



COMP110: Principles of Computing
**1: Computing History and
Profession**



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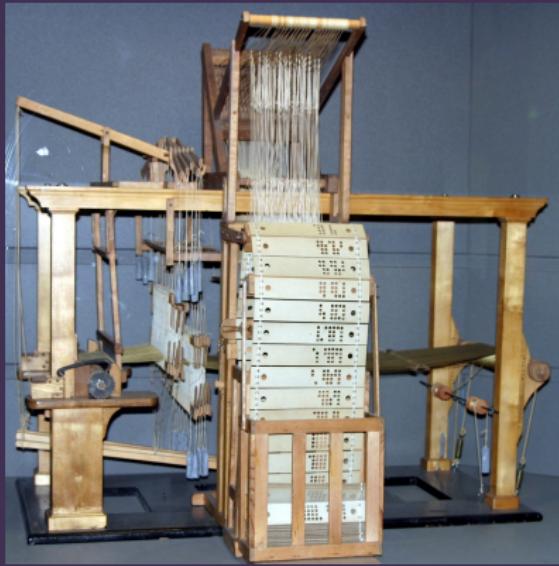
Antikythera Mechanism (~150 BC)

First mechanical computer?



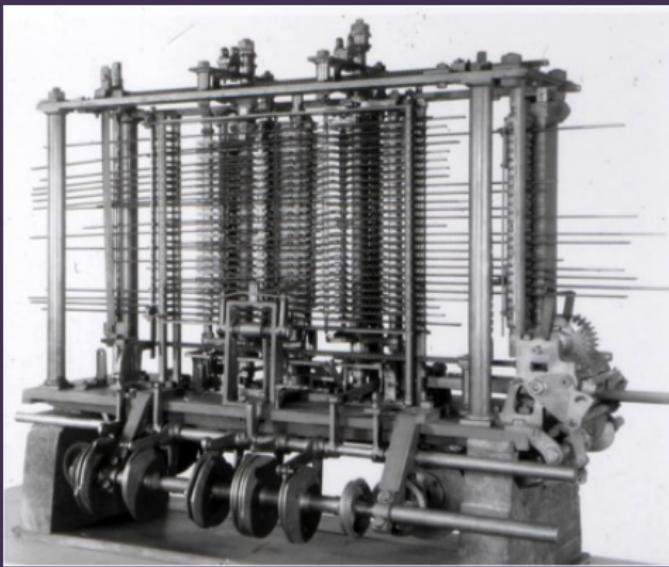
Jacquard Loom (1804)

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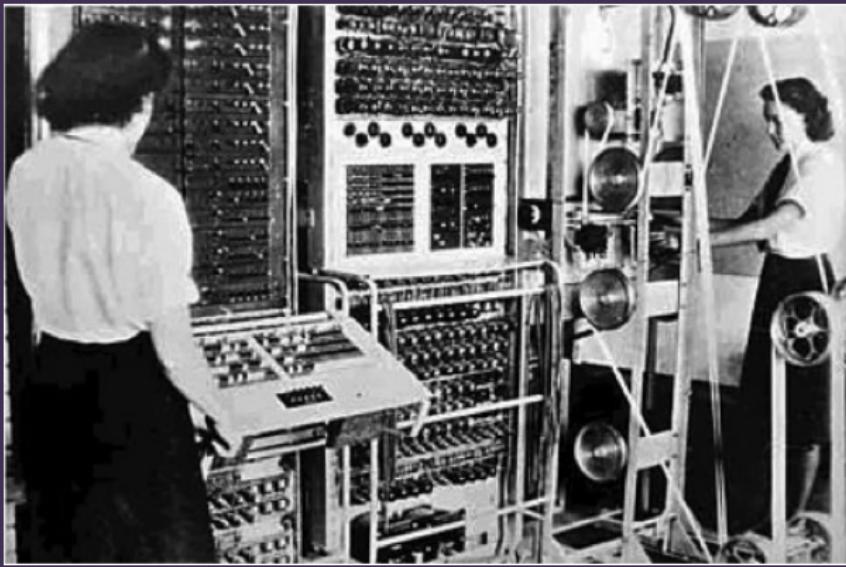
Babbage's Difference and Analytical Engines (1837)

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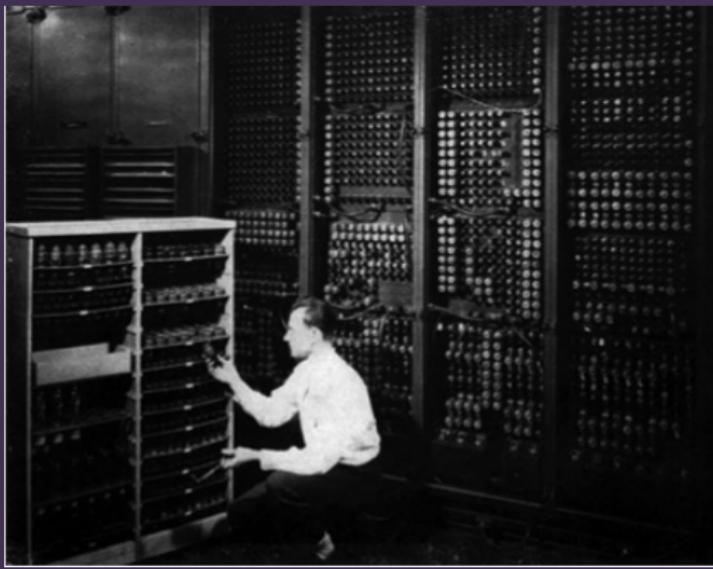
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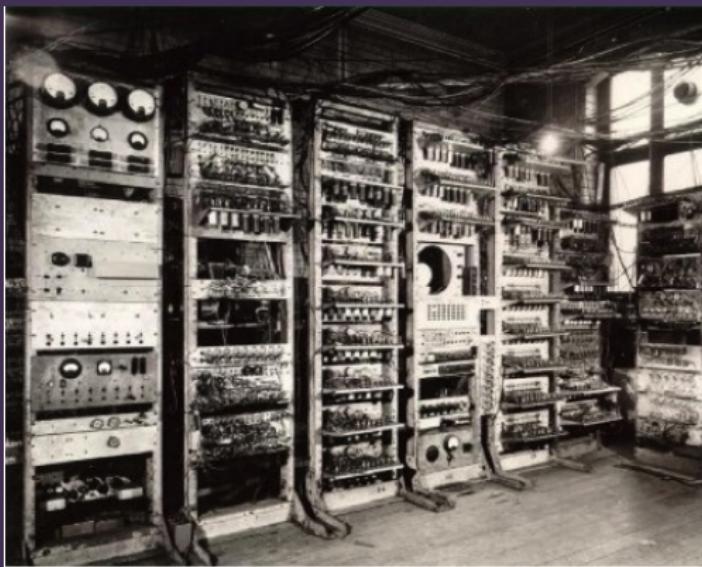
ENIAC (1946)

First general-purpose computer



Manchester Small-Scale Experimental Machine (1948)

First stored program computer



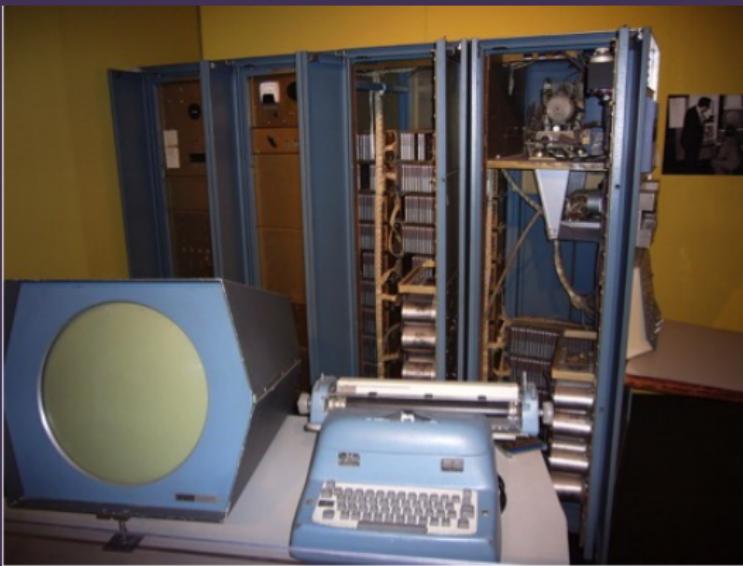
TRADIC (1949)

First transistor computer



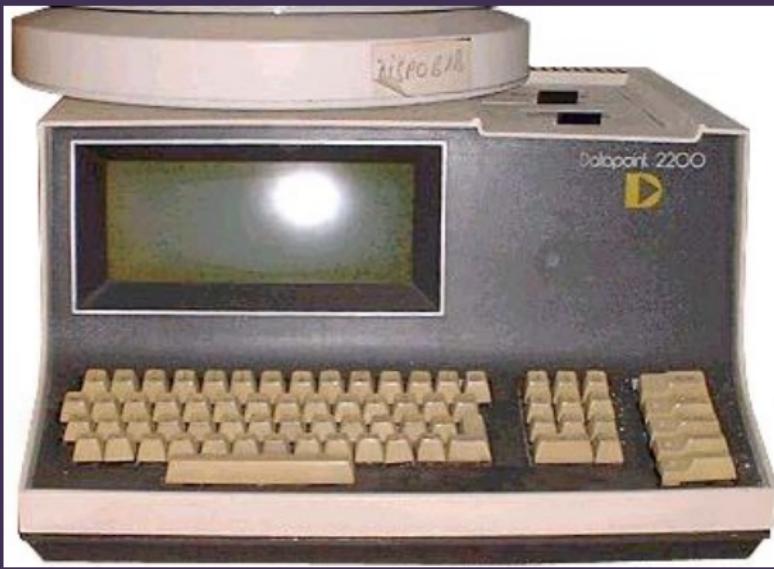
PDP-1 (1959)

Influenced “hacker culture”



Datapoint 2200 (1970)

First microcomputer



Commodore VIC 20 (1980)

First computer to sell 1 million units



IBM Personal Computer Model 5150 (1981)

Precursor to the modern PC



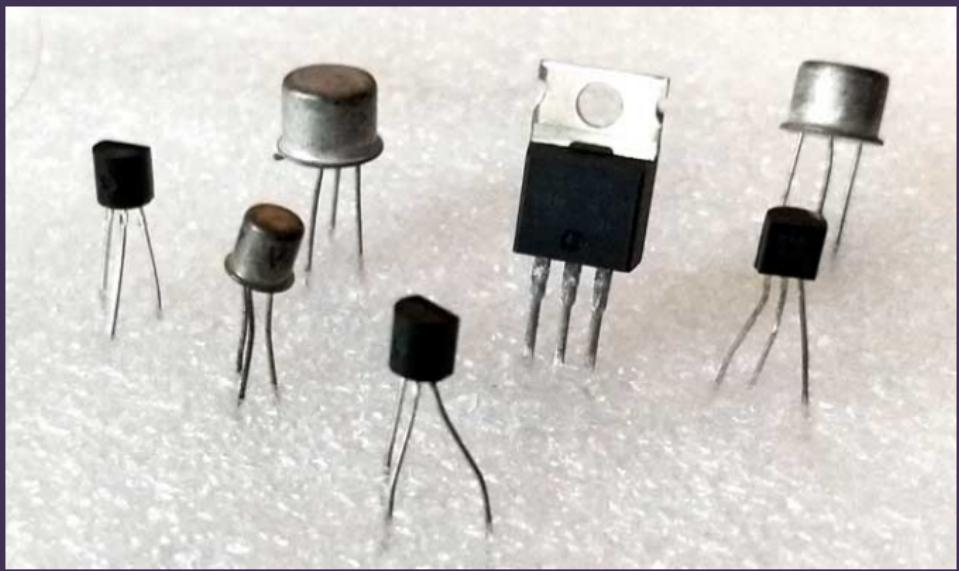
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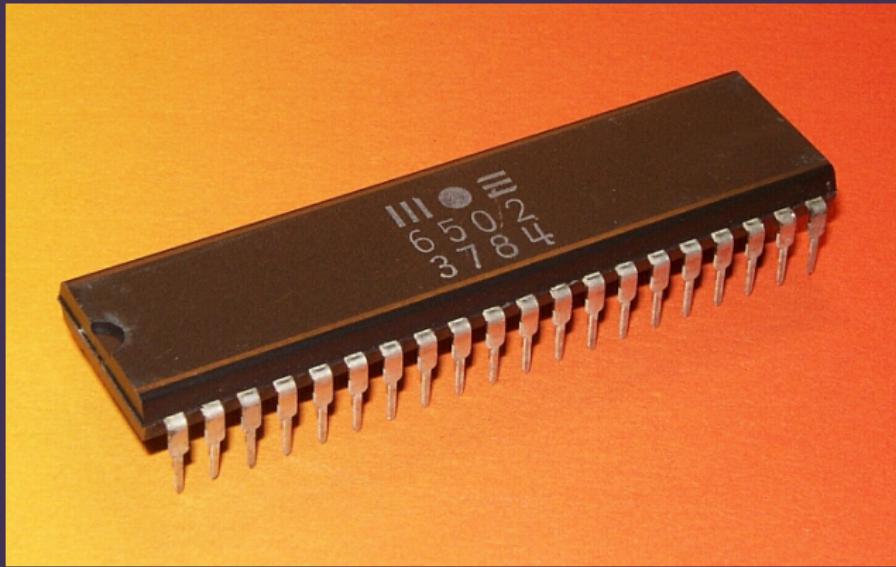
Vacuum tubes (valves)



Transistors



Integrated circuits (ICs)



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Cathode Ray Tube Amusement Device (1948)

First interactive electronic game



Chess AI on the Ferranti Mark I (1951)

First chess program



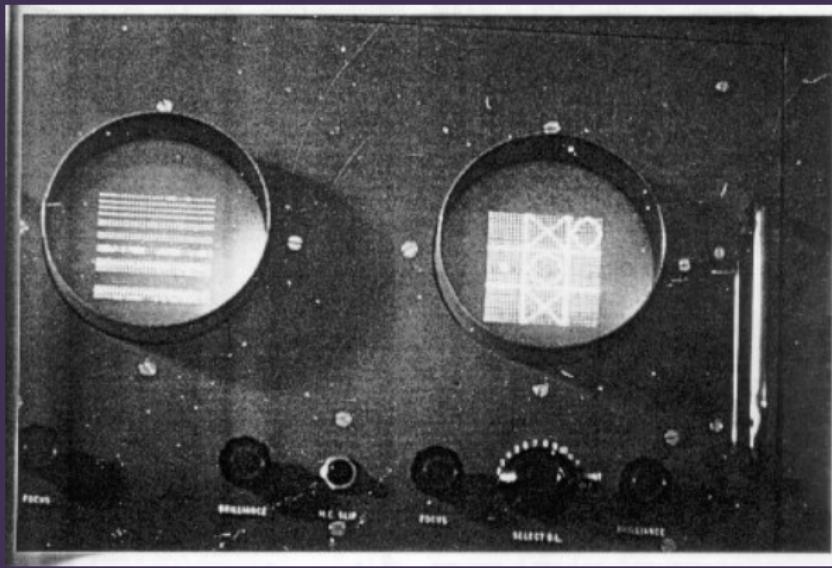
Bertie the Brain (1950)

First computer game with a visual display



OXO (1951)

First game with visuals on a general-purpose computer



Tennis for Two (1959)

First to be created purely for entertainment



SpaceWar! (1962)

First widely available game, inspired first arcade games



Pong (1972)

First commercially successful game



What was the first games console?



The Brown Box (1967)

First prototype console



Magnavox Odyssey (1972)

First commercial console



Game console timeline

http://www.onlinedevelopment.net/videogame_timeline/video-game-timeline.jpg
(A little out of date!)

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