Glossary

**TLA** Three Letter Acronym

**ETLA** Extended Three Letter Acronym

**DETLA** Double Extended Three Letter Acronym

**an internet** Some networks that are joined together.

**the Internet** The large internet spanning much of the world.

**Internet TM** A media cyber culture experience thingy yoke.

**Machine** Just another word for computer.
Where did it come From?

DARPA Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (1957).

DARPANET Their nuclear bomb proof network (1969).

TCP/IP New protocol (1982).

NSFnet Backbone connecting 5 colleges (1986).

News - The ultimate Letters Page?

news.answers, soc.culture.irish, ie.jobs, rec.humour(.funny), sci.math, soc.feminism

Kremvax

From: moskvax!kremvax!chernenko

Well, today, 840401, this is at last the Socialist Union of Soviet Republics joining the Usenet network and saying hallo to everybody.

- Used the Internet to propagate itself.
- Possible due to a bug in the finger program in Unix.
- People still write programs with the same bug today!
- Wasted time, but didn’t do any real damage.
1983 ZX Spectrum: 16KB
   Memory, 4MHz Z80, 16 colours.

1991 NSF lift non-profit restriction.

1993 Amiga: 4MB of Memory, a
   40MHz 68040, thousands of colours.

Modems From 300 to 28800 — also
   100 times faster.

Material Public interest stuff became
   available on the net.

Gopher Menu system for the net —
   quickly replaced.

Web Mosaic — “Killer App”.
Web - What’s out there?

- Info about Technology, Science and Computers.
- Entertainment, News & weather.
- Search engines & robots.
- Advertising.
- On line business.
- More junk than you could shake a stick at.
- Everything?
Problems with the net

- Informal and undisciplined.
- People say and do things they wouldn’t in the ‘real’ world.
- Import/Export — no borders.
- Copyright, Privacy, Freedom and Authenticity.
- SPAM: Global + People + Easy Copying = Advertising.
- Lots of people, Lots of noise.
You have to look for ‘It’

On the web you have to search for some time to find anything you want.

The innocent aren’t interested in nudity — it’s embarrassing. Those who want to find nudity always will!