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The internet began as a military tool. During the Cold War, the United States government wanted to protect important  from potential attacks. They decided to create a system that could  information around instead of storing it in one place. Government-funded engineers built this network, called the ARPANET, in 1969. The ARPANET used telephone lines to connect computers at  across the country. Despite the original goal, the ARPANET was mostly used for communication between researchers, and universities from other countries began to join the network in the mid-1970s. In 1991, an English programmer named Tim Berners-Lee created the World Wide Web, which  information into “webpages” that were easy to find and read. This invention made the internet much more accessible to the .