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The dotcom bubble may have finally burst but there can be no doubt that the Internet has forever changed the way we communicate, do business and find information of all kinds. *Scientific American* has regularly covered the advances making this transformation possible. And during the past five years alone, many leading researchers and computer scientists have aired their views on the Web in our pages.

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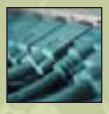
5 

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