

# History of a CLI

CLIs have a rich history, evolving alongside the growth of computer hardware. The first CLI was created in **1963**, when **teletypewriters**, or **TTY** for short, were the most common input/output devices used to communicate with computer systems. Over time, advancements in hardware led to the creation of glass TTYS, essentially the earliest version of a computer monitor **[1969]**.

In **1978**, common command protocols were developed, which helped standardize CLI commands across systems. This made it easier for people to learn and use commands across different platforms.

Despite the rise of **graphical user interfaces (GUIs)** in the **1980s**, CLIs continue to be popular among technologists due to their speed, flexibility, and efficiency. In fact, many developers and system administrators still prefer using CLIs over GUIs, particularly when working with complex systems or executing repetitive tasks.