

Lecture 1: History of operating systems





History of Operating Systems Development

■ 1940s: First Generation

- Computers based on vacuum tube technology
- No standard operating system software
- Typical program included every instruction needed by the computer to perform the tasks requested
- Poor machine utilization
 - ▶ CPU processed data and performed calculations for fraction of available time
- Early programs
 - ▶ Designed to use the resources conservatively
 - ▶ Understandability is not a priority





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- It all started with computer hardware in about 1940s.



ENIAC 1943





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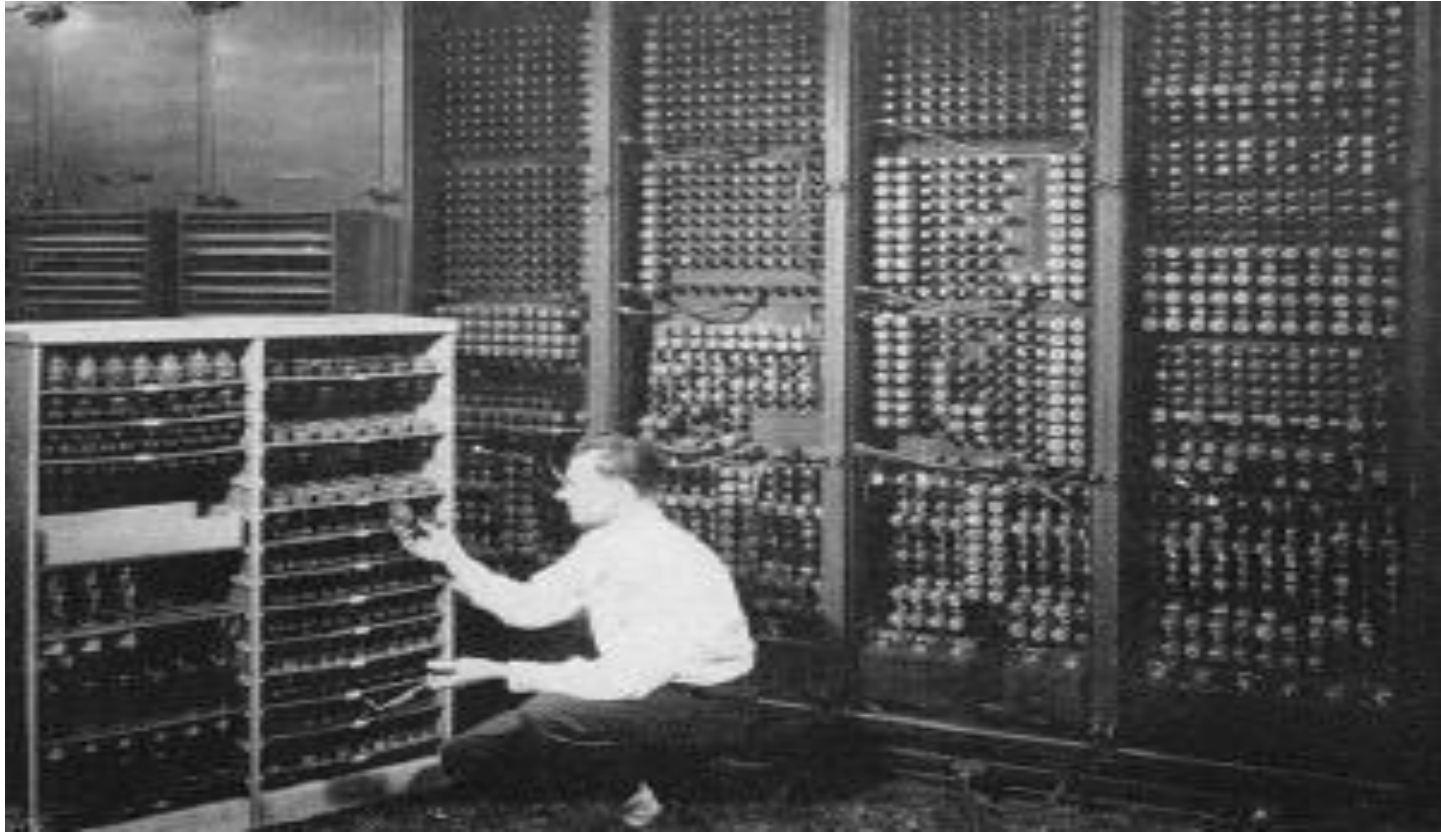


ENIAC's vacuum tubes





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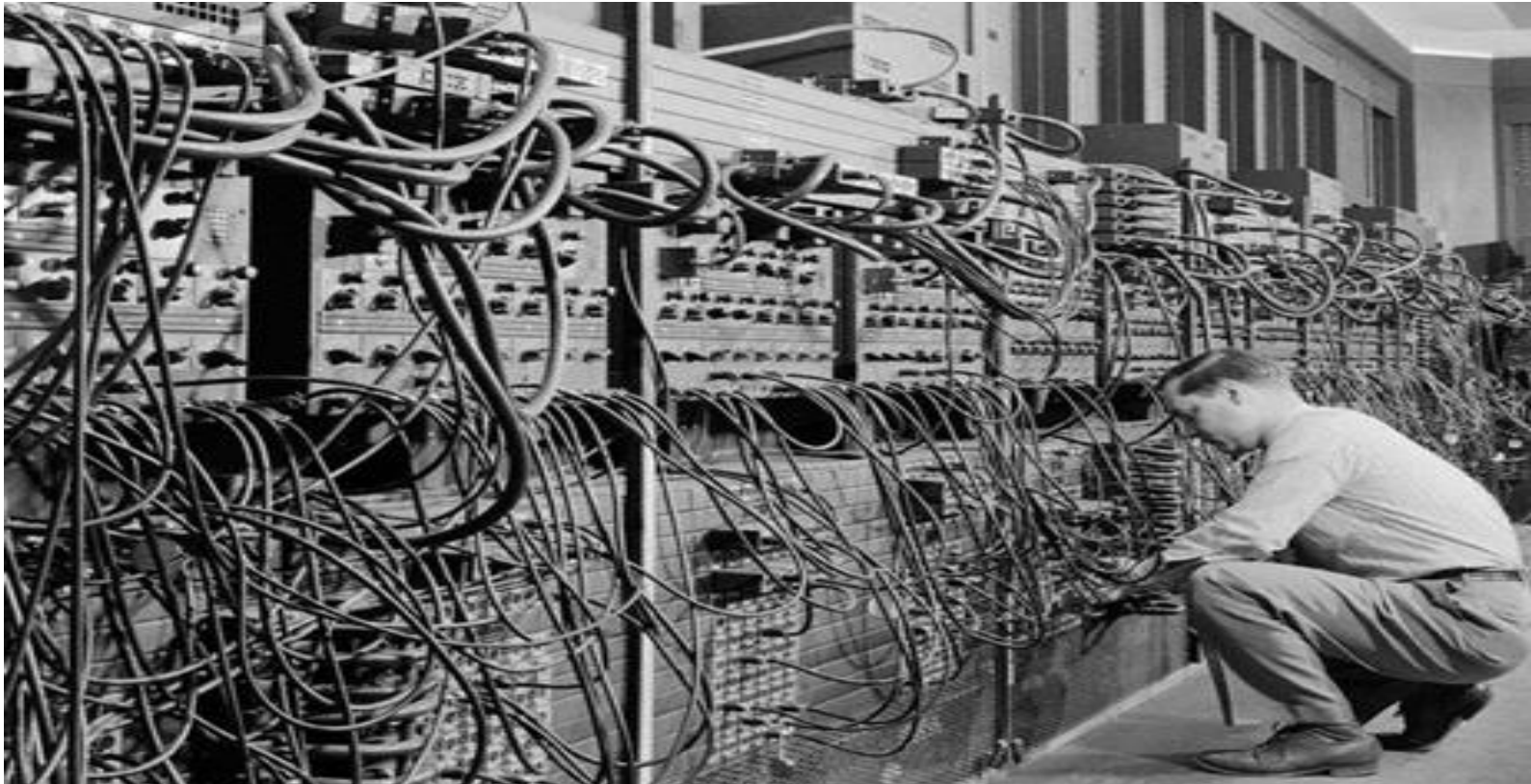
ENIAC's backside





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Programs were loaded into memory manually using switches, punched cards, or paper tapes.



ENIAC : coding by cable connections





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- **ENIAC** (***Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer***), at the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.
 - built in the 1940s,
 - weighed 30 tons,
 - was eight feet high, three feet deep, and 100 feet long
 - contained over 18,000 vacuum tubes that were cooled by 80 air blowers.





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■ 1950s: Second Generation

- Focused on cost effectiveness
- Computers were expensive
 - ▶ IBM 7094: \$200,000
- Two widely adopted improvements
 - ▶ Computer operators: humans hired to facilitate machine operation
 - ▶ Concept of job scheduling: group together programs with similar requirements
- Expensive time lags between CPU and I/O devices





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■ 1950s: Second Generation (continued)

- I/O device speed gradually became faster
 - ▶ Tape drives, disks, and drums
- Records blocked *before* retrieval or storage
- Access methods developed
 - ▶ Added to object code by linkage editor
- Buffer between I/O and CPU introduced
 - ▶ Reduced speed discrepancy
- Timer interrupts developed
 - ▶ Allowed job-sharing





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■ 1960s: Third Generation

- Faster CPUs
- Speed caused problems with slower I/O devices
- Multiprogramming
 - ▶ Allowed loading many programs at one time
- Program scheduling
 - ▶ Initiated with second-generation systems
 - ▶ Continues today
- Few advances in data management
- Total operating system customization
 - ▶ Suit user's needs



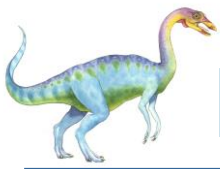


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■ 1970s

- Faster CPUs
- Speed caused problems with slower I/O devices
- Main memory physical capacity limitations
 - ▶ Multiprogramming schemes used to increase CPU
 - ▶ Virtual memory developed to solve physical limitation
- Database management software
 - ▶ Became a popular tool
- A number of query systems introduced
- Programs started using English-like words, modular structures, and standard operations





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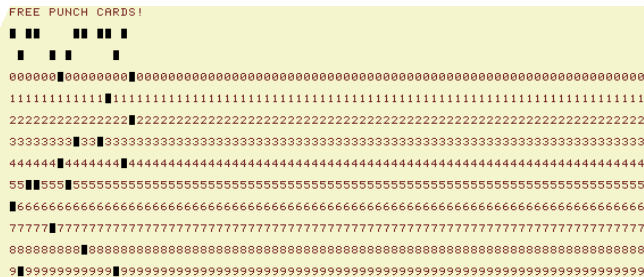
The Cray I supercomputer, introduced in 1976, boasted 8 MB main memory and a world-record speed of 160 million floating-point operations per second. Its circular design meant that no wire was more than 4 feet (1.2 meters) long.





FREE PUNCH CARDS!

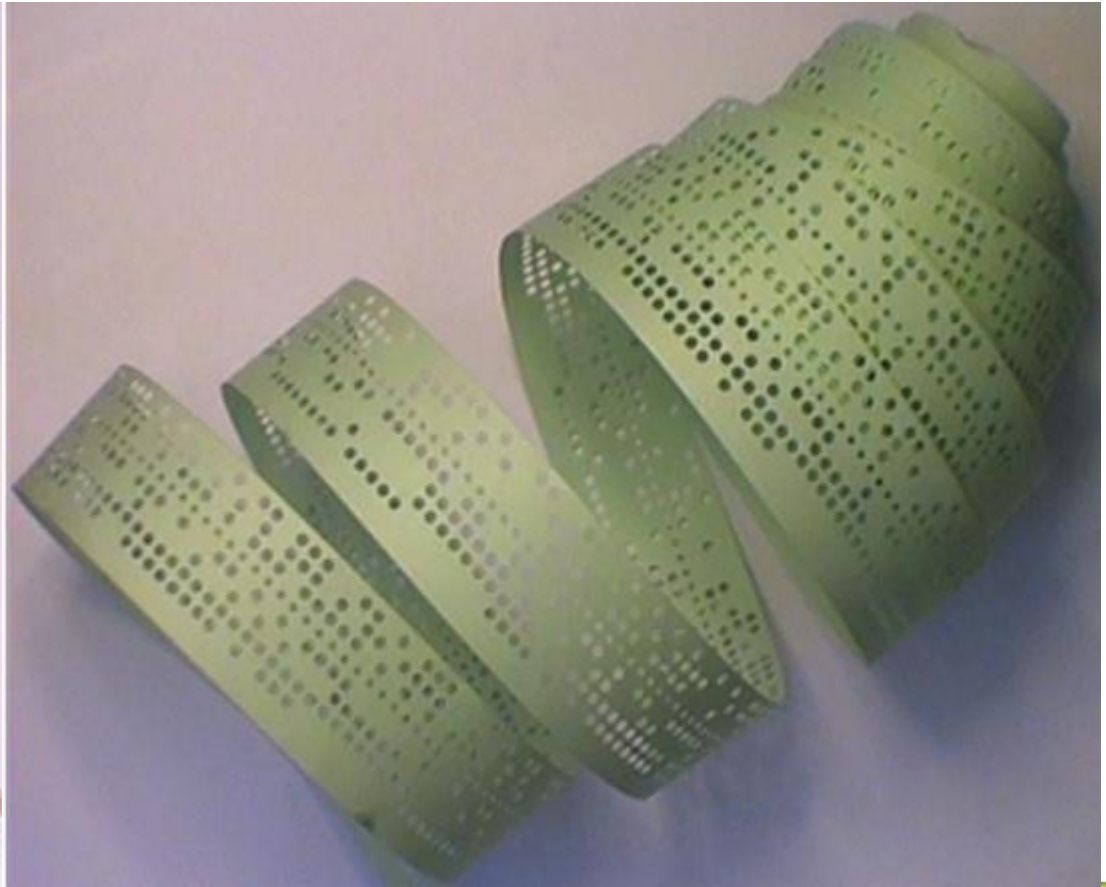
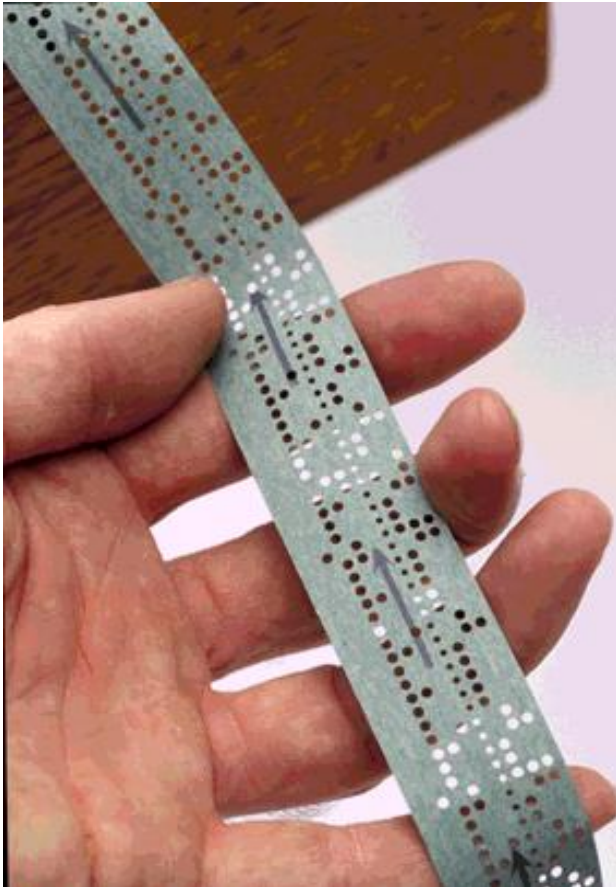
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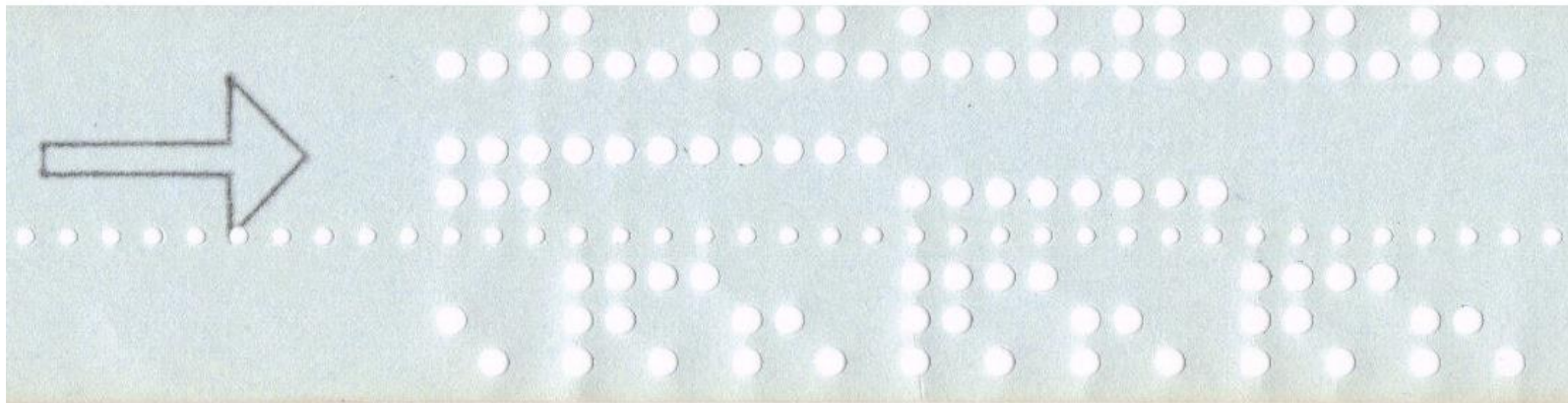
Paper tape





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Punched Paper Tape 25.4 mm wide. Ascii 7-bit character code. Even Parity.

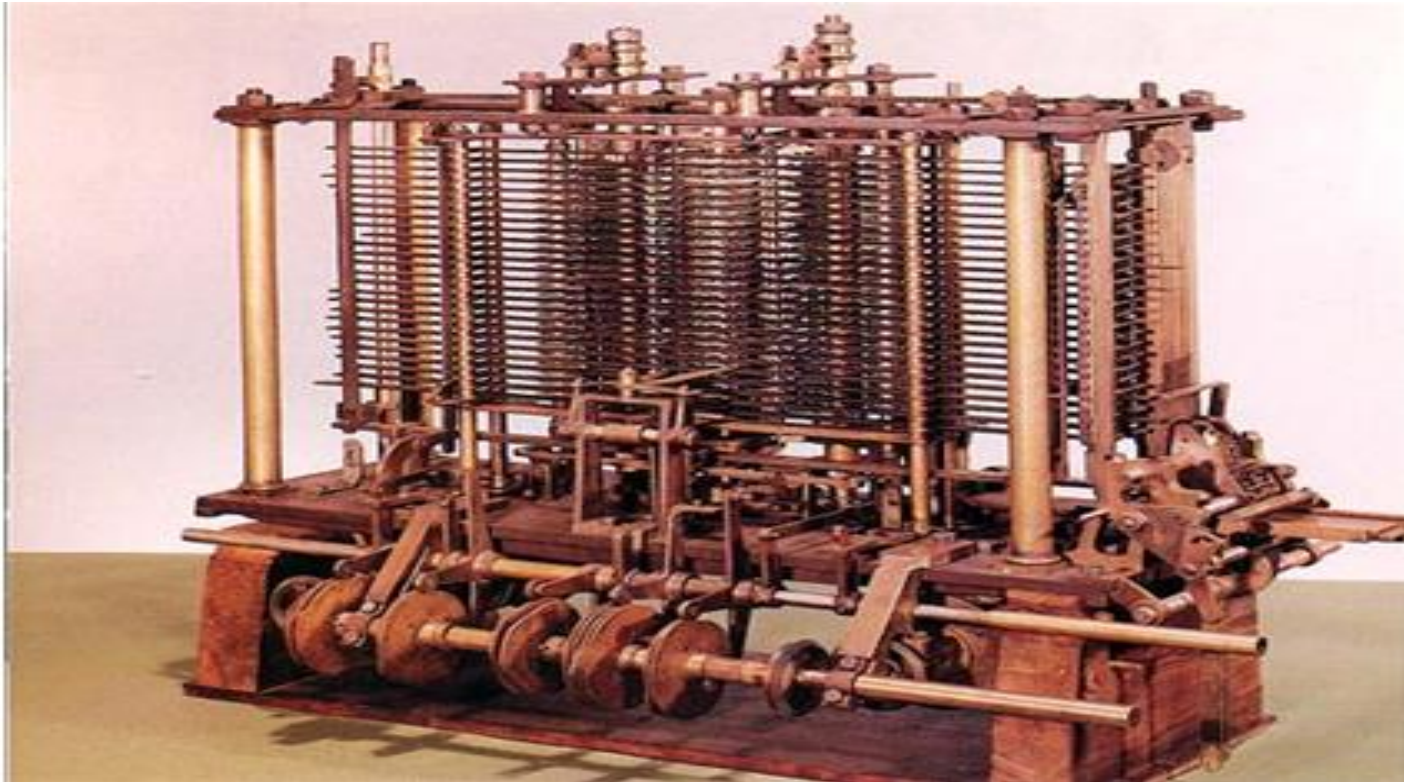


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Babbage's analytical engine

(designed in 1840's by Charles Babbage, but could not be constructed by him.
An earlier and simpler version is constructed in 2002, in London)

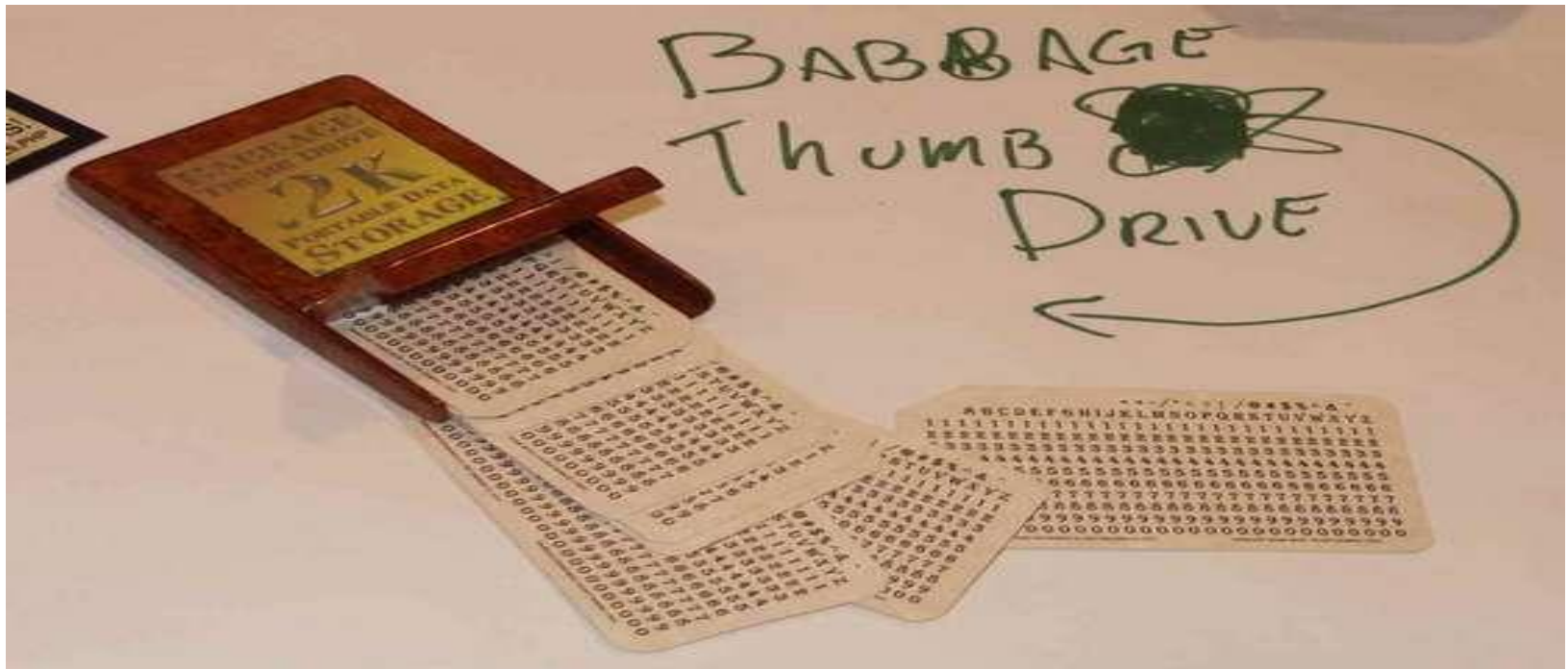


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- Ada Lovelace (at time of Charles Babbage) wrote code for analytical engine to compute Bernulli Numbers





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**Commodore
PET, 1977**





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- With the development of interactive computation in 1970s, **time-sharing systems** emerged.
- In these systems, multiple users have *terminals* (not computers) connected to a *main computer* and execute her task in the main computer.



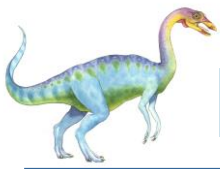


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■ 1980s

- **Cost/performance ratio** improvement of computer components
- More flexible hardware (firmware)
- **Multiprocessing**
 - ▶ Allowed parallel program execution
- Evolution of personal computers
- Evolution of high-speed communications
- **Distributed processing and networked systems** introduced





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■ 1990s

- Demand for Internet capability
 - ▶ Sparked proliferation of networking capability
 - ▶ Increased networking
 - ▶ Increased tighter security demands to protect hardware and software
- Multimedia applications
 - ▶ Demanding additional power, flexibility, and device compatibility for most operating systems

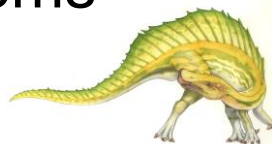




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■ 2000s

- Primary design features support:
 - ▶ Multimedia applications
 - ▶ Internet and Web access
 - ▶ Client/server computing
- Computer systems requirements
 - ▶ Increased CPU speed
 - ▶ High-speed network attachments
 - ▶ Increased number and variety of storage devices
- Virtualization
 - ▶ Single server supports different operating systems





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- As time went on, card readers, printers, and magnetic tape units were developed as additional hardware elements.
- Assemblers, loaders and simple utility libraries were developed as software tools.
- Later, off-line spooling and channel program methods were developed sequentially.





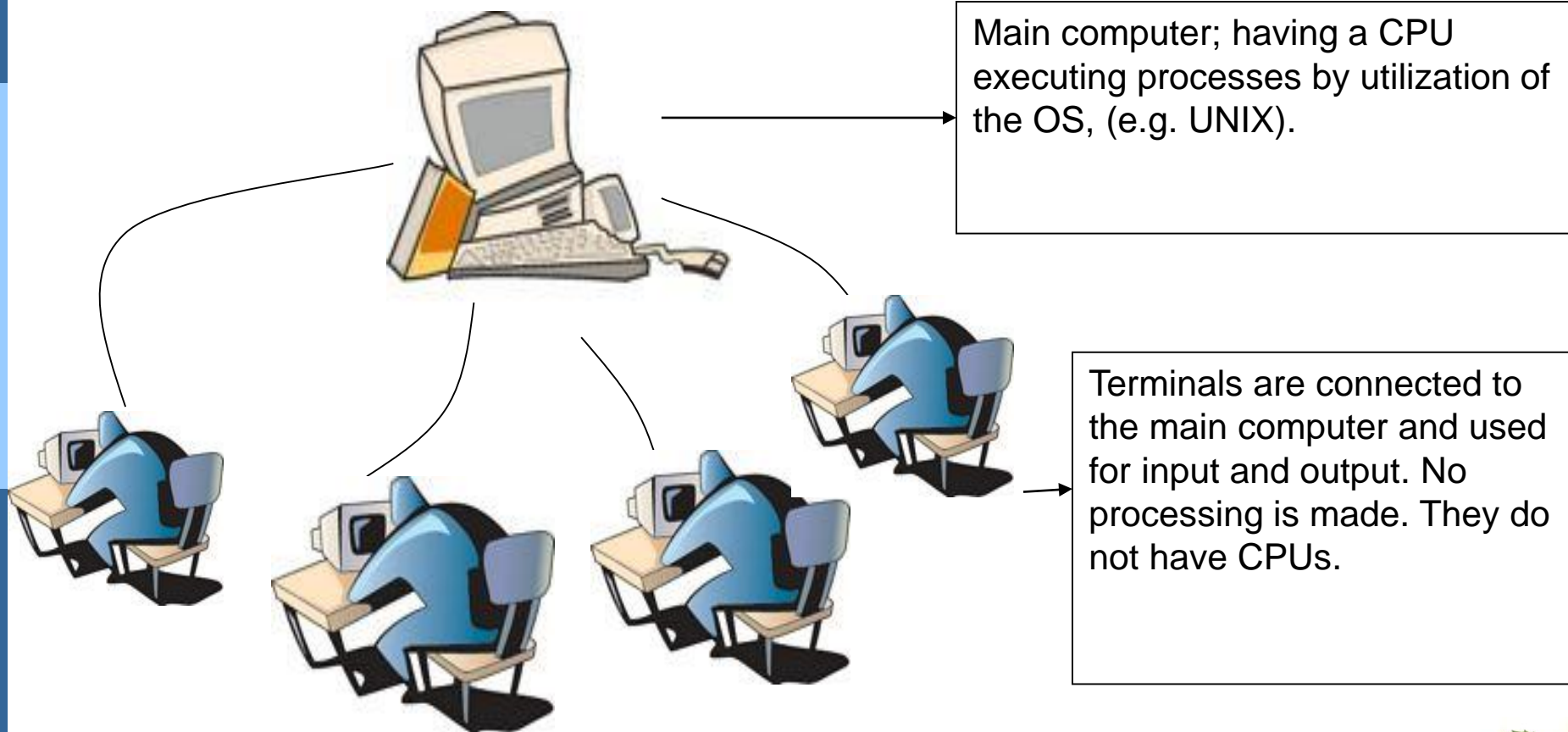
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- Finally, the idea of **multiprogramming** came.
- Multiprogramming means sharing of resources between more than one processes.
- By multiprogramming the CPU time is not wasted, because, while one process moves on some I/O work, the OS picks another process to execute till the current one passes to I/O operation.





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- Another computer system is the **multiprocessor system** having multiple processors sharing memory and peripheral devices.
- With this configuration, they have greater computing power and higher reliability.





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- Multiprocessor systems are classified into two as tightly-coupled and loosely-coupled (distributed).
- In the tightly-coupled one, each processor is assigned a specific duty but processors work in close association, possibly sharing the same memory.
- In the loosely coupled one, each processor has its own memory and copy of the OS.





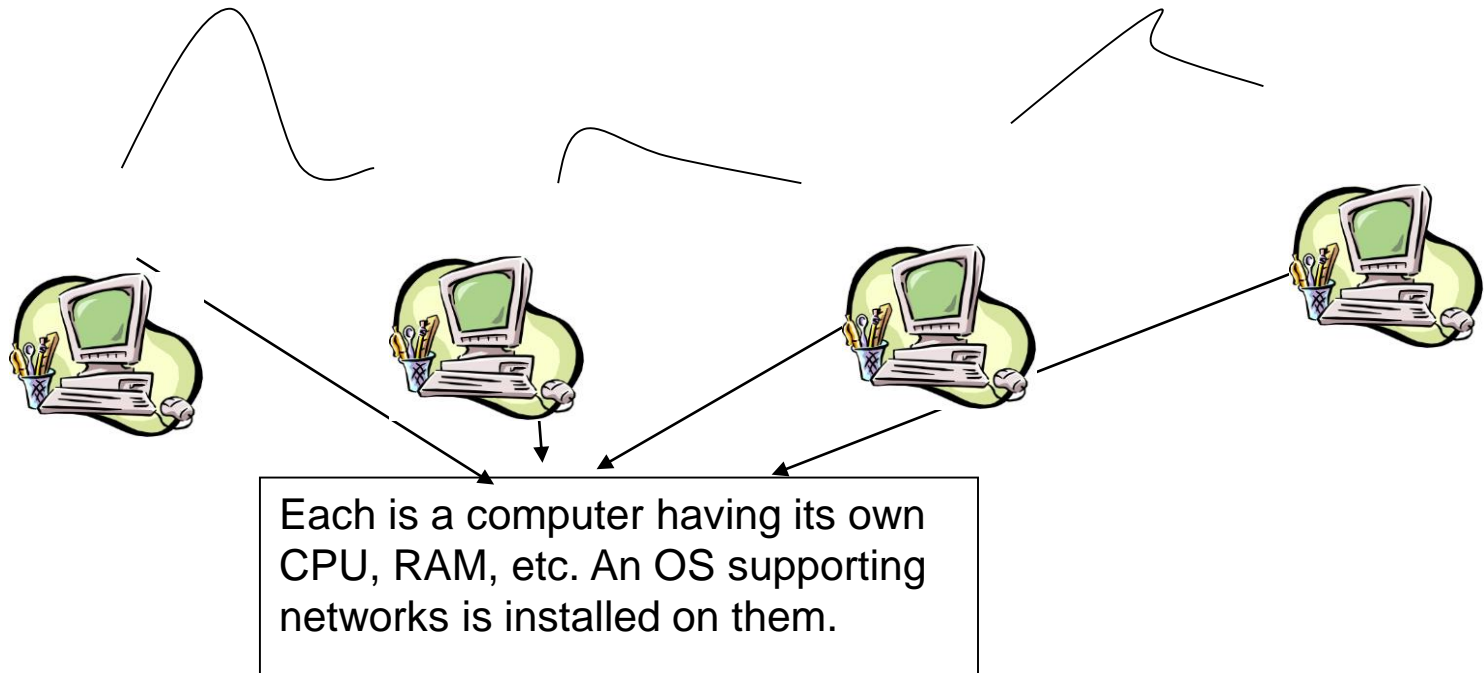
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- Use of the networks required OSs appropriate for them.
- In **network systems**, each process runs in its own machine but the OS have access to other machines.
- By this way, file sharing, messaging, etc. became possible.
- In networks, users are aware of the fact that s/he is working in a network and when information is exchanged. The user explicitly handles the transfer of information.





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History of Machine Hardware

Platform	Operating System
Microcomputers	Linux, UNIX, Windows
Minicomputers	Linux, IBM OS/400, OpenVMS, UNIX
Mainframe computers	IBM OS/390, Linux, UNIX
Supercomputers	IRIX, UNICOS
Workstations, Servers	Linux, UNIX, Windows
Networks	Linux, NetWare, UNIX, Windows
Personal Digital Assistants	Palm OS, Windows Mobile





Types of Operating Systems

■ Five categories

- Batch
- Interactive
- Real-time
- Hybrid
- Embedded

■ Two distinguishing features

- Response time
- How data enters into the system

