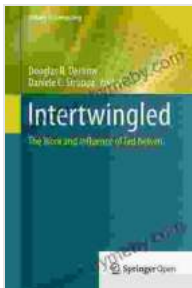


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Ted Nelson is a computer scientist and visionary who has made significant contributions to the development of the World Wide Web. His work on hypertext and hypermedia has laid the foundation for the way we interact with information today.

Nelson was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1937. He studied philosophy and literature at Harvard University, and then worked as a programmer at IBM. In 1965, he published a paper entitled "A File Structure for the Complex, the Changing, and the Indeterminate." This paper introduced the concept of hypertext, a system for linking text documents together in a non-linear way.

In 1967, Nelson founded the Project Xanadu, a research project aimed at developing a global hypertext system. Xanadu was never fully realized, but it influenced the development of the World Wide Web. In 1990, Nelson published a book entitled "Literary Machines," which set out his vision for a future in which computers would be used to enhance human creativity.

Nelson's work has been recognized by numerous awards, including the ACM Grace Murray Hopper Award and the IEEE John von Neumann Medal. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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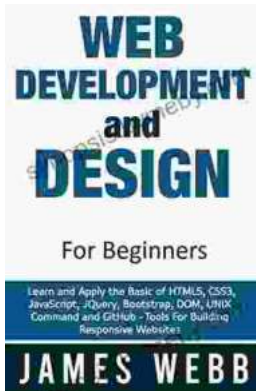


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