Unit 6 — The Internet



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ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network)

developed by the US military for defense purposes, this was the first global network with packet switching

"The current public Internet owes a big debt to ARPANET, which was the original global network."

Backbone

a central high speed network that connects smaller, independent networks

"Homeland Security is worried that an attack on the Internet backbone could cripple the country for weeks or months."

BBS (Bulletin Board System)

a predecessor to modern websites, these were early online communities that users could dial into using a modem

"The network administrator ran his own BBS as a boy back in the 1980s."

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