

# Gateways to cyberspace

■ **Aug 6, 1991:** World Wide Web – created by **Tim Berners-Lee** at CERN – goes live using first-ever web browser to display text

■ **1993:** **Mosaic** is developed by **Marc Andreessen** and **Eric Bina**. Free browser shows images as well as text. Mosaic is first browser with cross-platform support, both Unix and Macintosh



**Mitchell Baker** Chief Lizard Wrangler

■ **Mar 31, 1998:** Netscape releases its source code and creates **Mozilla Organization**. Move allows open-source software development

■ **1999:** **Mitchell Baker**, intellectual property attorney with Netscape since 1994, becomes general manager – or **Chief Lizard Wrangler** – of **Mozilla.org** project

■ **1994:** Andreessen co-founds **Netscape**. Its **Navigator** browser – code-named **Mozilla (Mosaic killer)** – is released in December. Navigator is world's first commercial browser

■ **1995:** Mosaic technology licensed to **Microsoft** for use in **Internet Explorer**

■ **1996:** Browser war between Netscape and Microsoft leads to rapid innovation in software development



■ **1996-98:** Microsoft uses its monopoly position to make Internet Explorer world's dominant browser

■ **2002:** Microsoft's **Explorer** attains peak with about 96% share of global browser use

■ **2003:** Baker turns Mozilla into non-profit foundation, financed by donations and search-related advertising

■ **Nov 2004:** Mozilla launches **Firefox**. Next generation browser blocks virus attacks, spyware and annoying pop-ups



■ **Jan 2006:** Firefox global usage nears 10% – over 100 million users. Microsoft's share hovers at 85%, down 11% from its peak