

# Efforts to Automatically Merge Started Long Ago

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By the late 80s,

- the Internet had reached many universities,
- but using it required one
- to be physically on a campus
- (in other words, no Wifi, no cell coverage).

Researchers started trying to address

- the problem of merging updates
- from users working in disconnected mode,
- then returning with separate new versions of a document.

