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I. RESUMÉ

The Internet is primarily a system of interconnecting nodes serving as global relays that can transmit information. These nodes are in fact computers that transmit and receive information. It was originally developed by the US DoD (DARPA) in the early 1970s with the support of researchers to communicate securely even when part of the network is destroyed: the system's task is to find the node-to-node connections within the network that make it possible to move from A to B.

