CHAPTER 8

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Internet Museums

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Many Internet museums have been developed around the world in the last decades. Computer History Museum in Mountain View and Internet Archive in San Francisco are among the first Internet museums founded in the 20th century [Wikipedia 2024; CHM 2024; Wikipedia 2024b].

Some of the Internet museums are physical museums, as shown in List 1. However, many others are digital museums, as shown in List 2.

List 1: Physical Museums

Computer History Museum, Mountain View, USA, https://computerhistory.org/

Nexon Computer Museum, Jeju, South Korea, https://computermuseum.nexon.com/

World Internet Science and Technology Museum, Wuzhen, China, ChinaDaily, 2023.11.7.

3420 Boelter Hall, UCLA, California, USA, https://uclaconnectionlab.org/internet-museum/

Internet Museum, Berlin, Germany

Science Museum, London, UK

Museum of the Future, Dubai, UAE, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Museum_of_the_Future

List 2: Digital Museums

Charles Babbage Institute Archives, University of Minnesota

Internet Archive, San Francisco, USA, http://archive.org

China Internet Museum, http://en.internet.cn/history/history1.html

Big Internet Museum, NL, https://www.commarts.com/webpicks/the-big-internet-museum

Internet Museum, SE, www.InternetMuseum.se

Museum of Internet, Facebook

Museum of the Future, Dubai, UAE

Internet Artifacts, neal.fun/internet-artifacts

Web Design Museum, WebDesignMuseum.org

National Museum of Computing, tnmoc.org/npl-gallery

Computer History Museum (CHM)

The Computer History Museum (CHM) may be the first museum dedicated to digital technologies. It was founded in Massachusetts in the 1970s and moved to California in the 1990s [Wikipedia 2024]. CHM has an extensive collection of digital technology, from abacuses to the Internet. The entire exhibition is also available online. The CHM Fellow Awards Program honors digital technology pioneers since 1987, with Grace Hopper as the first awardee. CHM also keeps the video interview archives of various pioneers.

Internet Archive

The Internet Archive is a nonprofit digital library founded in May 1996 [Wikipedia 2024c]. It is chaired by Brewster Kahle, who started archiving the World Wide Web through web crawling in 1996. The archive provides free access to various digitized materials, including websites, software programs, music, audiovisual files, and printed materials. In 2024, the archived pages were 735 billion. The Archive arranged to have parts of its collections at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt and a facility in the Netherlands.

Nexon Computer Museum

Nexon Computer Museum was founded by Nexon in Jeju, South Korea, in the 2000s. The museum archives computers, game machines, and other digital artifacts.

World Internet Science and Technology Museum

World Internet Science and Technology Museum is one of the newest Internet museums, having opened in November 2023 in Wuzhen, China. It is one of the largest digital museums, with collections of Internet pioneers, including most Internet Hall of Fame inductees, and other artifacts.

The museum is new and its website is under development. One may watch the following short video made by the museum for its introduction by ChinaDaily.com.cn;

https://govt.chinadaily.com.cn/s/202311/10/WS654ddf76498ed2d7b7e9fb10/world-internet-science-and-technology-museum-unveiling-the-future-in-wuzhen.html

Wuzhen also hosts the annual World Internet Conference since its inception in 2013.

China Internet Museum

China Internet Museum is the official museum of Internet in China. It is a digital museum

hosted by China Internet Network Information Center under Internet Society of China.

Charles Babbage Institute Archives

Charles Babbage Institute Archives are founded in the 1970s, and it is located in the University of Minnesota Library [CBI 2024].

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[Nexon 2024] Nexon Computer Museum, 2024.
[ScienceMuseum] Science Museum, Berlin, 2024.
[UCLA 2024] 3420 Boelter Hall, UCLA, 2024.
[Web 2024] Web Design Museum, 2024.
[World 2024] World Internet Science and Technology Museum, 2024.