the original WWW goal, to make a group of people more creative than a single one. We look at current developments at W3C and possible future ones, moving toward these goals.