

History and Spirit of C and C++

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In the second half we backtrack into the history again, now including Simula, Algol 68, Ada, ML, Clu into the equation. We will discuss the motivation for creating C++, and with live coding we will demonstrate by example how it has evolved from the rather primitive “C with Classes” into a supermodern and capable programming language as we now have with C++11/14 and soon with C++17.

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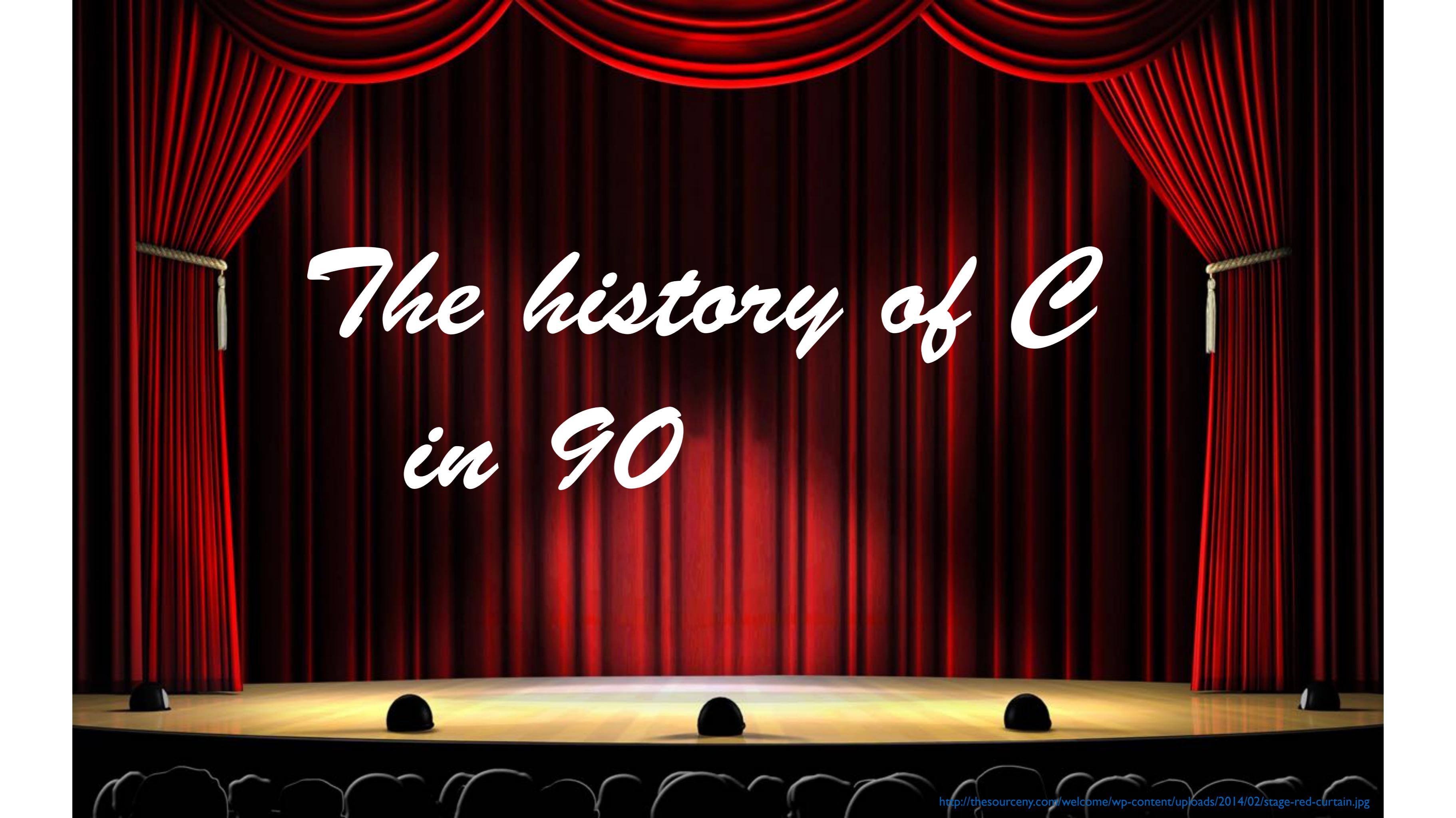
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The history of C



The history of C
in 90

A photograph of a stage with red velvet curtains. The stage floor is light-colored wood. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of audience members' heads are visible. A large, white, cursive font title is centered over the stage.

*The history of C
in 90 seconds*

At Bell Labs.



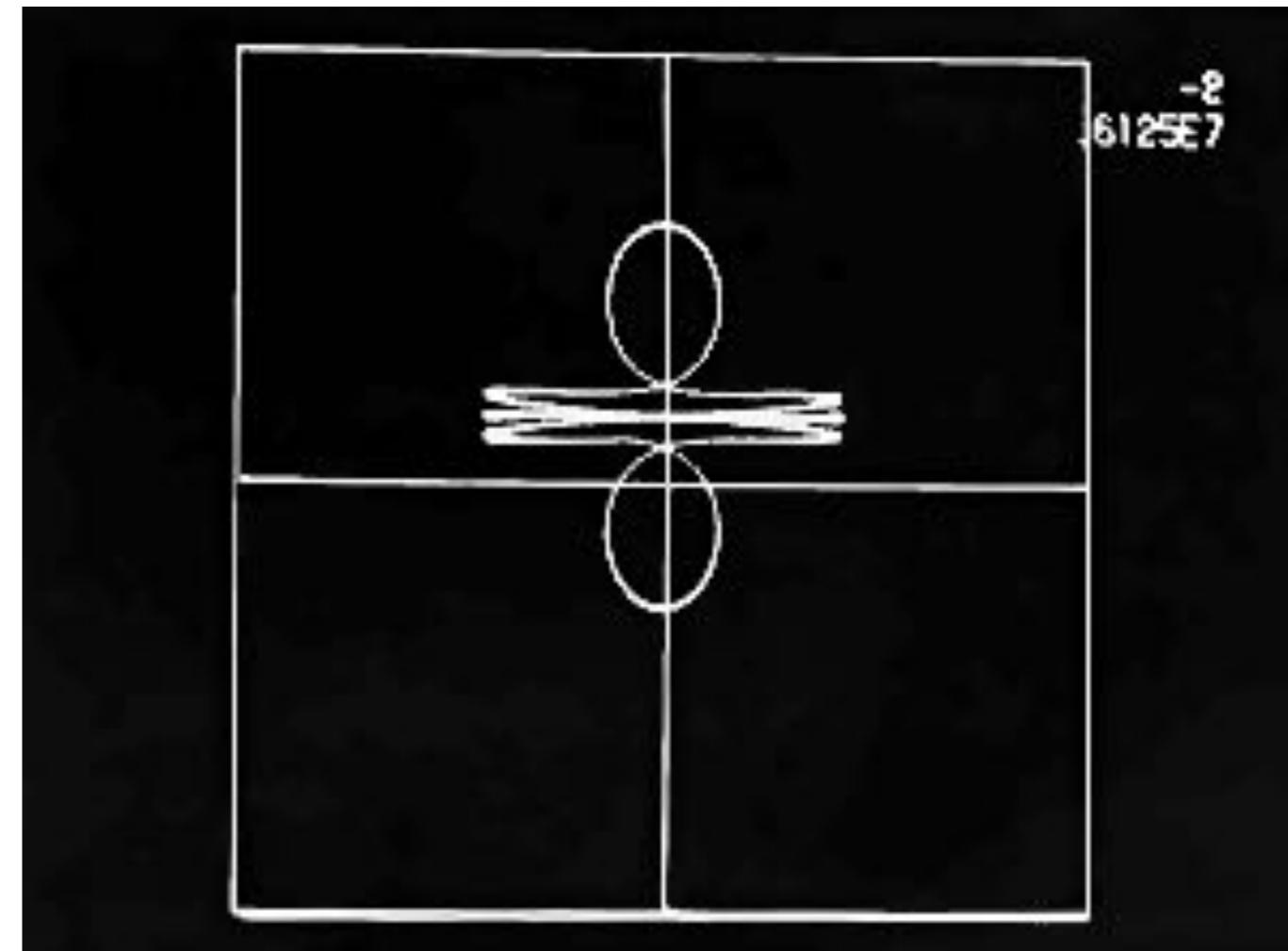
Back in 1969.



Ken Thompson wanted to play.



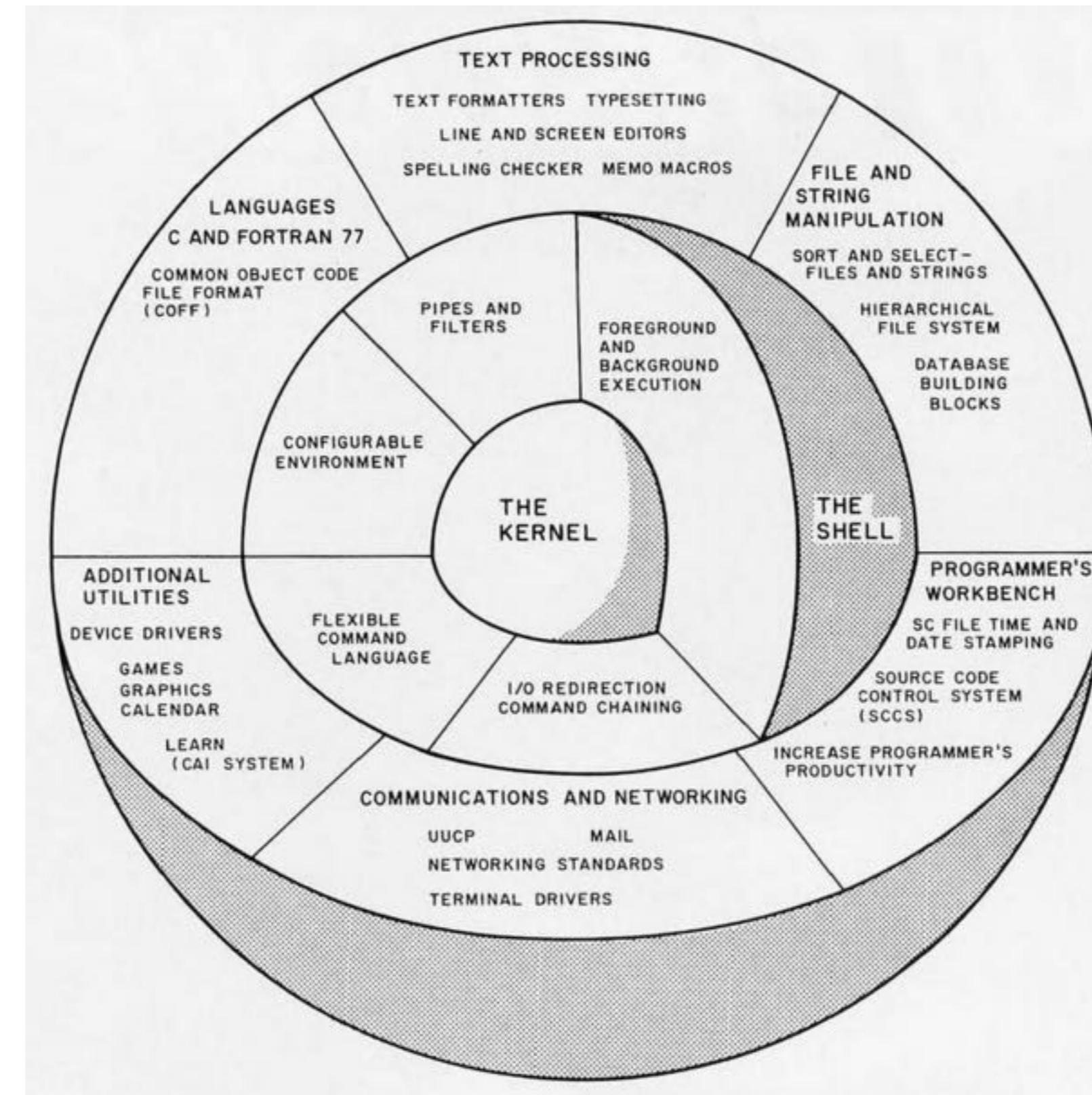
Ken Thompson wanted to play.



He found a little used PDP-7.



Ended up writing a nearly complete operating system from scratch.



In about 4 weeks.

“Essentially one person for a month, it was just my self.”
(Ken Thompson, 1989 Interview)

In pure assembler of course.

```
GO,          LAS
             SPA.!CMA      /EXAMINE AC SWITCHES
             JMP GO        /WAIT UNTIL ACS0=0
             DAC CNTSET
             LAC ONE       /1 IS A CONSTANT
             DAC BIT
             CLL           /CLEAR THE LINK

LOOP,        LAC CNTSET
             DAC CNT
             LAC BIT

LOOP1,       ISZ CNT      /LOOP UNTIL CNT GOES TO ZERO
             JMP LOOP1    /JUMP TO PRECEDING LOCATION
             RAL
             DAC BIT      /ROTATE BIT
             LAS
             SMA          /IF ACS0=1, RESET TIME CONSTANT
             JMP LOOP
             JMP GO

/STORAGE FOR PROGRAM DATA
CNT,         0
BIT,         0
CNTSET,      0
ONE,         1

START GO
```

Dennis Ritchie soon joined the effort.



While porting Unix to a PDP-11



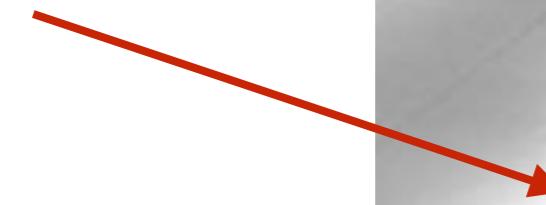
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Ken



they invented C,

```
main( ) {  
    printf("hello, world");  
}
```

heavily inspired by Martin Richards' portable
systems programming language BCPL.



Martin Richards, Dec 2014

```
GET "LIBHDR"  
LET START() BE WRITES("Hello, World")
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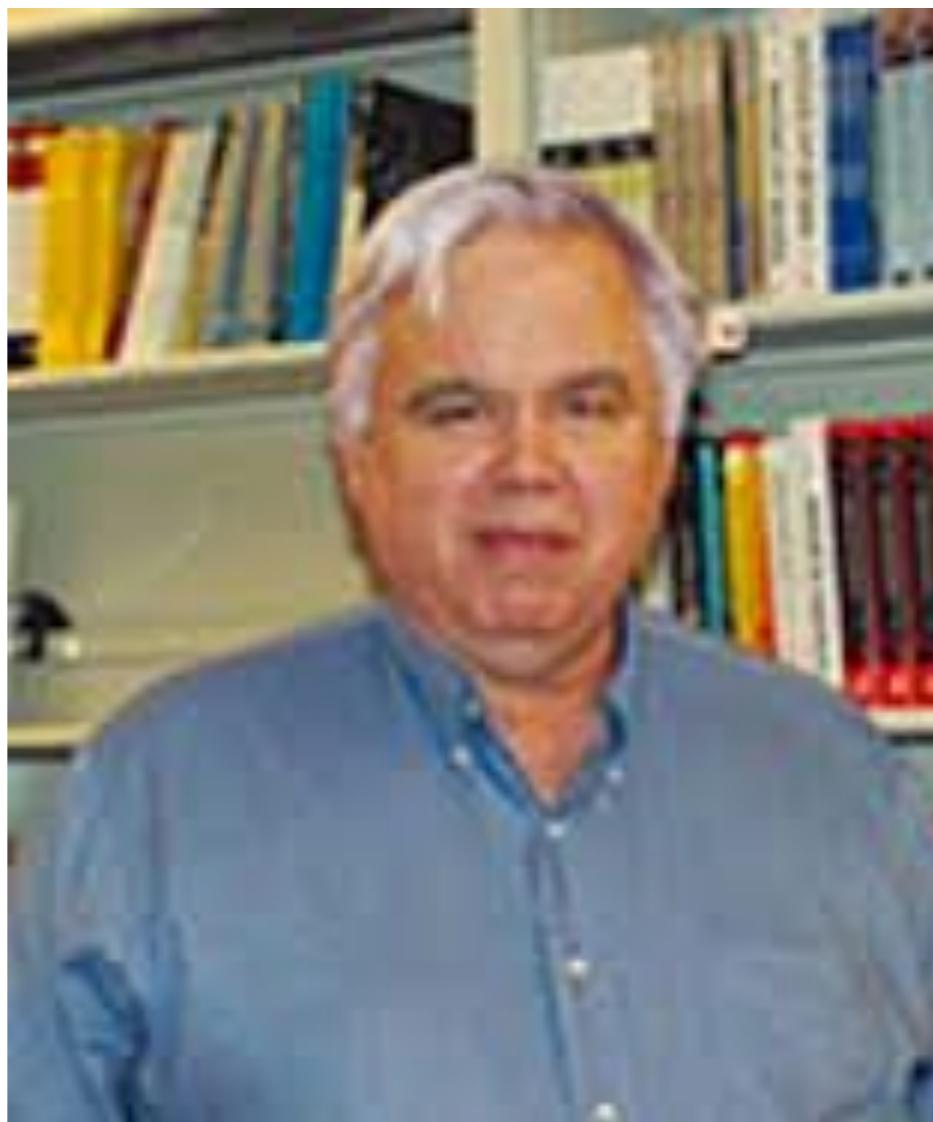
In 1972 Unix was rewritten in C,

```
137 printf(fmt,x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9)
138 char fmt[]; {
139     extern printn, putchar, namsiz, ncpw;
140     char s[];
141     auto adx[], x, c, i[];
142
143     adx = &x1; /* argument pointer */
144 loop:
145     while((c = *fmt++) != '%') {
146         if(c == '\0')
147             return;
148         putchar(c);
149     }
150     x = *adx++;
151     switch (c = *fmt++) {
152
153     case 'd': /* decimal */
154     case 'o': /* octal */
155         if(x < 0) {
156             x = -x;
157             if(x<0) { /* - infinity */
158                 if(c=='o')
159                     printf("100000");
160                 else
161                     printf("-32767");
162                 goto loop;
163             }
164             putchar('-');
165         }
166         printn(x, c=='o'?8:10);
167         goto loop;
168
169     case 's': /* string */
170         s = x;
171         while(c = *s++)
172             putchar(c);
173         goto loop;
174
175     case 'p':
176         s = x;
177         putchar('_');
178         c = namsiz;
179         while(c--)
180             if(*s)
181                 putchar(*s++);
182         goto loop;
183
184         putchar('%');
185         fmt--;
186         adx--;
187         goto loop;
188     }
189 }
```

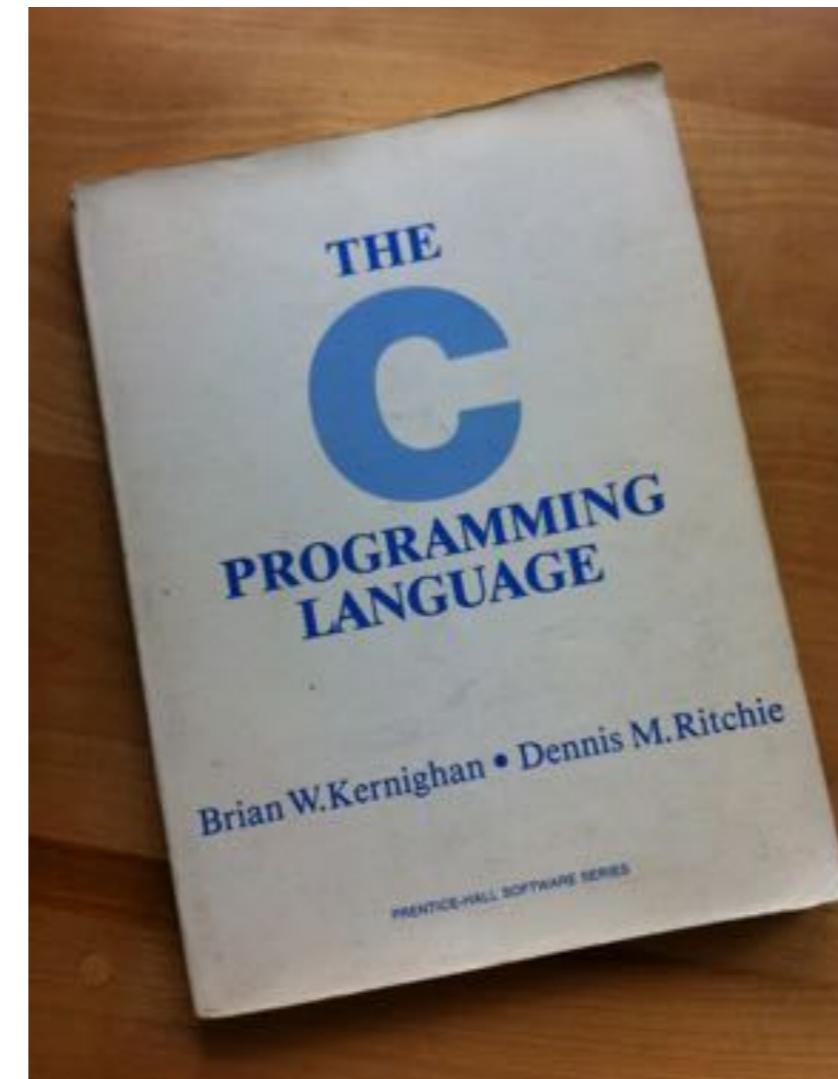
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aided by Steve Johnsons Portable C Compiler.



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K&R (1978)

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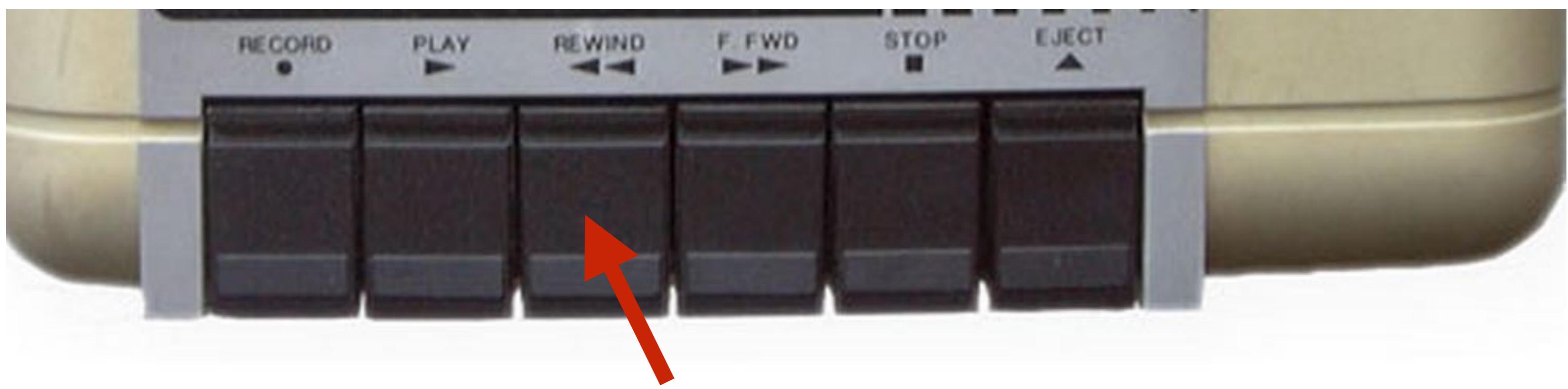
ANSI/ISO C (C89/C90)

C99

C11

The
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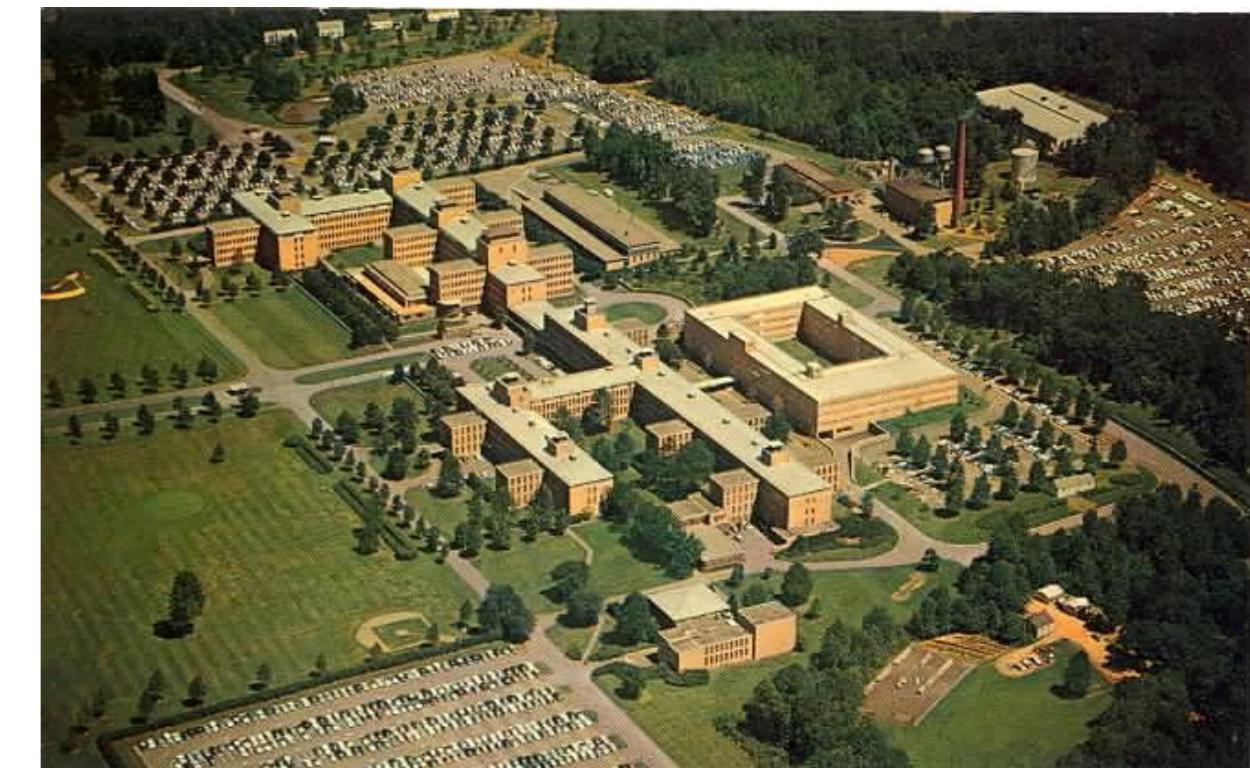


Ken Thompson, Dennis Ritchie and 20+ more technical staff from Bell Labs had been working on the very innovative Multics project for several years.



The MULTICS ("Multiplexed Information and Computing Service) was started in 1964, as a cooperative project led by MIT's Project MAC (Multiple Access Computing), General Electric and Bell Labs.

Bell Labs pulled out of the project in 1969.



Multics was a huge project, with great ambitions. It was a secure time-sharing system with lots of advanced features, and it was one of the few operating systems at the time written in a high level language, PL/I.

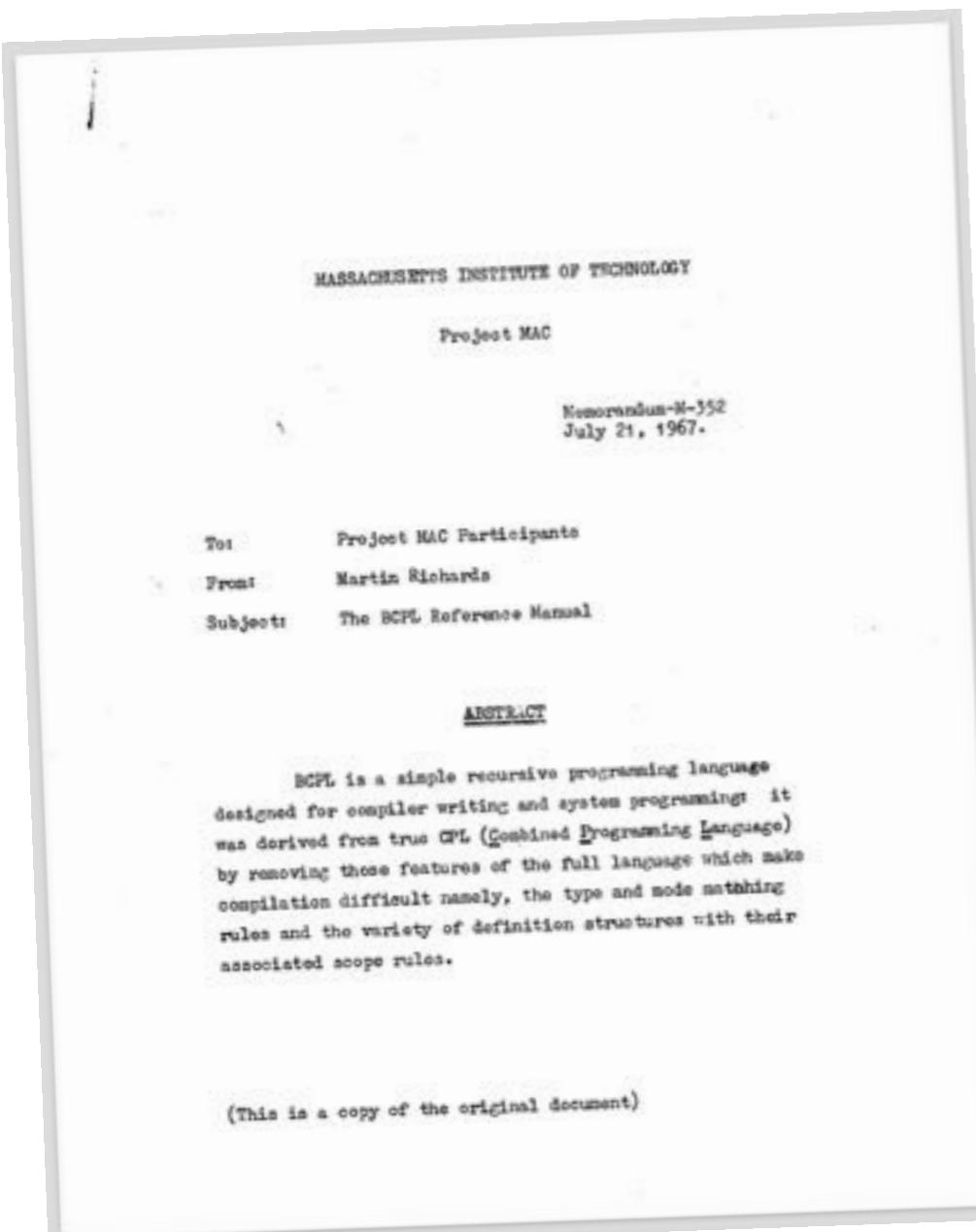
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FACT: PROC;
DCL I FIXED, PRINT ENTRY, F ENTRY RETURNS(FIXED), N INT;
DO I = 1 TO 10;
CALL PRINT("Factorial is", F(I));
END;
F: PROC (N) FIXED;
DCL N FIXED;
IF N = 0 THEN RETURN(1);
RETURN(N*F(N-1));
END F;
END FACT;
```

While working on the Multics projects, Dennis and Ken had also been exposed to the very portable language systems programming language BCPL.

```
GET "LIBHDR"  
LET START( ) BE WRITES("Hello, World")
```

"Both of us were really taken by the language and did a lot of work with it." (Ken Thompson, 1989 interview)

BCPL, Basic CPL, had been described and implemented for the Project MAC in 1967 by a visiting researcher, Martin Richards from Cambridge University.



BCPL is a simple recursive programming language designed for compiler writing and system programming: it was derived from true CPL (Combined Programming Language) by removing those features of the full language which make compilation difficult namely, the type and mode matching rules and the variety of definition structures with their associated scope rules.

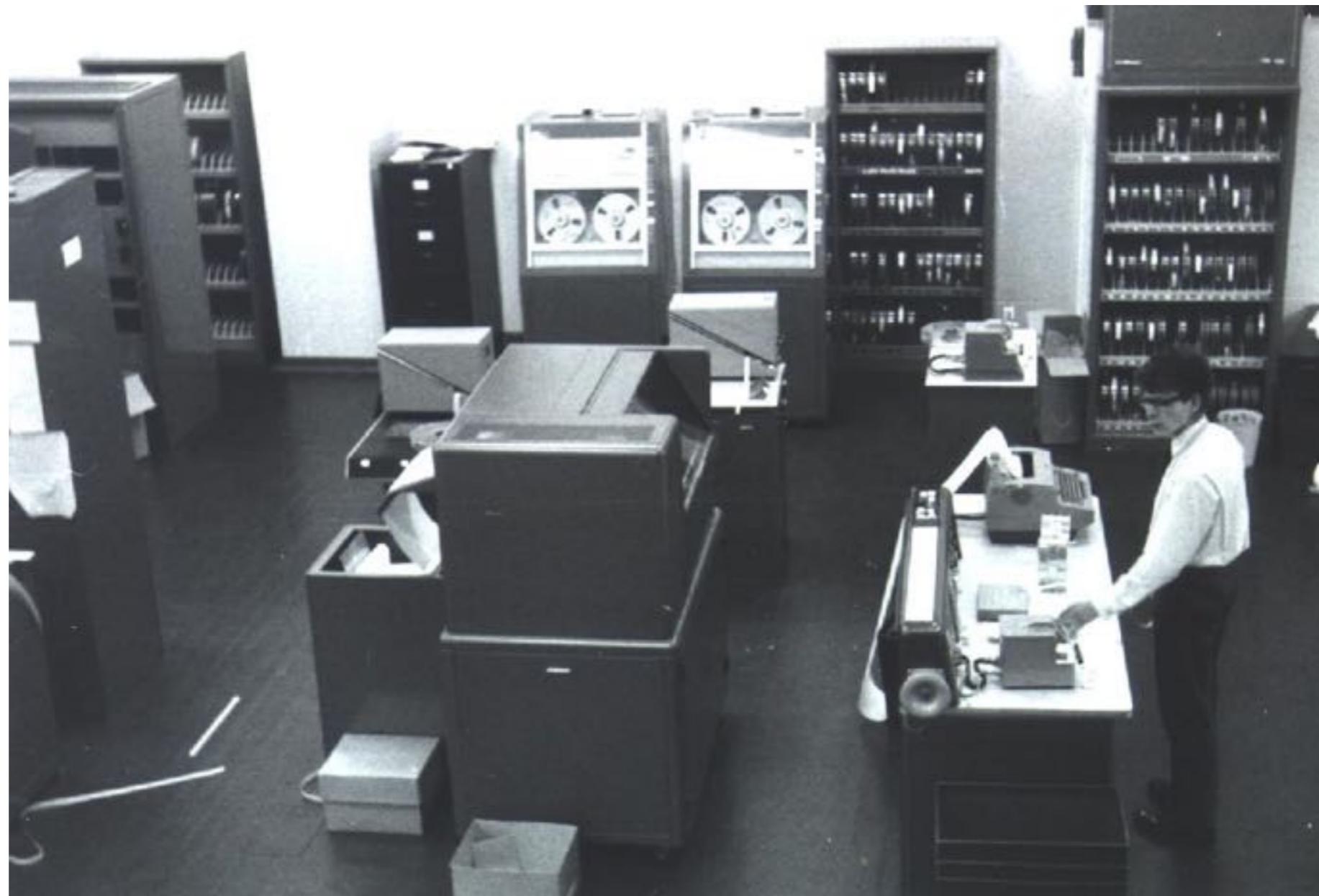
Before visiting MIT, Martin Richards had been actively involved in developing a compiler for a very ambitious programming language - CPL.

```
function Euler [function Fct, real Eps; integer Tim]= result of
    §1 dec §1.1 real Mn, Ds, Sum
        integer i, t
        index n=0
            m = Array [real, (0, 15)] §1.1
            i, t, m[0] := 0, 0, Fct[0]
            Sum := m[0]/2
            §1.2 i := i + 1
                Mn := Fct[i]
                for k = step 0, 1, n do
                    m[k], Mn := Mn, (Mn + m[k])/2
                test Mod[Mn] < Mod[m[n]] ∧ n < 15
                    then do Ds, n, m[n+1] := Mn/2, n+1, Mn
                    or do Ds := Mn
                    Sum := Sum + Ds
                    t := (Mod[Ds] < Eps) → t + 1, 0 §1..2
                repeat while t < Tim
            result := Sum §1.
```

Designed jointly by the Mathematical Laboratory at the University of Cambridge and the University of London Computer Unit



for the Atlas computer (ordered in 1961, operational in 1964)

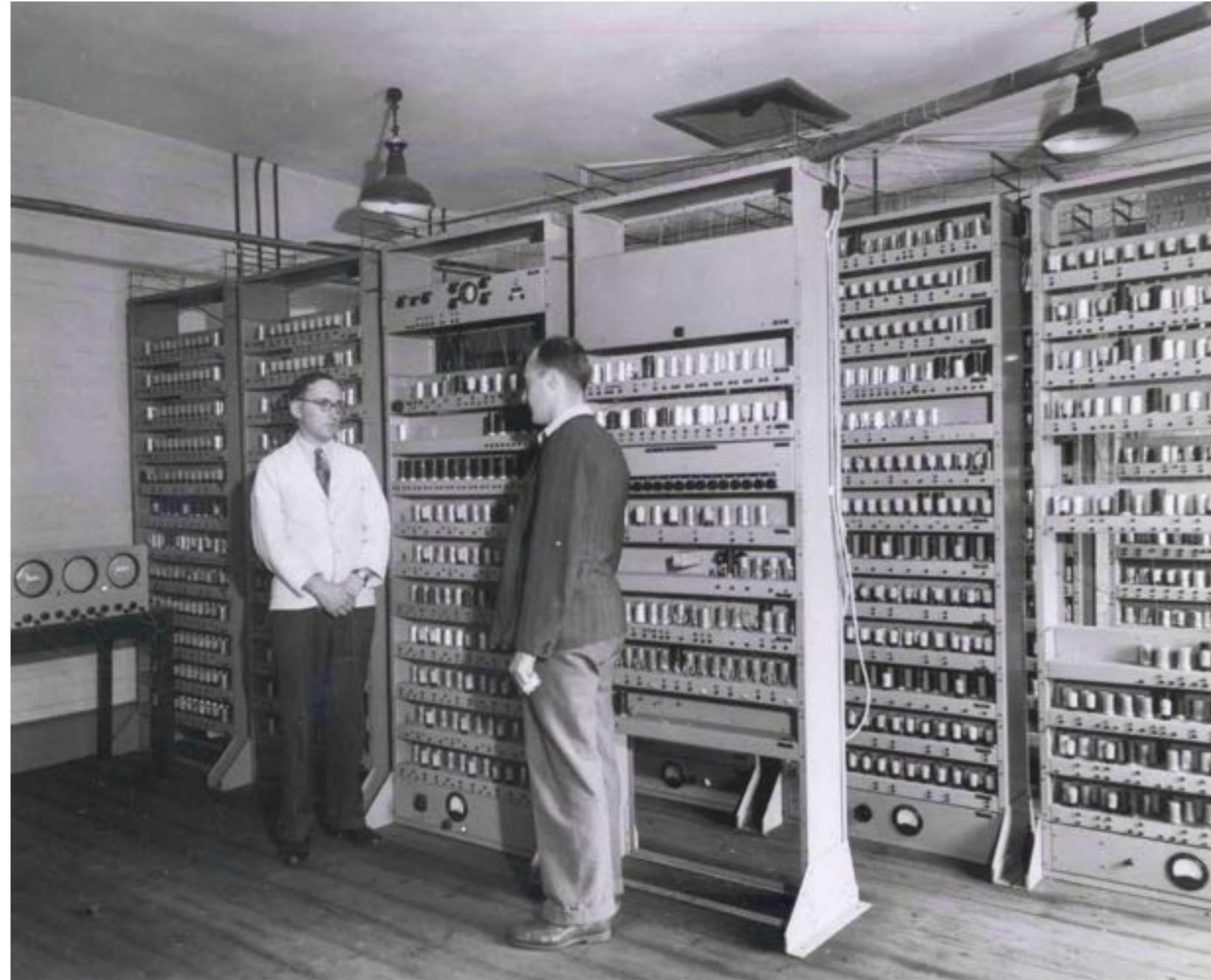


CPL was designed and partly implemented before the Atlas computer was operational. Martin Richard and the others had to work on the EDSAC 2 computer.



EDSAC 2 users in 1960

Which was an upgrade of the EDSAC computer. Arguably, the first electronic digital stored-program computer. It ran its first program May 6, 1949



Maurice Wilkes and Bill Renwick in front of the complete EDSAC

Maurice Wilkes' himself commenting on the 1951 film about how EDSAC was used in practice:

<https://youtu.be/x-vS0WcjyNM>

The EDSAC 1951 film
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“Hi” on the EDSAC / Initial Orders I

T44S	31	T _end+1	mark end of program
E38S	32	E _start	jump to beginning of program
*S	33	lshift *	letter shift
HS	34	_H H	letter H
IS	35	_I I	letter I
&S	36	lf &	LF - line feed character
@S	37	cr @	CR - carriage return character
033S	38	_start 0 lshift	prepare for printing lettersn
034S	39	0 _H	print H
035S	40	0 _I	print I
036S	41	0 lf	print lf
037S	42	0 cr	print cr
ZS	43	_end Z	end of program

T44SE38S*SHSIS&S@S033S034S035S036S037SZS

“Count to 10” on the EDSAC / Initial Orders I

T62S	31	T _end+1	mark end of program
E43S	32	E _start	jump to beginning of program
#S	33	fshift	#
&S	34	lf	&
@S	35	cr	@
PS	36	dummy	P
P0S	37	first	P 0
P9S	38	last	P 9
P1S	39	incr	P 1
PS	40	cur	P
PS	41	d	P
XS	42	_start	X
O33S	43		0 fshift
T36S	44		T dummy
A37S	45		A first
T40S	46		T cur
XS	47	_loop	X
T36S	48		T dummy
A40S	49		A cur
L512S	50		L 2^(11-2)
T41S	51		T d
O41S	52		O d
A40S	53		A cur
A39S	54		A incr
T40S	55		T cur
A38S	56		A last
S40S	57		S cur
E48S	58		E _loop
O34S	59		O lf
O35S	60		O cr
ZS	61	_end	Z
			stop program

“FizzBuzz” on the EDSAC / Initial Orders I

written in a “primitive” 1949-like style
by Olve Maudal, Monday, April 20, 2015

I pretended I was a student, who had won a **single** chance to run my program
on this precious computer.

The program did actually ran on the **very first attempt!**

“FizzBuzz” on the EDSAC / Initial Orders I

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T123S 31      T L_end      mark end of program
E60S 32      E L_start    jump to the beginning of program
#S 33 _FS      #
*S 34 _LS      *
&S 35 _LF      &
@S 36 _CR      @
P100S 37 _100   P 100     constant 100
P10S 38 _10     P 10      constant 10
P5S 39 _5      P 5       constant 5
P3S 40 _3      P 3       constant 3
P1S 41 _1      P 1       constant 1
QS 42 '_1'     Q         constant figure 1
PS 43 '_0'     P         constant figure 0
BS 44 _B      B         constant letter B
FS 45 _F      F         constant letter F
IS 46 _I      I         constant letter I
US 47 _U      U         constant letter U
ZS 48 _Z      Z         constant letter Z
PS 49 _dummy   P         used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S 50 _cnt    P 1       counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS 51 _num    P         number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS 52 _d      P         digit to be printed

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034S 53 L_next  0 _LS      output LS, prepare for printing letters
035S 54          0 _LF      output LF, linefeed
036S 55          0 _CR      output CR, carriage return
T49S 56          T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 57          A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
A41S 58          A _1       increase Acc
T50S 59          T _cnt    store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S 60 L_start  A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S 61          U _num    tentatively set number to be printed
S40S 62 L_tryFizz S _3       subtract 3
E62S 63          E L_tryFizz loop until Acc < 0
A40S 64          A _3       add 3, restore previous value
S41S 65          S _1       subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S 66          E L_notFizz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 3
T51S 67          T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 68          0 _LS      prepare printing letters
045S 69          0 _F       output F
046S 70          0 _I       output I
048S 71          0 _Z       output Z
048S 72          0 _Z       output Z
T49S 73 L_notFizz T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 74          A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
S39S 75 L_Buzz   S _5       subtract 5
E75S 76          E L_Buzz   loop until Acc < 0
A39S 77          A _5       add 5, restore previous value
S41S 78          S _1       subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S 79          E L_notBuzz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 5
T51S 80          T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 81          0 _LS      prepare printing letters
044S 82          0 _B       output B
047S 83          0 _U       output U
048S 84          0 _Z       output Z
048S 85          0 _Z       output Z
T49S 86 L_notBuzz T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 87          A _num    load _num to check number to be printed
G53S 88          G L_next   goto next iteration if _num is negative
033S 89 L_printNum 0 _FS     prepare for printing numbers
T49S 90          T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 91          A _cnt    load counter
S37S 92          S _100    subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S 93          G L_not100 jump if not 100 yet
042S 94          0 '_1'     output 1
043S 95          0 '_0'     output 0
043S 96          0 '_0'     output 0
ZS 97          Z         end the program
T49S 98 L_not100 T _dummy   reset Acc
T52S 99          T _d       reset digit
A50S 100         A _cnt    load counter
S38S 101 L_count10s S _10    subtract 10
G109S 102         G L_print10s goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S 103         T _num    store number
A52S 104         A _d       load digit
A41S 105         A _1       increase digit
T52S 106         T _d       store digit
A51S 107         A _num    load number
E101S 108         E L_count10s loop unconditionally
T49S 109 L_print10s T _dummy   reset Acc
A52S 110         A _d       load digit
S41S 111         S _1       decrease digit by 1
G117S 112         G L_1     if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S 113         A _1       restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S 114         L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 115         T _d       save printable figure
O52S 116         O _d       print figure / digit
T49S 117 L_1:     T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 118         A _num    load number
L512S 119         L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 120         T _d       save printable figure
O52S 121         O _d       print figure / digit
E53S 122         E L_next   unconditional jump
XS 123 L_end     X

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E60S	32	E L_start	jump to the beginning of program
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*S	34 _LS	*	letter shift
&S	35 _LF	&	linefeed character
@S	36 _CR	@	carriage return character
P100S	37 _100	P 100	constant 100
P10S	38 _10	P 10	constant 10
P5S	39 _5	P 5	constant 5
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#S 33 _FS      #
*S 34 _LS      *
&S 35 _LF      &
@S 36 _CR      @
P100S 37 _100   P 100     constant 100
P10S 38 _10     P 10      constant 10
P5S 39 _5      P 5       constant 5
P3S 40 _3      P 3       constant 3
P1S 41 _1      P 1       constant 1
QS 42 _'1'     Q          constant figure 1
PS 43 _'0'     P          constant figure 0
BS 44 _B      B          constant letter B
FS 45 _F      F          constant letter F
IS 46 _I      I          constant letter I
US 47 _U      U          constant letter U
ZS 48 _Z      Z          constant letter Z
PS 49 _dummy   P          used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S 50 _cnt    P 1       counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS 51 _num    P          number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS 52 _d      P          digit to be printed

034S 53 L_next  0 _LS      output LS, prepare for printing letters
035S 54          0 _LF      output LF, linefeed
036S 55          0 _CR      output CR, carriage return
T49S 56          T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 57          A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
A41S 58          A _1       increase Acc
T50S 59          T _cnt    store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S 60 L_start A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S 61          U _num    tentatively set number to be printed
S40S 62 L_tryFizz S _3       subtract 3
E62S 63          E L_tryFizz loop until Acc < 0
A40S 64          A _3       add 3, restore previous value
S41S 65          S _1       subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S 66          E L_notFizz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 3
T51S 67          T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 68          0 _LS      prepare printing letters
045S 69          0 _F       output F
046S 70          0 _I       output I
048S 71          0 _Z       output Z
048S 72          0 _Z       output Z

T49S 73 L_notFizz T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 74          A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
S39S 75 L_Buzz   S _5       subtract 5
E75S 76          E L_Buzz   loop until Acc < 0
A39S 77          A _5       add 5, restore previous value
S41S 78          S _1       subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S 79          E L_notBuzz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 5
T51S 80          T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 81          0 _LS      prepare printing letters
044S 82          0 _B       output B
047S 83          0 _U       output U
048S 84          0 _Z       output Z
048S 85          0 _Z       output Z
T49S 86 L_notBuzz T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 87          A _num    load _num to check number to be printed
G53S 88          G L_next   goto next iteration if _num is negative
033S 89 L_printNum 0 _FS    prepare for printing numbers
T49S 90          T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 91          A _cnt    load counter
S37S 92          S _100    subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S 93          G L_not100 jump if not 100 yet
042S 94          0 _'1'    output 1
043S 95          0 _'0'    output 0
043S 96          0 _'0'    output 0
ZS 97          Z          end the program
T49S 98 L_not100 T _dummy   reset Acc
T52S 99          T _d       reset digit
A50S 100         A _cnt    load counter
S38S 101 L_count10s S _10    subtract 10
G109S 102         G L_print10s goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S 103         T _num    store number
A52S 104         A _d       load digit
A41S 105         A _1       increase digit
T52S 106         T _d       store digit
A51S 107         A _num    load number
E101S 108         E L_count10s loop unconditionally
T49S 109 L_print10s T _dummy   reset Acc
A52S 110         A _d       load digit
S41S 111         S _1       decrease digit by 1
G117S 112         G L_1     if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S 113         A _1       restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S 114         L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 115         T _d       save printable figure
O52S 116         O _d       print figure / digit
T49S 117 L_1:     T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 118         A _num    load number
L512S 119         L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 120         T _d       save printable figure
O52S 121         O _d       print figure / digit
E53S 122         E L_next   unconditional jump
XS 123 L_end     X

```

034S	53 L_next	0 _LS	output LS, prepare for printing letters
035S	54	0 _LF	output LF, linefeed
036S	55	0 _CR	output CR, carriage return
T49S	56	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	57	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
A41S	58	A _1	increase Acc
T50S	59	T _cnt	store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S	60 L_start	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S	61	U _num	tentatively set number to be printed
S40S	62 L_tryFizz	S _3	subtract 3
E62S	63	E L_tryFizz	loop until Acc < 0
A40S	64	A _3	add 3, restore previous value
S41S	65	S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S	66	E L_notFizz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 3
T51S	67	T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S	68	0 _LS	prepare printing letters
045S	69	0 _F	output F
046S	70	0 _I	output I
048S	71	0 _Z	output Z
048S	72	0 _Z	output Z

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```

T123S 31      T L_end      mark end of program
E60S 32      E L_start    jump to the beginning of program
#S 33 _FS      #
*S 34 _LS      *
&S 35 _LF      &
@S 36 _CR      @
P100S 37 _100   P 100     constant 100
P10S 38 _10     P 10      constant 10
P5S 39 _5      P 5       constant 5
P3S 40 _3      P 3       constant 3
P1S 41 _1      P 1       constant 1
QS 42 '_1'     Q         constant figure 1
PS 43 '_0'     P         constant figure 0
BS 44 _B      B         constant letter B
FS 45 _F      F         constant letter F
IS 46 _I      I         constant letter I
US 47 _U      U         constant letter U
ZS 48 _Z      Z         constant letter Z
PS 49 _dummy   P         used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S 50 _cnt    P 1       counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS 51 _num    P          number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS 52 _d      P          digit to be printed
034S 53 L_next 0 _LS      output LS, prepare for printing letters
035S 54 0 _LF      output LF, linefeed
036S 55 0 _CR      output CR, carriage return
T49S 56 T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 57 A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
A41S 58 A _1      increase Acc
T50S 59 T _cnt    store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S 60 L_start A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S 61 U _num    tentatively set number to be printed
S40S 62 L_tryFizz S _3      subtract 3
E62S 63 E L_tryFizz loop until Acc < 0
A40S 64 A _3      add 3, restore previous value
S41S 65 S _1      subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S 66 E L_notFizz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 3
T51S 67 T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 68 0 _LS      prepare printing letters
045S 69 0 _F      output F
046S 70 0 _I      output I
048S 71 0 _Z      output Z
048S 72 0 _Z      output Z

```

```

T49S 73 L_notFizz T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 74 A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
S39S 75 L_Buzz   S _5       subtract 5
E75S 76 E L_Buzz   loop until Acc < 0
A39S 77 A _5      add 5, restore previous value
S41S 78 S _1      subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S 79 E L_notBuzz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 5
T51S 80 T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 81 0 _LS      prepare printing letters
044S 82 0 _B      output B
047S 83 0 _U      output U
048S 84 0 _Z      output Z
048S 85 0 _Z      output Z
T49S 86 L_notBuzz T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 87 A _num    load _num to check number to be printed
G53S 88 G L_next  goto next iteration if _num is negative
033S 89 L_printNum 0 _FS    prepare for printing numbers
T49S 90 T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 91 A _cnt    load counter
S37S 92 S _100    subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S 93 G L_not100 jump if not 100 yet
042S 94 0 '_1'    output 1
043S 95 0 '_0'    output 0
043S 96 0 '_0'    output 0
ZS 97 Z         end the program

```

```

T49S 98 L_not100 T _dummy   reset Acc
T52S 99 T _d      reset digit
A50S 100 A _cnt   load counter
S38S 101 L_count10s S _10    subtract 10
G109S 102 G L_print10s goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S 103 T _num   store number
A52S 104 A _d      load digit
A41S 105 A _1      increase digit
T52S 106 T _d      store digit
A51S 107 A _num   load number
E101S 108 E L_count10s loop unconditionally
T49S 109 L_print10s T _dummy   reset Acc
A52S 110 A _d      load digit
S41S 111 S _1      decrease digit by 1
G117S 112 G L_1      if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S 113 A _1      restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S 114 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 115 T _d      save printable figure
O52S 116 O _d      print figure / digit
T49S 117 L_1: T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 118 A _num   load number
L512S 119 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 120 T _d      save printable figure
O52S 121 O _d      print figure / digit
E53S 122 E L_next  unconditional jump
XS 123 L_end   X

```

T49S	73	L_notFizz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	74		A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
S39S	75	L_Buzz	S _5	subtract 5
E75S	76		E L_Buzz	loop until Acc < 0
A39S	77		A _5	add 5, restore previous value
S41S	78		S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S	79		E L_notBuzz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 5
T51S	80		T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S	81		0 _LS	prepare printing letters
044S	82		0 _B	output B
047S	83		0 _U	output U
048S	84		0 _Z	output Z
048S	85		0 _Z	output Z
T49S	86	L_notBuzz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	87		A _num	load _num to check number to be printed
G53S	88		G L_next	goto next iteration if _num is negative
033S	89	L_printNum	0 _FS	prepare for printing numbers
T49S	90		T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	91		A _cnt	load counter
S37S	92		S _100	subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S	93		G L_not100	jump if not 100 yet
042S	94		0 '_1'	output 1
043S	95		0 '_0'	output 0
043S	96		0 '_0'	output 0
ZS	97		Z	end the program

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```

T123S 31      T L_end      mark end of program
E60S 32      E L_start    jump to the beginning of program
#S 33 _FS      #
*S 34 _LS      *
&S 35 _LF      &
@S 36 _CR      @
P100S 37 _100   P 100     constant 100
P10S 38 _10     P 10      constant 10
P5S 39 _5      P 5       constant 5
P3S 40 _3      P 3       constant 3
P1S 41 _1      P 1       constant 1
QS 42 '_1'     Q         constant figure 1
PS 43 '_0'     P         constant figure 0
BS 44 _B      B         constant letter B
FS 45 _F      F         constant letter F
IS 46 _I      I         constant letter I
US 47 _U      U         constant letter U
ZS 48 _Z      Z         constant letter Z
PS 49 _dummy   P         used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S 50 _cnt    P 1       counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS 51 _num    P         number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS 52 _d      P         digit to be printed
034S 53 L_next 0 _LS      output LS, prepare for printing letters
035S 54 0 _LF      output LF, linefeed
036S 55 0 _CR      output CR, carriage return
T49S 56 T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 57 A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
A41S 58 A _1      increase Acc
T50S 59 T _cnt    store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S 60 L_start A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S 61 U _num    tentatively set number to be printed
S40S 62 L_tryFizz S _3      subtract 3
E62S 63 E L_tryFizz loop until Acc < 0
A40S 64 A _3      add 3, restore previous value
S41S 65 S _1      subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S 66 E L_notFizz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 3
T51S 67 T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 68 0 _LS      prepare printing letters
045S 69 0 _F      output F
046S 70 0 _I      output I
048S 71 0 _Z      output Z
048S 72 0 _Z      output Z
T49S 73 L_notFizz T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 74 A _cnt    load Acc with _cnt
S39S 75 L_Buzz   S _5      subtract 5
E75S 76 E L_Buzz   loop until Acc < 0
A39S 77 A _5      add 5, restore previous value
S41S 78 S _1      subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S 79 E L_notBuzz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 5
T51S 80 T _num    set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S 81 0 _LS      prepare printing letters
044S 82 0 _B      output B
047S 83 0 _U      output U
048S 84 0 _Z      output Z
048S 85 0 _Z      output Z
T49S 86 L_notBuzz T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 87 A _num    load _num to check number to be printed
G53S 88 G L_next   goto next iteration if _num is negative
033S 89 L_printNum 0 _FS      prepare for printing numbers
T49S 90 T _dummy   reset Acc
A50S 91 A _cnt    load counter
S37S 92 S _100    subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S 93 G L_not100 jump if not 100 yet
042S 94 0 '_1'    output 1
043S 95 0 '_0'    output 0
043S 96 0 '_0'    output 0
ZS 97 Z         end the program

```

```

T49S 98 L_not100 T _dummy   reset Acc
T52S 99 T _d      reset digit
A50S 100 A _cnt   load counter
S38S 101 L_count10s S _10    subtract 10
G109S 102 G L_print10s goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S 103 T _num   store number
A52S 104 A _d      load digit
A41S 105 A _1      increase digit
T52S 106 T _d      store digit
A51S 107 A _num   load number
E101S 108 E L_count10s loop unconditionally
T49S 109 L_print10s T _dummy   reset Acc
A52S 110 A _d      load digit
S41S 111 S _1      decrease digit by 1
G117S 112 G L_1      if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S 113 A _1      restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S 114 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 115 T _d      save printable figure
052S 116 O _d      print figure / digit
T49S 117 L_1:    T _dummy   reset Acc
A51S 118 A _num   load number
L512S 119 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 120 T _d      save printable figure
052S 121 O _d      print figure / digit
E53S 122 E L_next  unconditional jump
XS 123 L_end    X

```

T49S	98	L_not100	T _dummy	reset Acc
T52S	99		T _d	reset digit
A50S	100		A _cnt	load counter
S38S	101	L_count10s	S _10	subtract 10
G109S	102		G L_print10s	goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S	103		T _num	store number
A52S	104		A _d	load digit
A41S	105		A _1	increase digit
T52S	106		T _d	store digit
A51S	107		A _num	load number
E101S	108		E L_count10s	loop unconditionally
T49S	109	L_print10s	T _dummy	reset Acc
A52S	110		A _d	load digit
S41S	111		S _1	decrease digit by 1
G117S	112	G L_1		if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S	113	A _1		restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S	114	L 2^(11-2)		Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S	115	T _d		save printable figure
052S	116	O _d		print figure / digit
E53S	122	E L_next		unconditional jump
XS	123	L_end	X	

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```
T123SE60S#S*S&S@SP100SP10SP5SP3SP1SQSPSBFSISU  
SZSPSP1SPSPS034S035S036ST49SA50SA41ST50SA50SU5  
1SS40SE62SA40SS41SE73ST51S034S045S046S048S048S  
T49SA50SS39SE75SA39SS41SE86ST51S034S044S047S04  
8S048ST49SA51SG53S033ST49SA50SS37SG98S042S043S  
043SZST49ST52SA50SS38SG109ST51SA52SA41ST52SA51  
SE101ST49SA52SS41SG117SA41SL512ST52S052ST49SA5  
1SL512ST52S052SE53SXS
```

Try this program on NISHIO Hirokazu's EDSAC Simulator
http://nhiro.org/learn_language/repos/EDSAC-on-browser/index.html

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```
T123SE60S#S*S&S@SP100SP10SP5SP3SP1SQSPSBFSISU  
SZSPSP1SPSPS034S035S036ST49SA50SA41ST50SA50SU5  
1SS40SE62SA40SS41SE73ST51S034S045S046S048S048S  
T49SA50SS39SE75SA39SS41SE86ST51S034S044S047S04  
8S048ST49SA51SG53S033ST49SA50SS37SG98S042S043S  
043SZST49ST52SA50SS38SG109ST51SA52SA41ST52SA51  
SE101ST49SA52SS41SG117SA41SL512ST52S052ST49SA5  
1SL512ST52S052SE53SXS
```

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There is a small bug in the program. Did you notice?

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```
T123SE60S#S*S&S@SP100SP10SP5SP3SP1SQSPSBFSISU  
SZSPSP1SPSPS034S035S036ST49SA50SA41ST50SA50SU5  
1SS40SE62SA40SS41SE73ST51S034S045S046S048S048S  
T49SA50SS39SE75SA39SS41SE86ST51S034S044S047S04  
8S048ST49SA51SG53S033ST49SA50SS37SG98S042S043S  
043SZST49ST52SA50SS38SG109ST51SA52SA41ST52SA51  
SE101ST49SA52SS41SG117SA41SL512ST52S052ST49SA5  
1SL512ST52S052SE53SXS
```

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```
T123SE60S#S*S&S@SP100SP10SP5SP3SP1SQSPSBFSISU  
SZSPSP1SPSPS034S035S036ST49SA50SA41ST50SA50SU5  
1SS40SE62SA40SS41SE73ST51S034S045S046S048S048S  
T49SA50SS39SE75SA39SS41SE86ST51S034S044S047S04  
8S048ST49SA51SG53S033ST49SA50SS37SG98S042S043S  
043SZST49ST52SA50SS38SG109ST51SA52SA41ST52SA51  
SE101ST49SA52SS41SG117SA41SL512ST52S052ST49SA5  
1SL512ST52S052SE53SXS
```

Here is a quick and dirty fix!

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```
T123SE60S#S*S&S@SP100SP10SP5SP3SP1SQSPSBFSISU  
SZSPSP1SPSPS034S035S036ST49SA50SA41ST50SA50SU5  
1SS40SE62SA40SS41SE73ST51S034S045S046S048S048S  
T49SA50SS39SE75SA39SS41SE86ST51S034S044S047S04  
8S048ST49SA51SG53S033ST49SA50SS37SA41SG98SZS04  
3S043ST49ST52SA50SS38SG109ST51SA52SA41ST52SA51  
SE101ST49SA52SS41SG117SA41SL512ST52S052ST49SA5  
1SL512ST52S052SE53SXS
```

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```
T123SE60S#S*S&S@SP100SP10SP5SP3SP1SQSPSBFSISU  
SZSPSP1SPSPS034S035S036ST49SA50SA41ST50SA50SU5  
1SS40SE62SA40SS41SE73ST51S034S045S046S048S048S  
T49SA50SS39SE75SA39SS41SE86ST51S034S044S047S04  
8S048ST49SA51SG53S033ST49SA50SS37SA41SG98Szs04  
3S043ST49ST52SA50SS38SG109ST51SA52SA41ST52SA51  
SE101ST49SA52SS41SG117SA41SL512ST52S052ST49SA5  
1SL512ST52S052SE53SXS
```

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```
T123SE60S#S*S&S@SP100SP10SP5SP3SP1SQSPSBFSISU  
SZSPSP1SPSPS034S035S036ST49SA50SA41ST50SA50SU5  
1SS40SE62SA40SS41SE73ST51S034S045S046S048S048S  
T49SA50SS39SE75SA39SS41SE86ST51S034S044S047S04  
8S048ST49SA51SG53S033ST49SA50SS37SA41SG98Szs04  
3S043ST49ST52SA50SS38SG109ST51SA52SA41ST52SA51  
SE101ST49SA52SS41SG117SA41SL512ST52S052ST49SA5  
1SL512ST52S052SE53SXS
```

Enjoy!

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Speedcoding, John Backus, 1953 on the IBM 701



IBM 701 operator's console



IBM 701 processor frame

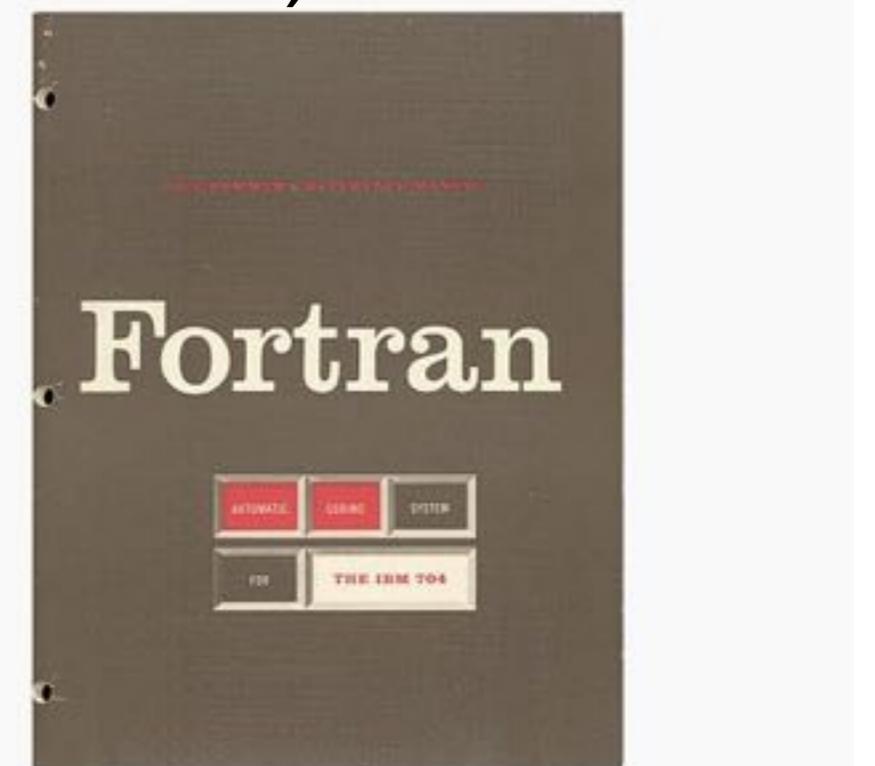
Backus later did work on the IBM 704



Fortran (appeared 1957, designed by John Backus)

The initial release of FORTRAN for the IBM 704 contained 32 statements, including:

- `DIMENSION` and `EQUIVALENCE` statements
- Assignment statements
- Three-way *arithmetic* `IF` statement, which passed control to one of three locations in the program depending on whether the result of the arithmetic statement was negative, zero, or positive
- `IF` statements for checking exceptions (`ACCUMULATOR OVERFLOW`, `QUOTIENT OVERFLOW`, and `DIVIDE CHECK`); and `IF` statements for manipulating *sense switches* and *sense lights*
- `GOTO`, computed `GOTO`, `ASSIGN`, and assigned `GOTO`
- `DO` loops
- Formatted I/O: `FORMAT`, `READ`, `READ INPUT TAPE`, `WRITE`, `WRITE OUTPUT TAPE`, `PRINT`, and `PUNCH`
- Unformatted I/O: `READ TAPE`, `READ DRUM`, `WRITE TAPE`, and `WRITE DRUM`
- Other I/O: `END FILE`, `REWIND`, and `BACKSPACE`
- `PAUSE`, `STOP`, and `CONTINUE`
- `FREQUENCY` statement (for providing *optimization* hints to the compiler).



The Fortran Automatic Coding System for the IBM 704 (15 October 1956), the first Programmer's Reference Manual for Fortran

FORTRAN II [edit]

IBM's *FORTRAN II* appeared in 1958. The main enhancement was to support *procedural programming* by allowing user-written subroutines and functions which returned values, with parameters passed by *reference*. The `COMMON` statement provided a way for subroutines to access common (or *global*) variables. Six new statements were introduced:

- `SUBROUTINE`, `FUNCTION`, and `END`
- `CALL` and `RETURN`
- `COMMON`

```

C AREA OF A TRIANGLE WITH A STANDARD SQUARE ROOT FUNCTION
C INPUT - CARD READER UNIT 5, INTEGER INPUT
C OUTPUT - LINE PRINTER UNIT 6, REAL OUTPUT
C INPUT ERROR DISPLAY ERROR OUTPUT CODE 1 IN JOB CONTROL LISTING
    READ INPUT TAPE 5, 501, IA, IB, IC
501 FORMAT (3I5)
C IA, IB, AND IC MAY NOT BE NEGATIVE
C FURTHERMORE, THE SUM OF TWO SIDES OF A TRIANGLE
C IS GREATER THAN THE THIRD SIDE, SO WE CHECK FOR THAT, TOO
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703 IF (IA+IB-IC) 777, 777, 704
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705 IF (IB+IC-IA) 777, 777, 799
777 STOP 1
C USING HERON'S FORMULA WE CALCULATE THE
C AREA OF THE TRIANGLE
799 S = FLOATF (IA + IB + IC) / 2.0
      AREA = SQRT( S * (S - FLOATF(IA)) * (S - FLOATF(IB)) *
      + (S - FLOATF(IC)))
      WRITE OUTPUT TAPE 6, 601, IA, IB, IC, AREA
601 FORMAT (4H A= ,I5,5H B= ,I5,5H C= ,I5,8H AREA= ,F10.2,
      + 13H SQUARE UNITS)
      STOP
      END

```

Simple FORTRAN II program

IAL (aka Algol 58) (designed by Friedrich L. Bauer, Hermann Bottenbruch, Heinz Rutishauser, Klaus Samelson, John Backus, Charles Katz, Alan Perlis, Joseph Henry Wegstein

```
procedure      Simps (F( ), a, b, delta, V);
comment        a, b are the min and max, resp. of the points def. interval of integ. F( ) is the function to
integrated.
               delta is the permissible difference between two successive Simpson sums V is greater than
               the maximum absolute value of F on a, b;
begin
  Simps:    Ibar:=V×(b-a)
             n := 1
             h := (b-a)/2
             J := h ×(F(a)+F(b))
  J1:       S := 0;
             for k := 1 (1) n
                   S := S+F (a+(2×k-1) ×h)
                   I := J+4×h×S
             if (delta < abs ( I-Ibar) ) (7)
               begin
                 Ibar:=I
                 J := (I+J)/4
                 n := 2×n; h := h/2
                 go to J1 end
               Simps := I/3
  return
  integer     (k, n)
  end         Simps
```

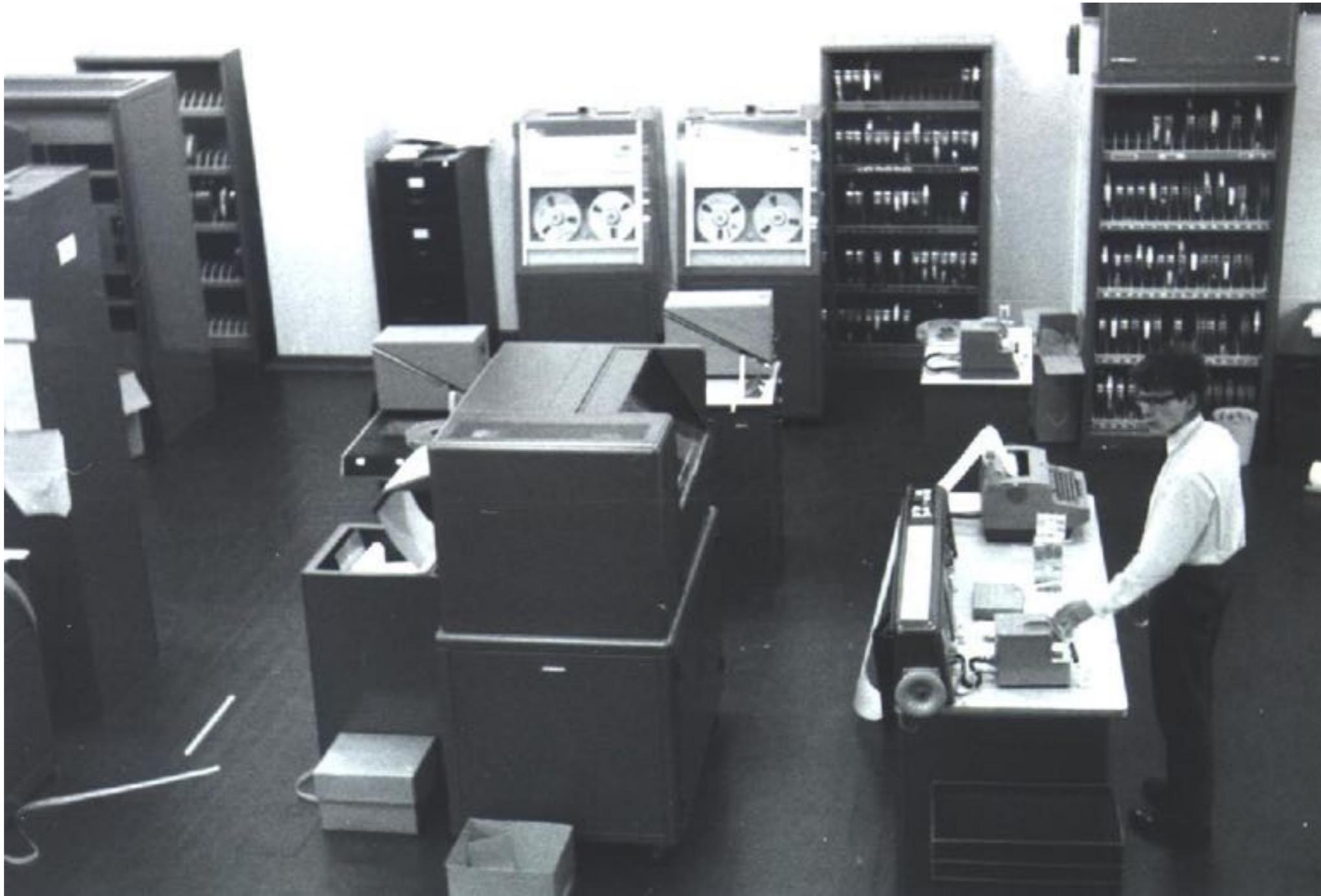
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EDSAC 2 users in 1960

A scaled down version of Atlas (called Titan / Atlas2) was ordered in 1961, delivered to Cambridge in 1963, but not usable until early 1964



a programming language was needed!

Many existing programming languages was concidered, but....

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begin
  integer p, q;
  y := 0; i := k := 1;
  for p := 1 step 1 until n do
    for q := 1 step 1 until m do
      if abs(a[p, q]) > y then
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C      FORTRAN IV STYLE
DIMENSION A(11)
FUN(T) = SQRT(ABS(T)) + 5.*T**3
READ (5,1) A
1      FORMAT(5F10.2)
DO 10 J = 1, 11
      I = 11 - J
      Y = FUN(A(I+1))
      IF (400.0-Y) 4, 8, 8
4      WRITE (6,5) I
5      FORMAT(I10, 10H TOO LARGE)
      GO TO 10
8      WRITE(6,9) I, Y
      FORMAT(I10, F12.6)
10     CONTINUE
STOP
END
```

Example of Atlas Autocode (designed by Tony Brooker and Derrick Morris)

```
begin
    real    a, b, c, Sx, Sy, Sxx, Sxy, Syy, nextx, nexty
    integer n
    read (nextx)
2:   Sx = 0; Sy = 0; Sxx = 0; Sxy = 0; Syy = 0
    n = 0
1:   read (nexty) ; n = n + 1
        Sx = Sx + nextx; Sy = Sy + nexty
        Sxx = Sxx + nextx2 ; Syy = Syy + nexty2
        Sxy = Sxy + nextx*nexty
3:   read (nextx) ; ->1 unless nextx = 999 999
        a = (n*Sxy - Sx*Sy)/(n*Sxx - Sx2)
        b = (Sy - a*Sx)/n
        c = Syy - 2(a*Sxy + b*Sy) + a2*Sxx - 2a*b*Sx + n*b2
        newline
        print fl(a,3) ; space ; print fl(b,3) ; space ; print fl(c,3)
        read (nextx) ; ->2 unless nextx = 999 999
stop
end of program
```

“the use of compiler-compiler technology frightened us”

But, hey....

In the early 1960's, it was common to think "we are building a new computer, so we need a new programming language."

(David Hartley, in 2013 article)

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CPL as described in 1963

The main features of CPL

By D. W. Barron, J. N. Buxton, D. F. Hartley, E. Nixon and C. Strachey

The paper provides an informal account of CPL, a new programming language currently being implemented for the Titan at Cambridge and the Atlas at London University. CPL is based on, and contains the concepts of, ALGOL 60. In addition there are extended data descriptions, command and expression structures, provision for manipulating non-numerical objects, and comprehensive input-output facilities. However, CPL is not just another proposal for the extension of ALGOL 60, but has been designed from first principles and has a logically coherent structure.

Example of CPL from 1963

```
function Euler [function Fct, real Eps; integer Tim]= result of
    §1 dec §1.1 real Mn, Ds, Sum
        integer i, t
        index n=0
        m = Array [real, (0, 15)] §1.1
        i, t, m[0] := 0, 0, Fct[0]
        Sum := m[0]/2
    §1.2 i := i + 1
        Mn := Fct[i]
        for k = step 0, 1, n do
            m[k], Mn := Mn, (Mn + m[k])/2
        test Mod[Mn] < Mod[m[n]]  $\wedge$  n < 15
            then do Ds, n, m[n+1] := Mn/2, n+1, Mn
            or do Ds := Mn
            Sum := Sum + Ds
            t := (Mod[Ds] < Eps)  $\rightarrow$  t + 1, 0 §1..2
        repeat while t < Tim
    result := Sum §1.
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Lucky and humble fans meet Martin Richards, the inventor of BCPL



Computer Laboratory, Cambridge, December 2014

So what is the link between BCPL and B and C?

From an interview with Ken Thompson in 1989

Interviewer: Did you develop B?

Thompson: I did B.

Interviewer: As a subset of BCPL?

Thompson: It wasn't a subset. It was almost exactly the same.

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Thompson: It was the same language as BCPL, it looked completely different, syntactically it was, you know, a redo. The semantics was exactly the same as BCPL. And in fact the syntax of it was, if you looked at, you didn't look too close, you would say it was C. Because in fact it was C, without types.

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From the HOPL article by Dennis Ritchie in 1993

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This paper is about the development of the C programming language, the influences on it, and the conditions under which it was created. For the sake of brevity, I omit full descriptions of C itself, its parent B [Johnson 73] and its grandparent BCPL [Richards 79], and instead concentrate on characteristic elements of each language and how they evolved.

C came into being in the years 1969-1973, in parallel with the early development of the Unix operating system; the most creative period occurred during 1972. Another spate of changes peaked between 1977 and 1979, when portability of the Unix system was being demonstrated. In the middle of this second period, the first widely available description of the language appeared: *The C Programming Language*, often called the 'white book' or 'K&R' [Kernighan 78]. Finally, in the middle 1980s, the language was officially standardized by the ANSI X3J11 committee, which made further changes. Until the early 1980s, although compilers existed for a variety of machine architectures and operating systems, the language was almost exclusively associated with Unix; more recently, its use has spread much more widely, and today it is among the languages most commonly used throughout the computer industry.

History: the setting

The late 1960s were a turbulent era for computer systems research at Bell Telephone Laboratories [Ritchie 78] [Ritchie 84]. The company was pulling out of the Multics project [Organick 75], which had started as a joint venture of MIT, General Electric, and Bell Labs; by 1969, Bell Labs management, and

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Users' Reference to B, Ken Thompson, January 1972

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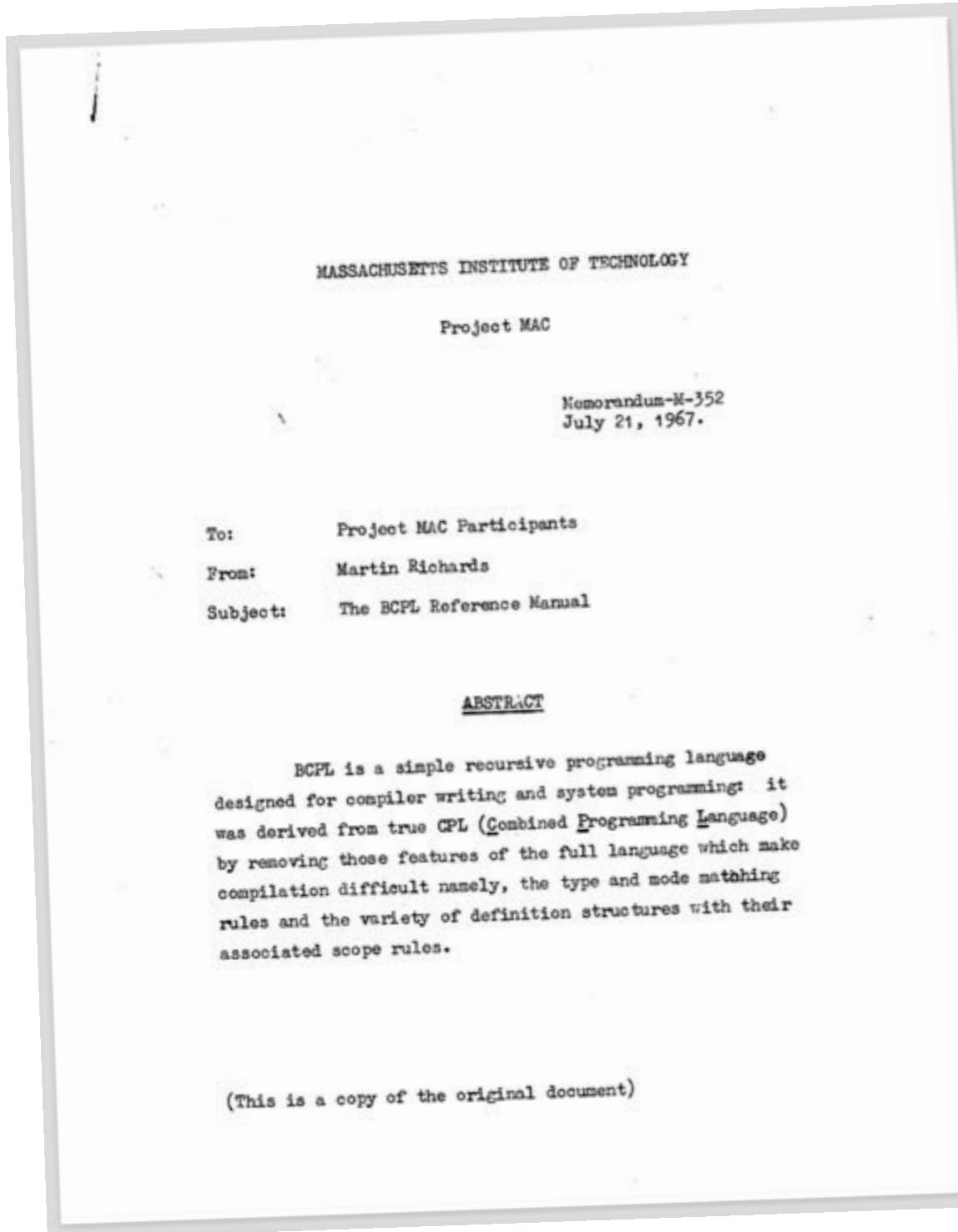
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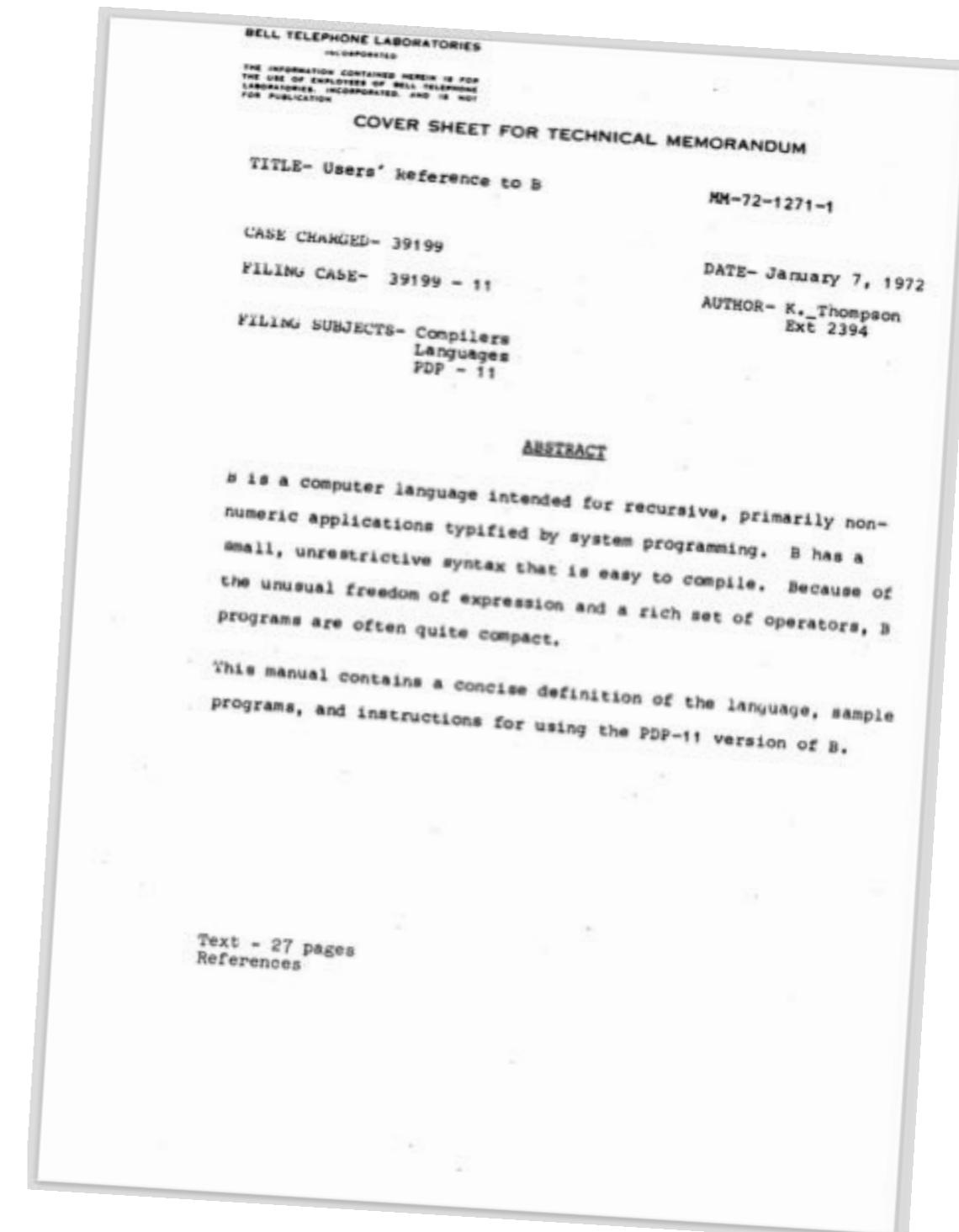
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$$(b?f:g[i])(1,x>1)$$

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An LVALUE is a bit pattern representing a storage location containing an Rvalue. An Lvalue is the same size as an Rvalue and is a type in BCPL. There is one context where an Rvalue is interpreted as an Lvalue and that is as the operand of the monadic operator rv. For example, in the expression

rv f[i]

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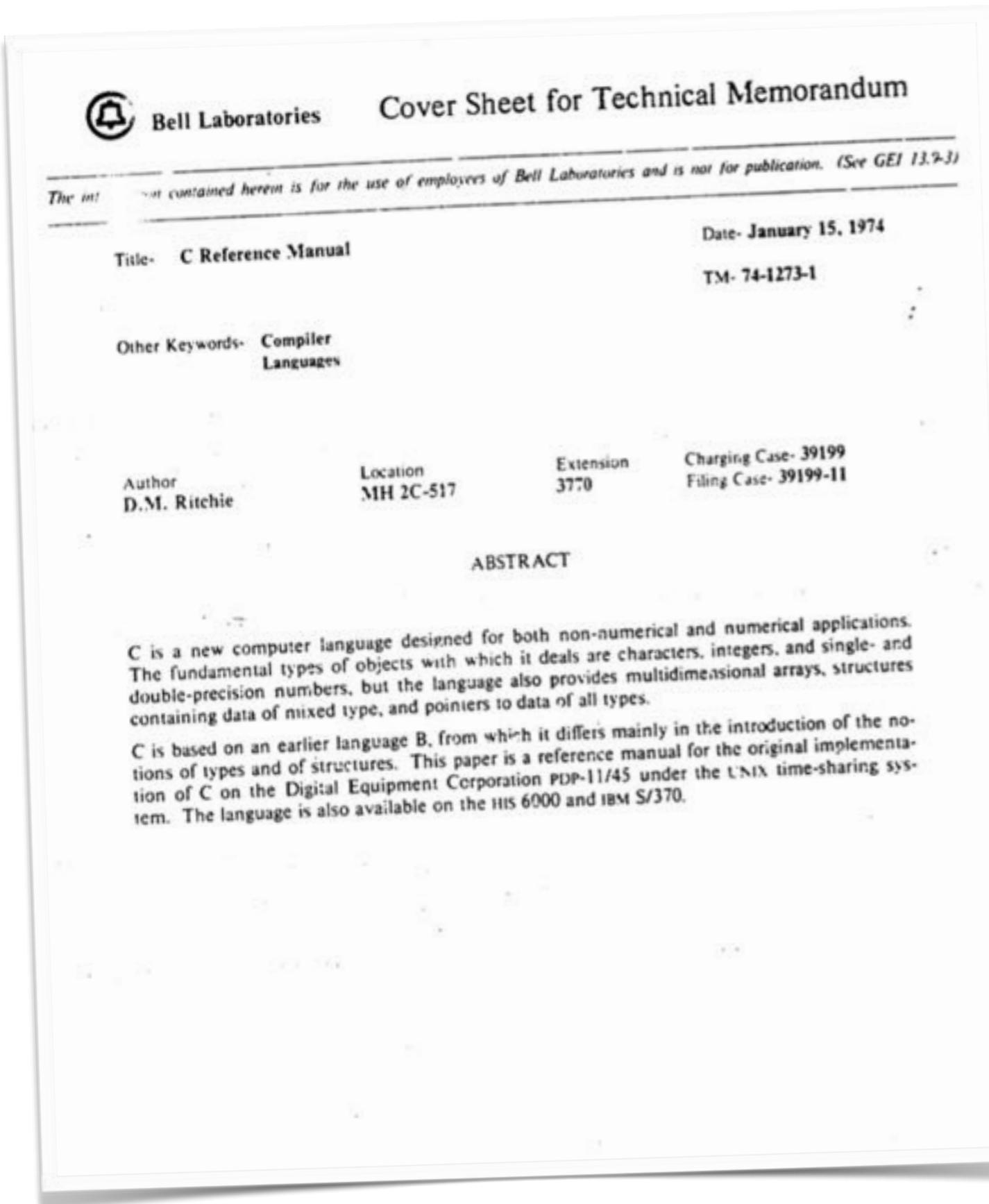
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***x**

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The C Reference Manual, Dennis Ritchie, Jan 1974 (aka C74)



C is a new computer language designed for both non-numerical and numerical applications. The fundamental types of objects with which it deals are characters, integers, and single- and double-precision numbers, but the language also provides multidimensional arrays, structures containing data of mixed type, and pointers to data of all types.

C is based on an earlier language B, from which it differs mainly in the introduction of the notions of types and of structures. This paper is a reference manual for the original implementation of C on the Digital Equipment Corporation PDP-11/45 under the UNIX time-sharing system. The language is also available on the HIS 6000 and IBM S/370.

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“Good artists copy. Great artists steal.”

Picasso?

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good_research_labs(knowledge k);  
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/* Bell Labs? */
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BCPL

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- Intended for writing compilers for other languages
- Simplified version of CPL by "removing those features of the full language which make compilation difficult"

```
GET "LIBHDR"

GLOBAL $(
    COUNT: 200
    ALL: 201
$)

LET TRY(LD, ROW, RD) BE
    TEST ROW = ALL THEN
        COUNT := COUNT + 1
    ELSE $(
        LET POSS = ALL & ~(LD | ROW | RD)
        UNTIL POSS = 0 DO $(
            LET P = POSS & -POSS
            POSS := POSS - P
            TRY(LD + P << 1, ROW + P, RD + P >> 1)
        )
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LET START() = VALOF $(
    ALL := 1
    FOR I = 1 TO 12 DO $(
        COUNT := 0
        TRY(0, 0, 0)
        WRITEF("%I2-QUEENS PROBLEM HAS %I5 SOLUTIONS*N", I, COUNT)
        ALL := 2 * ALL + 1
    )
    RESULTIS 0
$)
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PDP-7

(18-bit computer, introduced 1965)



THIS IS A SAMPLE PROGRAM

GO, LAS
SPA!CMA
JMP GO
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LAC (1
DAC #BIT
CLL

LOOP, LAC CNTSET
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ISZ #CNT
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B

Designed by Ken Thompson, appeared in ~1969, typeless (everything is a word)
"BCPL squeezed into 8K words of memory and filtered through Thompson's brain"

```
/* The following program will calculate the constant e-2 to about
4000 decimal digits, and print it 50 characters to the line in
groups of 5 characters. */

main() {
    extrn putchar, n, v;
    auto i, c, col, a;

    i = col = 0;
    while(i<n)
        v[i++] = 1;
    while(col<2*n) {
        a = n+1 ;
        c = i = 0;
        while (i<n) {
            c += v[i] *10;
            v[i++] = c%a;
            c /= a--;
        }

        putchar(c+'0');
        if(!(++col%5))
            putchar(col%50?' ':'*n');
    }
    putchar('*n*n');
}

v[2000];
n 2000;
```

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PDP-11

- 16-bit computer
- introduced 1970
- orthogonal instruction set
- byte-oriented

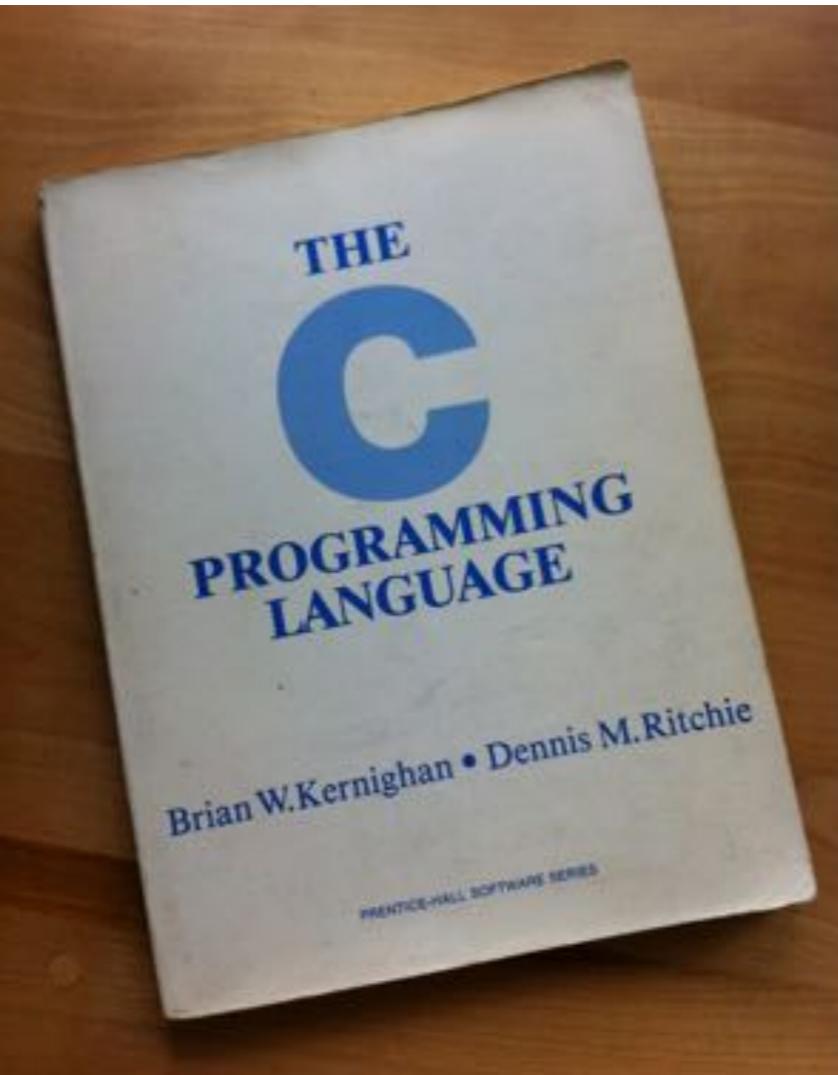


Early C

- Designed by Dennis Ritchie and Ken Thompson
- Developed during 1969-1972 in parallel with Unix
- Developed because of the PDP-11, a 16-bit, byte-oriented machine
- C introduced more types: integer types, characters and floating point types
- A key design principle was to make C amenable to translation by simple compilers
- Storage limitations often demanded a one-pass technique in which output was generated as soon as possible.
- While C had been ported to other architectures, until about 1977 Unix itself had only been running on DEC architectures.
- The PCC (Portable C Compiler, Stephen C. Johnson) was an important reference implementation
- It was not until 1977-1979 that the portability of Unix was demonstrated
- very productive time 1977-1979 for C as Unix was ported to new platforms

K&R C

The seminal book "The C Programming Language" (1978) acted for a long time as the only formal definition of the language.



```
/* C78 example, K&R C */

mystrcpy(s,t)
char *s;
char *t;
{
    int i;

    for (i = 0; (*s++ = *t++) != '\0'; i++)
        ;
    return(i);
}

main()
{
    char str1[10];
    char str2[] = "Hello, C78!";
    int len = mystrcpy(str1, str2);
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        putchar(str1[i]);
    exit(0);
}
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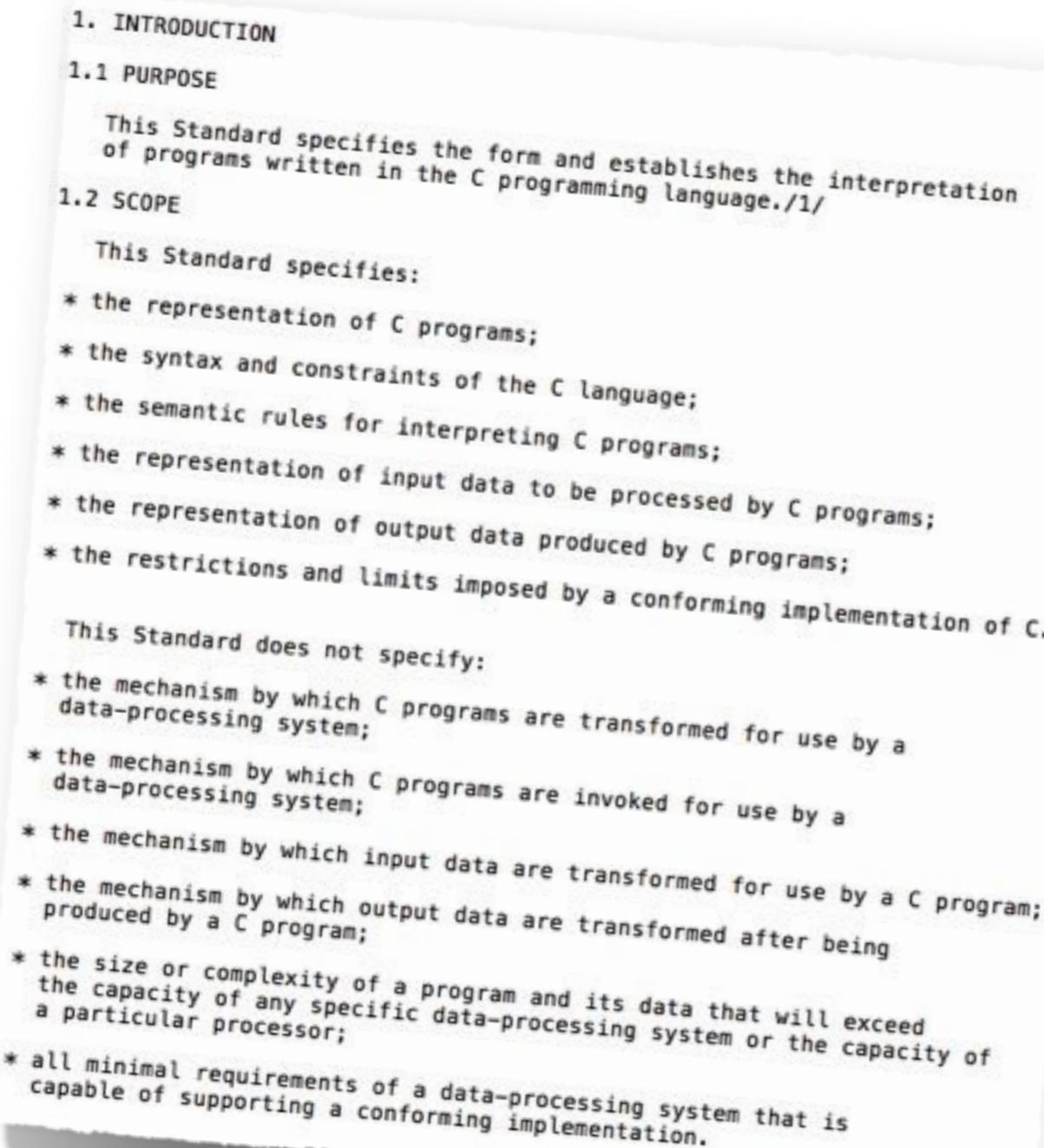
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Standardization of C

- Dennis Ritchie not involved(except for the “noalias must go” article)
- Committee met four times a year, from 83 til publication
- All meetings in the US (due to political issues between ANSI and ISO)
- The committee avoided inventing features
- All features had to be demonstrated by one or more existing compilers
- Hot topic: value preserving vs unsigned preserving (value preserving won)
- The idea of text files vs binary files (due to Microsofts CR/NL vs Unix NL)
- The standard was delayed about 2 years due to a US protest

ANSI C / C89 / C90

ANSI published in 1989. ISO adopted in 1990 (but changed the chapter numbers).
Soon after it was all ISO/IEC



```
/* C89 example, ANSI C */  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int mystrcpy(char *s, const char *t)  
{  
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    for (i = 0; (*s++ = *t++) != '\0'; i++)  
        ;  
    return i;  
}  
  
int main(void)  
{  
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    return 0;  
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ISO/IEC 9899/AMD1:1995, aka “C95”

- Add more extensive support for international character sets (mostly done by Japan)
- Corrected some details

C99

C99 added a lot of stuff to C89, perhaps too much. Especially a lot of features for scientific computing was added, but also a few things that made life easier for programmers.



```
// C99 example, ISO/IEC 9899:1999

#include <stdio.h>

size_t mystrcpy(char *restrict s, const char *restrict t)
{
    size_t i;

    for (i = 0; (*s++ = *t++) != '\0'; i++)
        ;
    return i;
}

int main(void)
{
    char str1[10];
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    for (size_t i = 0; i < len; i++)
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```

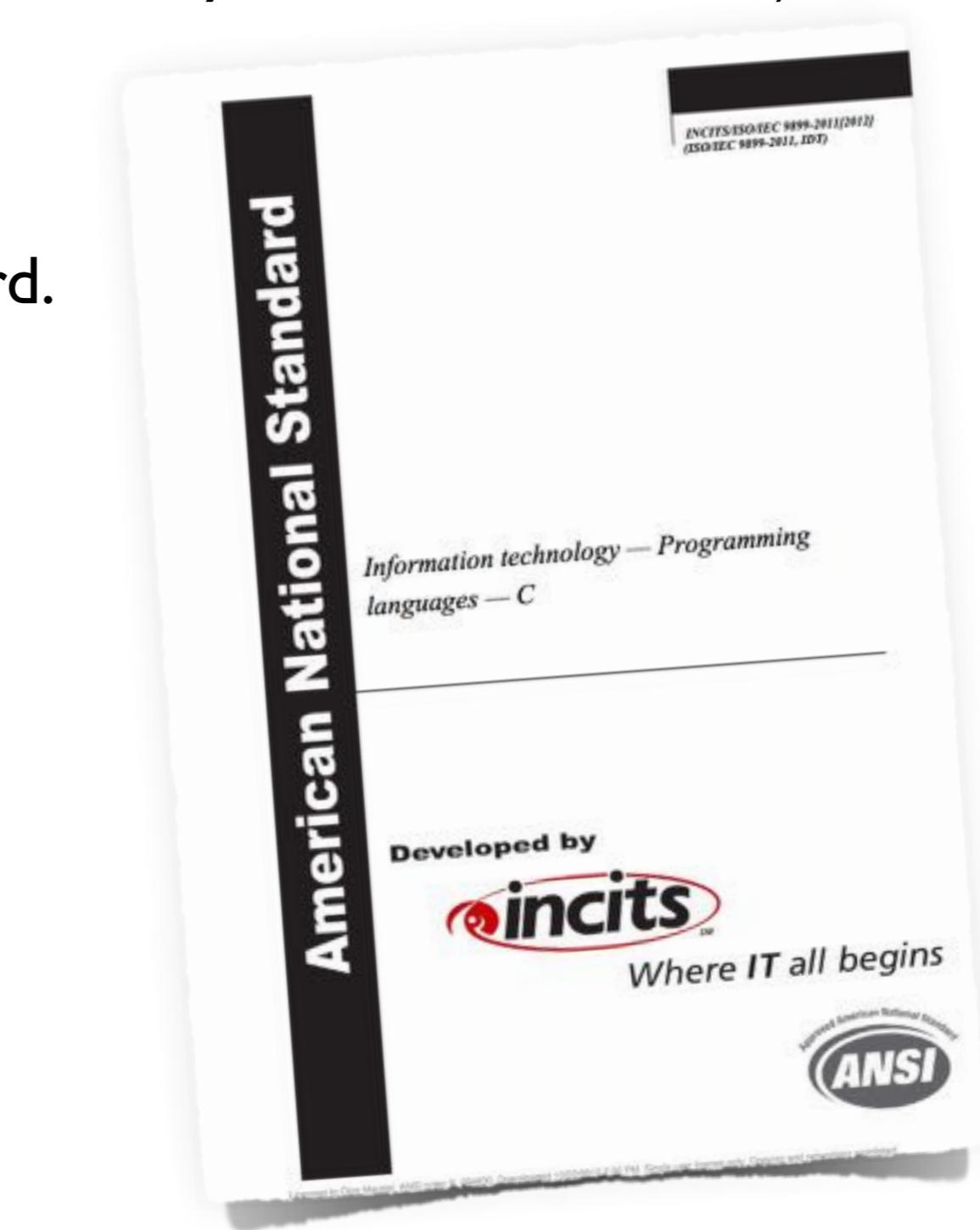
The main focus:

- security, eg Annex K (the bounds checking library, contributed by Microsoft)
- support for multicore systems (threads from WG14, memory model from WG21)

The most interesting features:

- Type-generic expressions using the `_Generic` keyword.
- Multi-threading support
- Improved Unicode support
- Removal of the `gets()` function
- Bounds-checking interfaces
- Anonymous structures and unions
- Static assertions
- Misc library improvements

Made a few C99 features optional.



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Next version of C - C2x?

- Currently working on defect reports
- There are some nasty/interesting differences between C11 and C++11
- IEEE 754 floating point standard updated in 2008
- CPLEX - C parallel language extentions (started after C11)

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Evolution of Keywords in C (1972-2011)

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from B to C (1972-1974)

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(stackoverflow.com/questions/254395)

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The spirit of C

trust the programmer

- let them do what needs to be done
- the programmer is in charge not the compiler

keep the language small and simple

- small amount of code → small amount of assembler
- provide only one way to do an operation
- new inventions are not entertained

make it fast, even if its not portable

- target efficient code generation
- int preference, int promotion rules
- sequence points, maximum leeway to compiler

rich expression support

- lots of operators
- expressions combine into larger expressions







The history of C

At Bell Labs. Back In 1969. Ken Thompson wanted to play. He found a little used PDP-7. Ended up writing a nearly complete operating system from scratch. In pure assembler of course. In about 4 weeks! Dennis Ritchie soon joined the effort. While porting Unix to a PDP-11 they invented C, heavily inspired by Martin Richards' portable systems programming language BCPL. In 1972 Unix was rewritten in C, and later ported to many other machines aided by Steve Johnson's Portable C Compiler. C gained popularity outside the realm of PDP-11 and Unix. Initially the K&R was the definitive reference until the language was standardized by ANSI and ISO in 1989/1990 and thereafter updated in 1999 and 2011.

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C++

History and Spirit of C++

Olve Maudal



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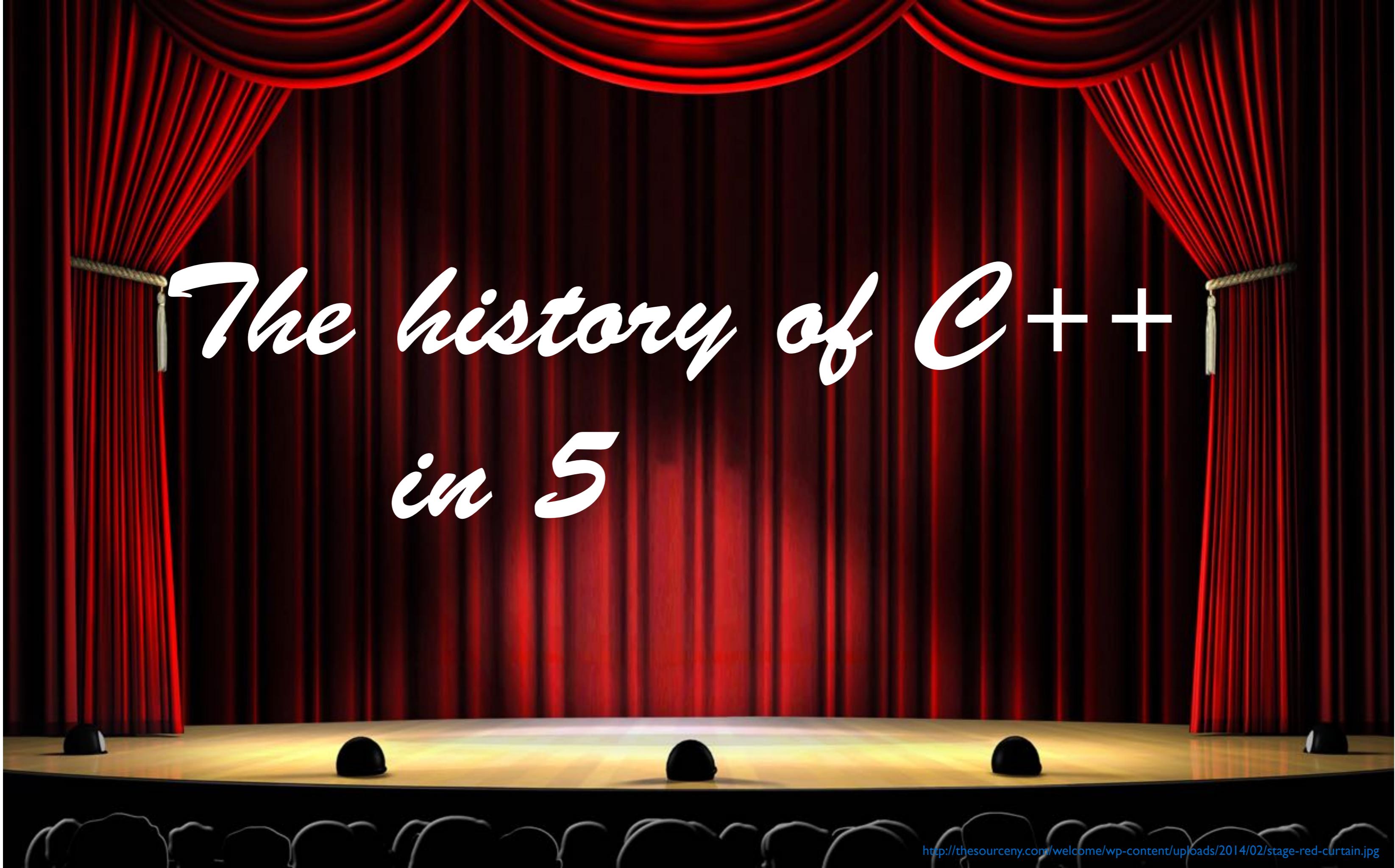
To get a deep understanding of C++, it is useful to know the history of this wonderful programming language. It is perhaps even more important to appreciate the driving forces, motivation and the spirit that has shaped this language into what we have today.

We assume you know the history and spirit of C. We will now include Simula, Algol 68, Ada, ML, Clu into the equation. We will discuss the motivation for creating C++, and with live coding we will demonstrate by example how it has evolved from the rather primitive “C with Classes” into a supermodern and capable programming language as we now have with C++11/14 and soon with C++17.

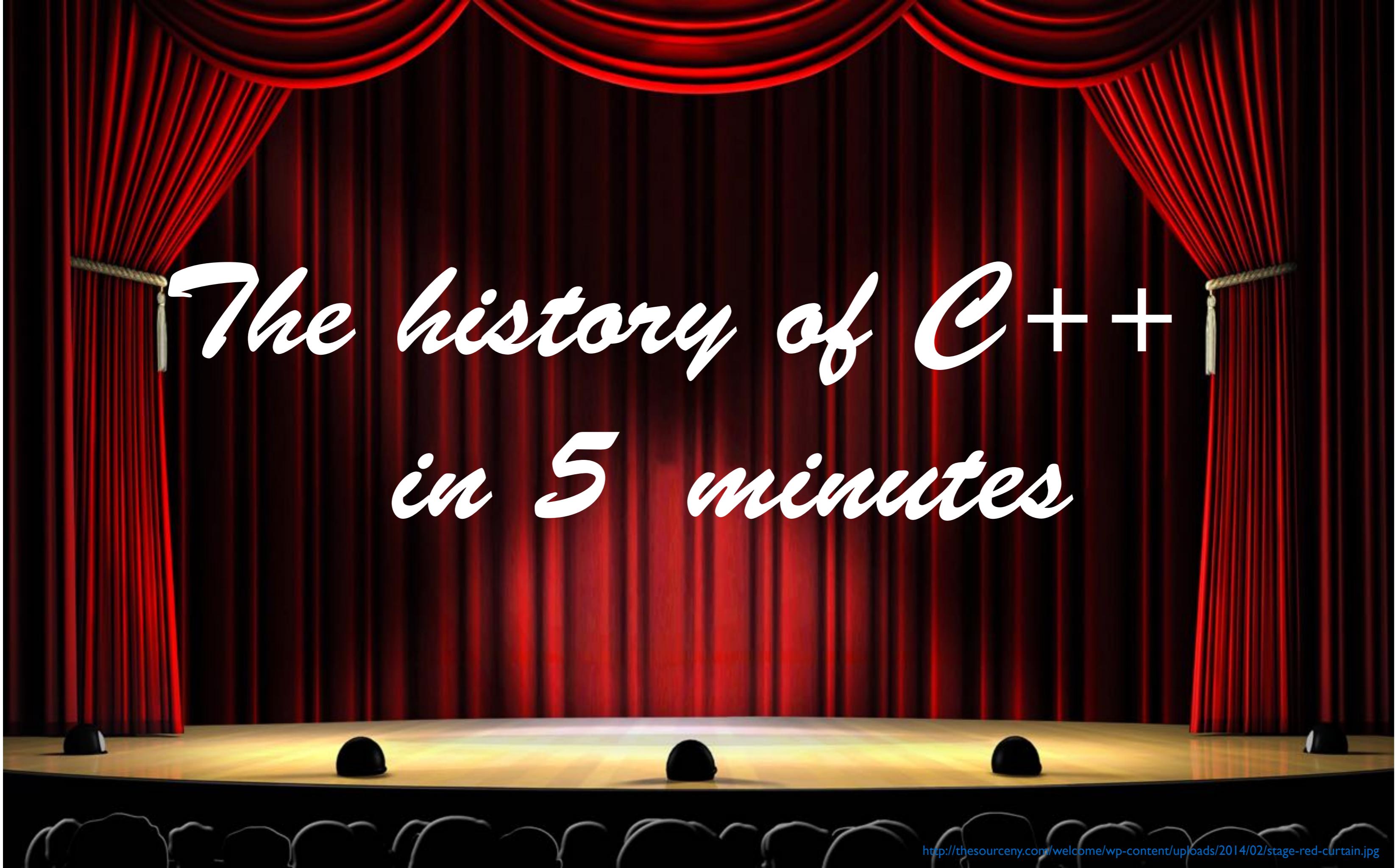
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The history of C++

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The history of C++ in 5

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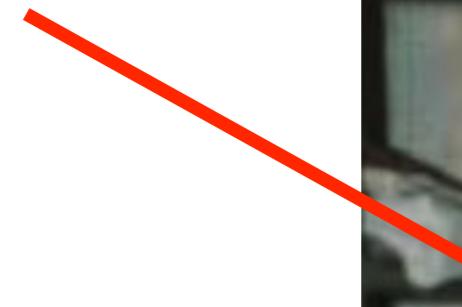
The history of C++ in 5 minutes

Before C++

with approximately the words of Bjarne Stroustrup himself as copied from
"The Design and Evolution of C++", Bjarne Stroustrup, 1994

I was working on my PhD thesis

Bjarne



in the Computing Laboratory at

in the Computing Laboratory at University of Cambridge.



I was working on a simulator to study alternatives for the organization of system software for distributed systems.
The initial version of this simulator was written in Simula

```
Begin
    Class Glyph;
        Virtual: Procedure print Is Procedure print;
    Begin
    End;

    Glyph Class Char (c);
        Character c;
    Begin
        Procedure print;
        OutChar(c);
    End;

    Glyph Class Line (elements);
        Ref (Glyph) Array elements;
    Begin
        Procedure print;
        Begin
            Integer i;
            For i:= 1 Step 1 Until UpperBound (elements, 1) Do
                elements (i).print;
            OutImage;
        End;
    End;

    Ref (Glyph) rg;
    Ref (Glyph) Array rgs (1 : 4);

    ! Main program;
    rgs (1):= New Char ('A');
    rgs (2):= New Char ('b');
    rgs (3):= New Char ('b');
    rgs (4):= New Char ('a');
    rg:= New Line (rgs);
    rg.print;
End;
```

and ran on the IBM 360/165 mainframe.



System/370 model 165

The concepts of Simula and object orientation became increasingly helpful as the size of the program increased. Unfortunately, the implementation of Simula did not scale the same way.



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Upon leaving Cambridge, I swore never again to attack a problem with tools as unsuitable as those I had suffered while designing and implementing the simulator.

A good tool should:

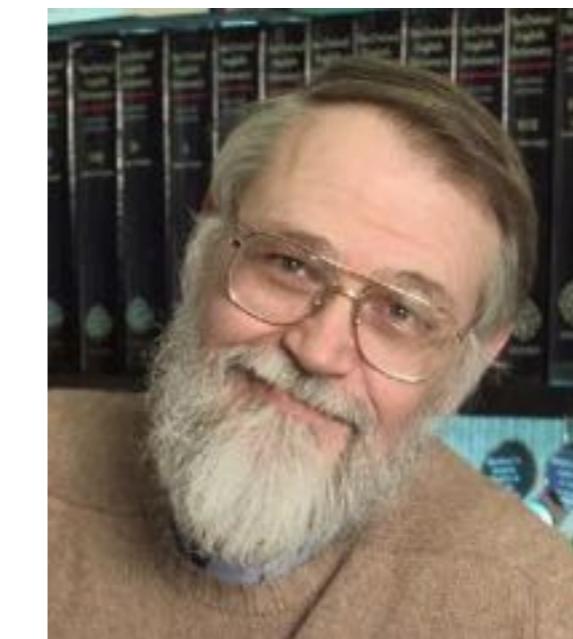
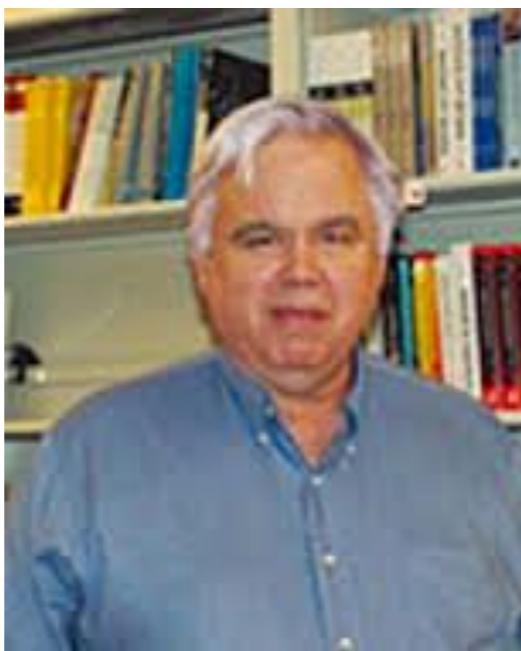
- have support for program organization, eg classes, concurrency, strong type checking
- produce programs that run as fast as the BCPL programs
- support separately compiled units into a program
- allow for highly portable implementations

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Where I learned C properly from people like Stu Feldman, Steve Johnson, Brian Kernighan, and Dennis Ritchie.



Developing the initial version of C++ (pre-1985)

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Development of C++ (post-1985)

ML (Robin Milner, 1973) influenced exceptions

```
fun factorial n = let
  fun fac (0, acc) = acc
  | fac (n, acc) = fac (n - 1, n * acc)
in
  if (n < 0) then raise Fail "negative argument"
  else fac (n, 1)
end
```

CLU (Barbara Liskov, 1974) also influenced exception

```
sum_stream = proc (s: stream) returns (int) signals (overflow,
                                                unrepresentable_integer(string),
                                                bad_format(string))
    sum: int := 0
    num: string
    while true do
        % skip over spaces between values; sum is valid, num is meaningless
        c: char := stream$getc(s)
        while c = ' ' do
            c := stream$getc(s)
        end
        % read a value; num accumulates new number, sum becomes previous sum
        num := ""
        while c ~= ' ' do
            num := string$append(num, c)
            c := stream$getc(s)
        end
        except when end_of_file: end
        % restore sum to validity
        sum := sum + s2i(num)
    end
    except when end_of_file: return(sum)
        when unrepresentable_integer: signal unrepresentable_integer(num)
        when bad_format, invalid_character (*): signal bad_format(num)
        when overflow: signal overflow
    end
end sum_stream
```

Ada (Jean Ichbiah++, 1980) influenced templates, namespaces and exceptions

```
with Ada.Text_IO;
package body Example is

    i : Number := Number'First;

    procedure Print_and_Increment (j: in out Number) is

        function Next (k: in Number) return Number is
    begin
        return k + 1;
    end Next;

    begin
        Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ( "The total is: " & Number'Image(j) );
        j := Next (j);
    end Print_and_Increment;

-- package initialization executed when the package is elaborated
begin
    while i < Number'Last loop
        Print_and_Increment (i);
    end loop;
end Example;
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80's
C with classes, C++/CFront, ARM



C++ was improved and became standardized

90's

X3J16, C++arm, WG21, C++98, STL



Ouch...Template Metaprogramming



C++03, TR1, Boost and other external libraries



While the language itself saw some minor improvements after C++98, Boost and other external libraries acted like laboratories for experimenting with potential new C++ features. Resulting in...

C++11/C++14



With the latest version C++ feels like a new language

The future of C++?



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