



# History of the Philippine *Internet*

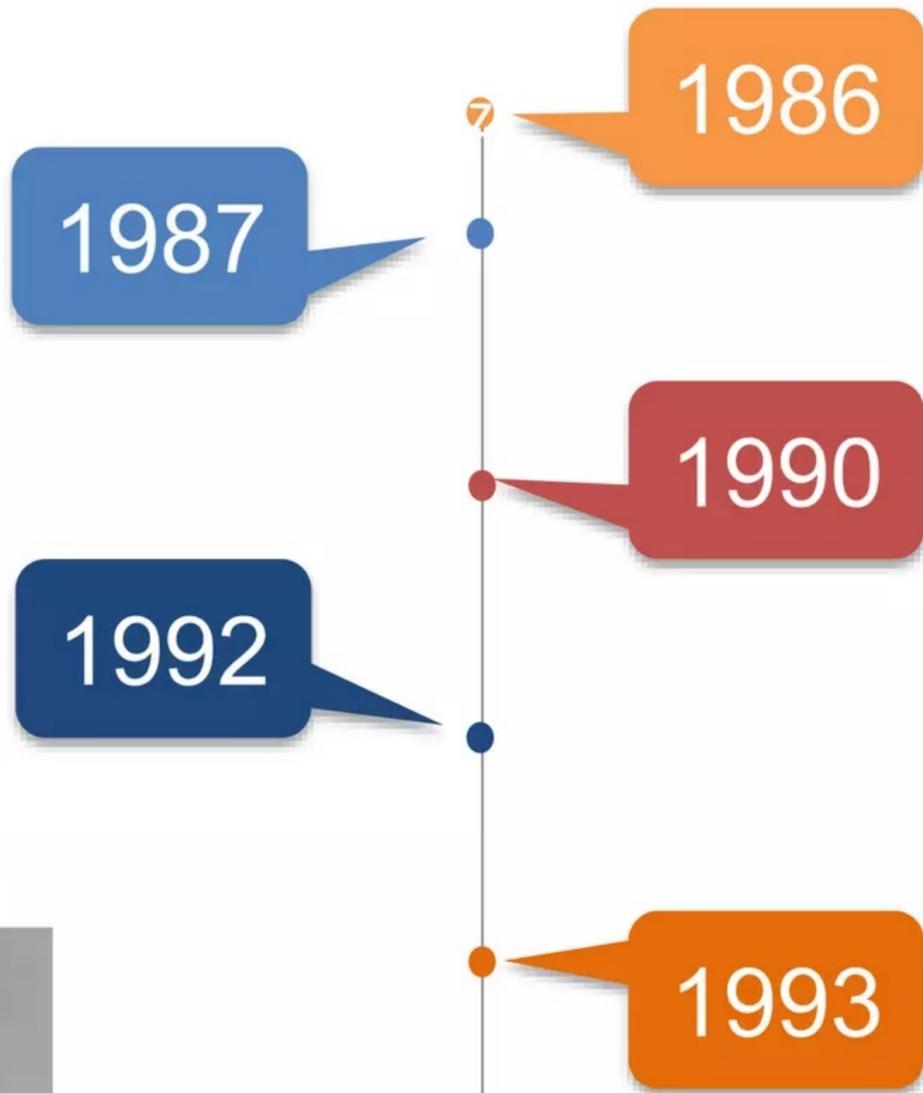
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# A Timeline of Philippine Internet

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- The Philippine FidoNet Exchange, a local network for communication between several BBSes in Metro Manila, was formed.
- William “Bill” Torres, current chief executive of the Philippine Internet Service Organization (PISO), initiated the first informal negotiations with the US National Science Foundation to bring the Internet to the Philippines.



- The first Philippine-based, Public access BBS [bulletin board system], First- Fil RBBS went online with an annual subscription fee of P1000.
- A committee helmed by Arnie del Rosario of the Ateneo Computer Technology Center was tasked with exploring the possibility of creating an academic network comprised of universities and government institutions by the National Computer Center under Dr. William Torres.
- June 1993, With the support of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Industrial Research Foundation, The Philnet project (now PHNET) was born.
- 3 representatives from Ateneo, DLSU and UP played a role in connecting the Philippines to the world wide web.

- July 1993, Phase one of the Philnet project shifted into full gear after receiving funding from the DOST.
- It proved to be successful, as students from partner universities were able to send emails through the internet by routing them through Philnet's gateway at ADMU which was connected to Victoria University of Technology in Australia.

1993



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- An Additional P12.5M grant for the first year's running cost was awarded by the DOST to buy equipment and lease communication lines to kickstart the second phase!

1994

- On **March 29, 1994** at exactly **1:15 am** (PH time), the router (Cisco 7000) that connected the Philippines to the Internet was switched on!
- Bill Torres became the "Grandfather of Philippine Internet"
- **PHILIPPINE INTERNET WAS BORN**
- **"We're In."** Dr. John Brule, a Professor in Syracuse University, announced at his first International E-mail conference at the University of San Carlos in Talamban, Cebu with the 64 Kbit/s connection.

- SMART Telecommunication introduced "Smart 3G", the first in the Philippines.

2006



- Philippines named *Social Networking capital of the world* with a percentage of 93.9 for Facebook alone.

(Based on a research by 24/7 Wall St. Blog)

- The Introduction of PLDT's FIBR service. Which provides connection speeds of up to 100mpbs.

- Hello to the **20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF INTERNET HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES!**
- SMART offers FREE INTERNET to prepaid users.



2011

2013

2014

2010

2012

- 29.8 Million** Internet Users in the Philippines

- The **Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012** was officially recorded as **Republic Act. No 10175** on September 12, 2012.
- This created many online stirs and havoc because of the potential affect on freedom of expression, speech and date security in the Philippines.
- It was issued a temporary restraining order which eventually led to its removal on Feb 18, 2014.

