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20 great British inventors

Michael Aldrich (1941-)

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Philippa Aldrich

Aldrich is the English inventor and entrepreneur who was first to develop the idea of pre-internet online shopping or e-commerce, designing systems that allowed for online transactions between businesses and their customers as early as 1979. He invented the Teleputer home infotainment centre in 1980, which was an early attempt to combine a PC, TV and Telecom networking tech.

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