

History of CPU's

1940's - early 1960's : mainframes = room-sized CPU's.

Early 1960's - late 70's : minicomputers = cabinet-sized CPUs (DEC VAX e.g.)

mid 1970's : microcomputers = CPU on a chip. (IC = integrated circuit)

8-bit CPU's
16-bit address

- Intel 8008 (1972) process size: $10\mu\text{m} = \frac{1}{1000^{\text{th}}}$ of a cm = 1000 fit across your thumb.
- Intel 8080 (1974) - Clock speed: 200 - 800 kHz.
- MOS 6502 (1975) - 2MHz , $6\mu\text{m}$
- ~1MHz.

↳ Atari 2600, Nintendo, Apple II, Commodore 64, BBC Micro

80's : 16-bit CPU's.

Intel 8088 → 1st IBM PC. (1979)

Motorola 68000 → early Macs. (1986).

↳ Macs have now switched to Intel chips.

Intel 80286 (1982) ~10MHz (2 μm)

80386 (1985) ~20

80486 ~100

Pentium (90's) ~200 (500 nm)

Xeon, Celeron, ... → ~5GHz 14nm, 7nm

→ dominates desktop market.

RISC = Reduced Instruction Set Computing - 1980's first commercial releases.

benefit: smaller, simpler, less power, etc.

SPARC, ARM

↳ dominates embedded market eg. gaming systems, smartphone, cars, etc.

Gordon Moore -
CEO of Intel?

1965 - 1975

"Moore's Law"
prediction: # of components
on an IC x2
every 2 years