Hypertext

Hypertext is text that has links in it that the user can click with their mouse to get to other parts of the text (or to pictures, graphs, etc.). Sounds pretty straightforward and obvious, but it wasn't always so.

HTML, the language in which many webpages are written, stands for *Hyper Text Markup Language*.

The prefix *hyper* comes from a Greek word that means *over* or *beyond*, and it indicates overcoming the linear constraint of text on a written page. No longer is it just linear; just click your mouse to get to a different part.

A guy named Ted Nelson coined the term in 1963. Later, he worked with Andy van Dam at Brown University to build the "HyperText Editing System". This was all 30 years before we had the internet. And, at that time, we just had mainframes —no laptops, no desktop computers. So this was all new and exciting.

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