

Apocalypse now - could the internet seize up altogether?

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Life without the internet - American I.T. experts say it could happen within just six years.

While the internet has significantly eased lives of millions, the research by U.S. experts says the web is getting clogged up with traffic and the network might vanish in 2015.

"The world will become bigger again, the feeling that we share the same planet will disappear and the science will not be developing as quickly as it's developing now," said Dmitry Glukhovsky, a popular Internet writer on the prospective.

Although high-speed connections are now taken for granted and it's hard to imagine that people ever lived without Google or Skype, in reality it's only been a few years since people managed to struggle from one day to the next without ever logging on.

In the 1980s when George Watts started working as a translator, there was no Internet. All he had to use was a portable typewriter, dictionaries and libraries.

"Back in 1985, I started working on translation of this book – Functional and stereotactic neurosurgery," he told RT. "In order to begin working on this translation I had to do some research, to find sources of information both in Russian and in English about neurosurgery. So I had to scrap up as many dictionaries as I could. It took me four and a half years to translate this book."

However, despite the gloomy predictions, a number of experts say the web is safe with preventative steps already being made.

As "the end of the Internet" is typically associated with the exhaustion of IP addresses in the web, the coordinators of the internet ICANN organization has already started creating new ones.

As man was smart enough to create the network for global connection, we must be intelligent enough to clear them up and keep the world connected too.

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