ENGR 401 2024 T1

Week 5: Workshop - Innovation and prototyping.

Cast your mind back in time to the days before the web (WWW). We had the Internet, but no higher level cohesive user oriented fabric.

There are 4 readings for this workshop:

1.   An outline of the history (early days is the scope)
2.   The original proposal for the WWW at cern
3.   The first paper - describing the prototype
4.   A description of the 0.9 HTTP protocol as implemented in the prototype.

 Please try to at least skim read these before the workshop.

Your task at the workshop is to "document the prototype" stage of the soon to be "radical innovation" that was the World Wide Web. To do this, we'll use a **real** internal document process from Datacom. Paul has kindly filled this document in with a completely fictional example, so you can see how to use it.

Your job is to form pairs — you can pretend one of you is Tim Berners-Lee and the other is Robert Cailliau if it helps with the immersion — and fill in the Datacom form as if you'd just finished the WWW prototype as documented in the readings.