A History of Internet Art

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Kit Galloway, Sherrie Rabinowitz, Hole in Space (1980)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyIJJr6Ldg8

The Thing, BBS organized by Wolfgang Staehle (1991)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Thing_(art_project)

1993 — Eternal September

1994 — Netscape Navigator, GeoCities

Trojan Coffee Cup Cam (1991/1993)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trojan_Room_coffee_pot

Douglas Davis, The World's First Collaborative Sentence (1994)
http://whitney.org/Exhibitions/Artport/DouglasDavis

Jodi.org (1995)
http://wwwwwwwww.jodi.org/

DIA launches online exhibitions platform (
1995)
http://archive.rhizome.org/artbase/56398/timeline.html

1996 — rhizome.com

1996 — Adobe Flash

Olia Lialina, My Boyfriend Came Back from the War (1996)
http://www.teleportacia.org/war/

mouchette.org (1996)
http://mouchette.org

1997 — Carnivore; FBI surveillance tool for networks

Alexei Shulgin, Form Art (1997)
http://www.c3.hu/collection/form/

Heath Bunting, Read Me (1998)
http://www.irational.org/_readme.html

Mark Napier, Riot (1999)
http://potatoland.org/riot/

1999 — Napster; high-speed cable internet affordability

YOUNG-HAE CHANG HEAVY INDUSTRIES, Bust Down the Door (2000)
http://archive.rhizome.org/splash/Y-H_Chang/BUST_DOWN_THE_DOOR.html

Eva and Franco Mattes, Life Sharing (2000-2003)
http://0100101110101101.org/life-sharing/

1999-2001 — Dot com bubble bursting

June 26, 2000: Google becomes the most popular search engine

August 2000 — deviantart.com

October 2001 — Patriot Act

2001 — Bit Torrent

Cory Arcangel, Super Mario Clouds (2002)
http://www.coryarcangel.com/things-i-made/supermarioclouds/

2002 — Friendster

Whitney Museum Artport (Launched 2002)
http://whitney.org/Exhibitions/Artport

2003 — MySpace; del.icio.us; Second Life

2004 — The Facebook

2005 — Google Reader

Thomson and Craighead, Beacon (2005)
http://www.automatedbeacon.net

2006 — Twitter / Modern Google Maps

Cory Arcangel, Gif (2006)
http://www.coryarcangel.com/things-i-made/2006-019-handmadegif

VVORK, 2006-2012 [BERLIN]
http://www.vvork.com

Nasty Nets surf club (2006)
http://archive.rhizome.org/artbase/53981/nastynets.com

Spirit Surfers surf club (2008)
http://www.spiritsurfers.net/monastery

Cory Arcangel, Sans Comic (2008)
http://www.coryarcangel.com/things-i-made/2008-079-sans-comic

2007 — Guthrie Lonergan's Hackers vs. Defaults
http://guthguth.blogspot.com/2007/01/hacking-defaults-hacking-nintendo.html

Petra Cortright, VVEBCAM (2007)
http://archive.rhizome.org/artbase/53474/vvebcam.html

June 6, 2007 — the iPhone is released

2008 — Tumblr

JODI, GEO GOO (2008)
http://geogoo.net

November 2, 2008 — Contemporary Art Daily
http://www.contemporaryartdaily.com

The Jogging, founded 2009 (Brad Troemel, Lauren Christensen) [CHICAGO]
http://thejogging.tumblr.com

Kari Altmann, Ruins (2009-)
http://r-u-ins.org

October 2010 — Instagram

Ryder Ripps's DUMP FM (2010)
http://dump.fm

Oliver Laric, versions (2010)
http://oliverlaric.com/versions.htm

December, 2011 — Zynga IPO

July 2011 — Snapchat

One Terabyte of Kilobyte Age, 2011
http://oneterabyteofkilobyteage.tumblr.com

May 2013 — Edward Snowden leaks classified documents about bulk data collection to Glenn Greenwald and Laura Poitras

Amalia Ulman, Excellences and Perfections (2014)
http://webenact.rhizome.org/excellences-and-perfections