Uvod v računalništvo

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If we can specify an algorithm to solve a problem, then we can automate its solution.





Astronomy, chemistry, medicine.

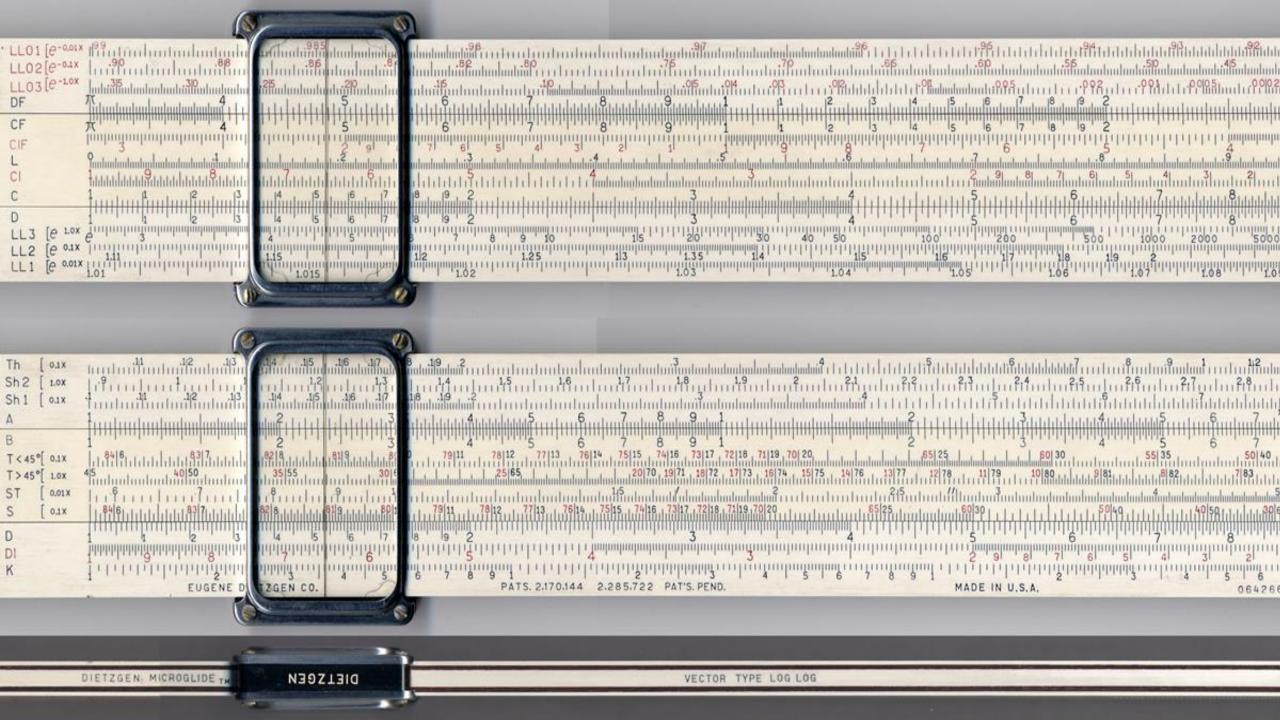


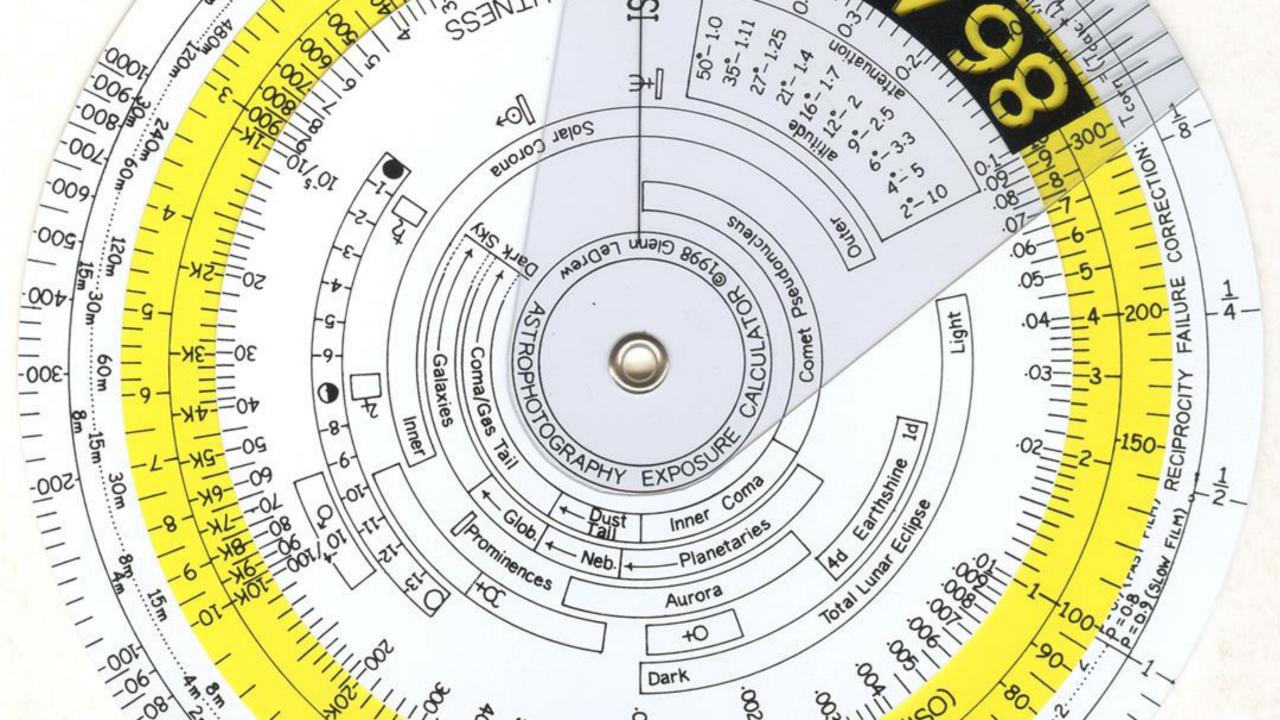
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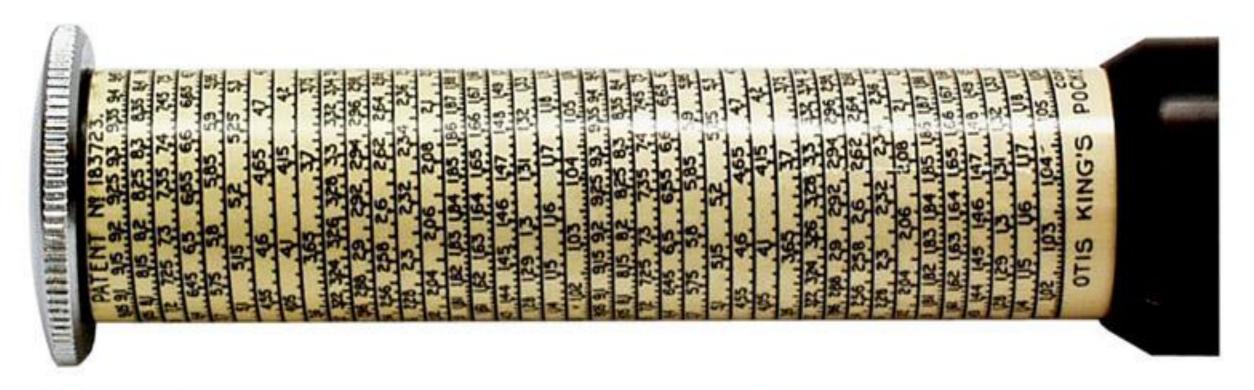
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The first slide rule appeared around 1622.





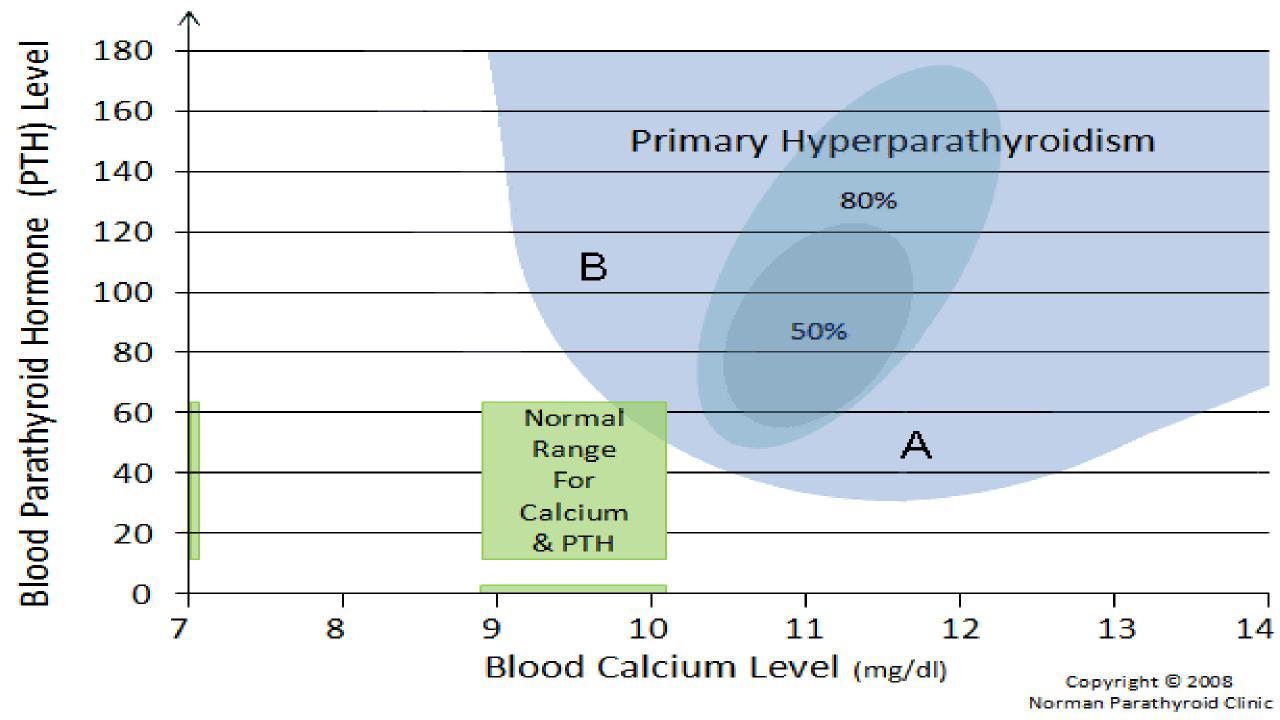




No slide rules today?



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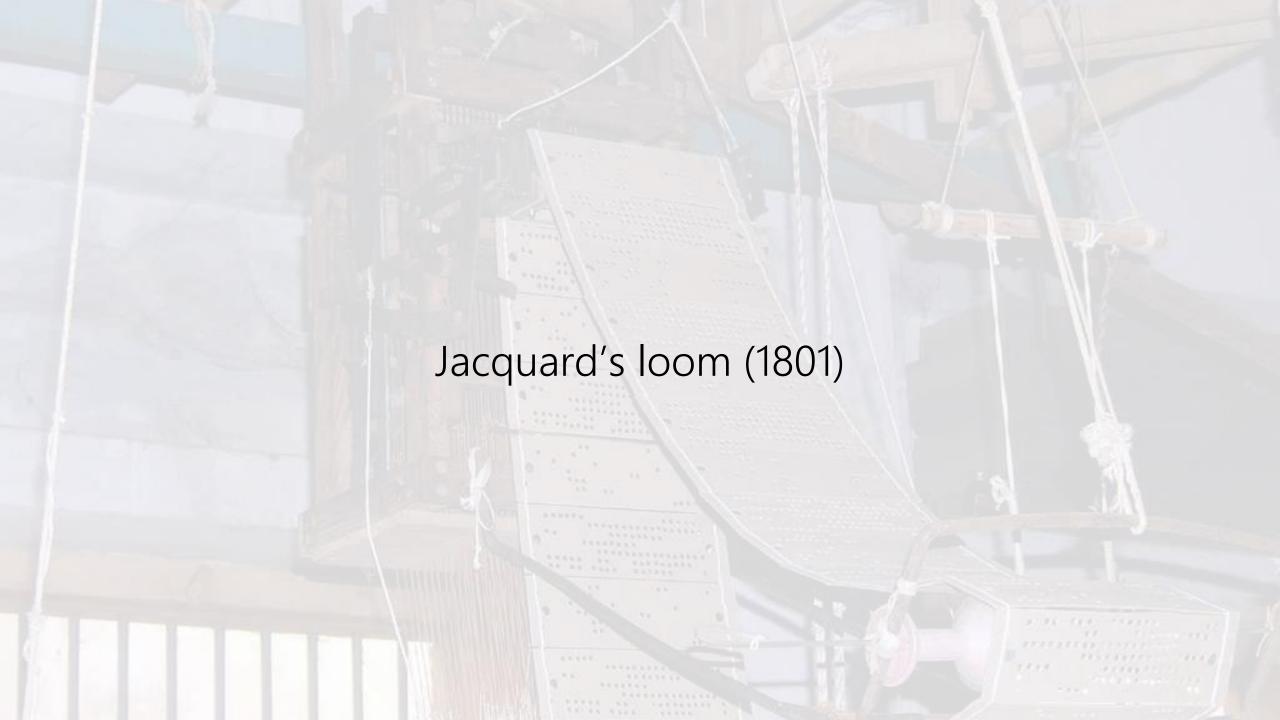
Blaise Pascal (1672); Pascaline mechanical calculators; (+,-)Gottfried Leibnitz (1674); Leibnitz's wheel; $(+,-,\times,\div)$ Early mechanical machines were important, because they demonstrated how mechanization could automate, simplify, and speed up the drudgery of arithmetic computation.

Something's missing though...

Memory & Programmability

And the very first computing device is...





Jacquard's loom showed that the knowledge of an expert can be stored in machine-readable form.

Once the program was created, the expert was no longer needed.

And it burns, burns, burns...

Ned Ludd and the Luddites (1811-1816)

Charles Babbage (1823), Difference Engine $(+,-,\times,\div,$ and more)

Charles Babbage (1830s), Analytic Engine (general-purpose computational machine)

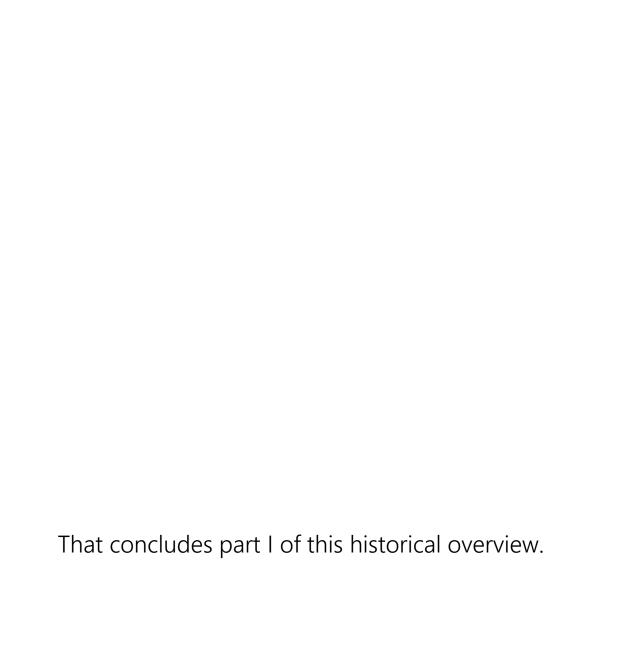
mill, store, operator, and output unit

Herman Hollerith

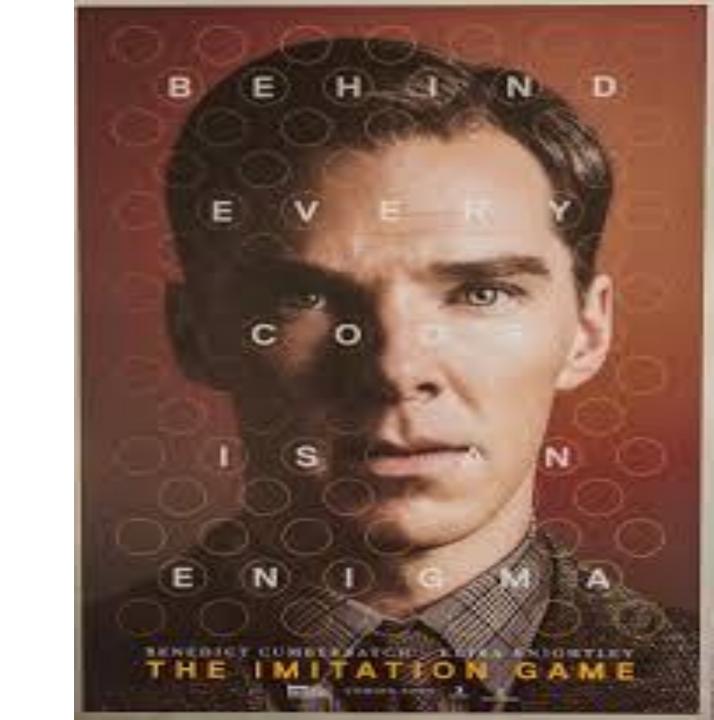
The story of a young statistician at the U.S. Census Bureau

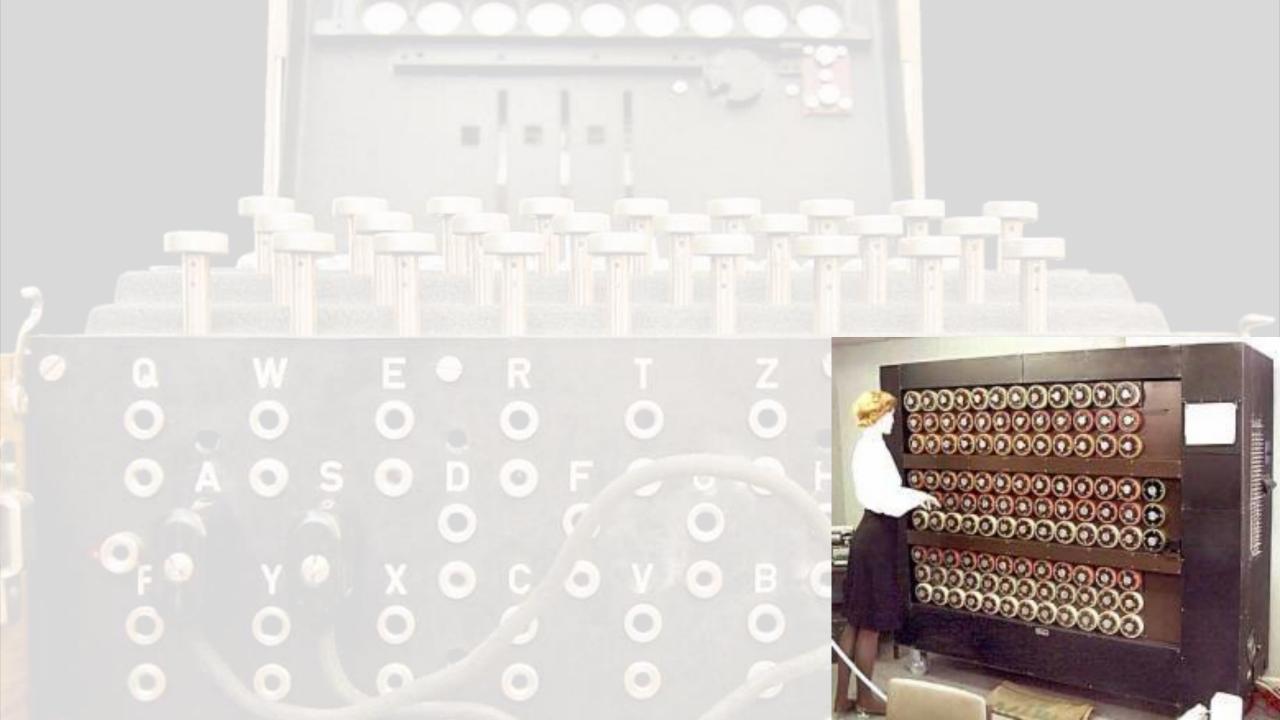




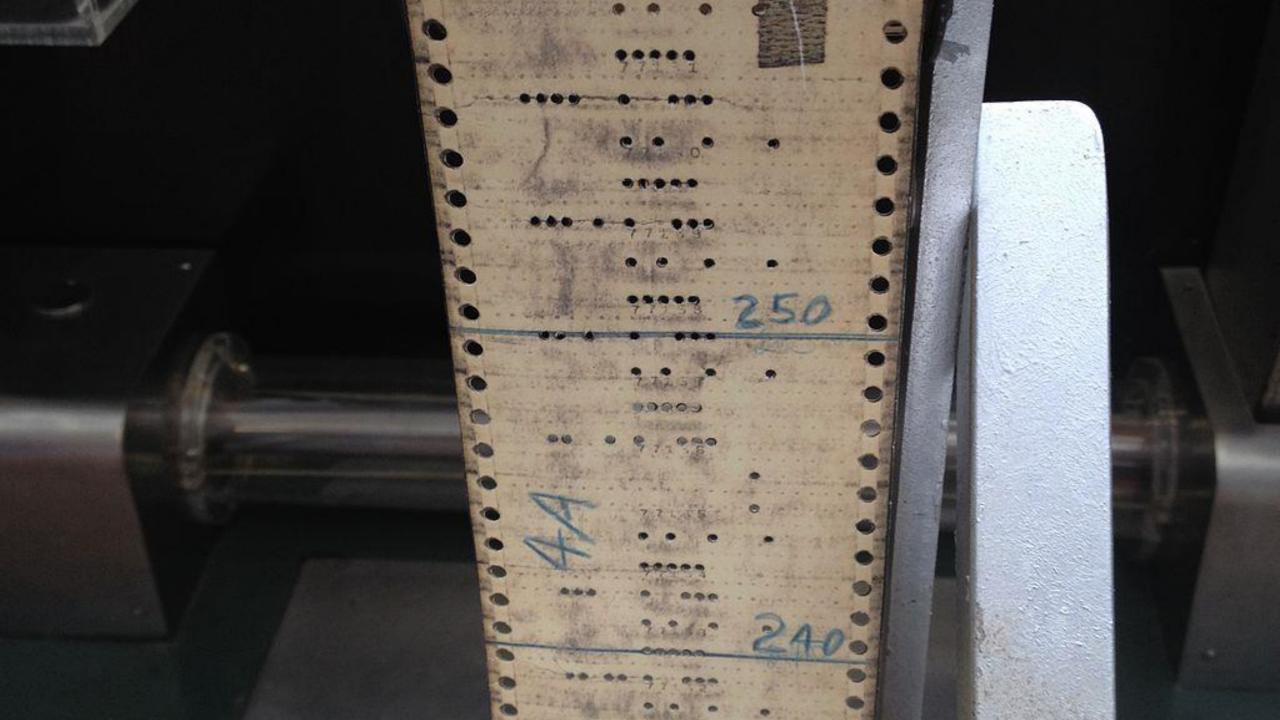








U.S. Navy & IBM jointly fund a project at Harvard University under Professor Howard Aiken



Mark I

general purpose electromechanical programmable computer

U.S. Army & University of Pennsylvania ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Calculator)

first fully electronic general-purpose programmable computer*

Alan Turing, England Colossus, built in 1943 to help break Enigma

Konrad Zuse, Germany

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All these computers did not yet look like modern computers... one more step is missing.

Neumann János Lajos (John von Neumann)

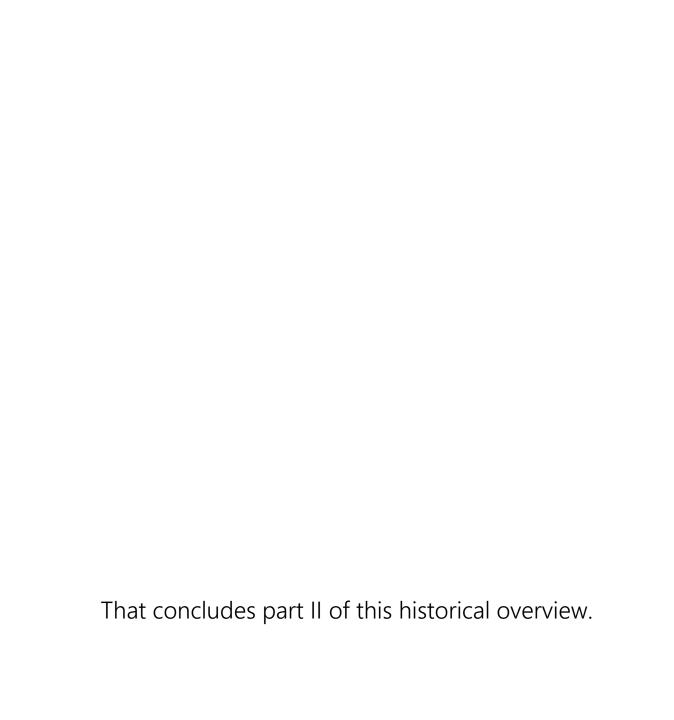


Stored program computer (1946) EDVAC (1951)



EDSAC (Cambridge, UK, 1946-1958)
UNIVAC I (commercial model of EDVAC)

So who was the first to build a fully electronic computer?



There is nothing new since Von Neumann.

Since 1950, computer systems development has been primarily an *evolutionary* process, not a revolutionary one.

First generation of computing (1950-1957)

UNIVAC I, IBM 701 bulky, expensive, slow, unreliable

building size computers

Second generation of computing (1957-1965) transistors, magnetic cores, FORTRAN, COBOL room size computers

Third generation of computing (1965-1975)
integrated circuit, PDP-1 minicomputer,
birth of software industry

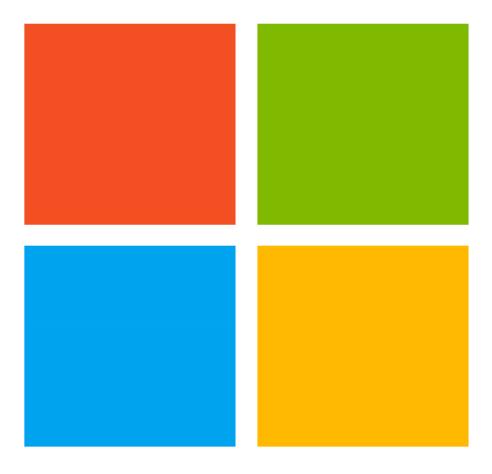
desk size computers

Fourth generation of computing (1975-1985)

first microcomputer Altair 8800, networks, lots and lots of software

desktop (typewriter) size computers

About this Altair 8800 ...



Microsoft



Fifth generation of computing (1985-now)

concept of distinct generations outlived its usefulness, because things change so fast

Change is now the only constant.

Changes of this magnitude have never occurred so quickly in any other technology.

If the same rate of change had occurred in the auto industry, beginning with the 1909 Model-T, today's cars would be capable of traveling at a speed of 32,000 kph, would need about 0.2 *millilitres* per 100 km, and would cost about €1,00.

Take away lesson #P2

Technology and the world changes rapidly these days. Don't expect things to stay as they are.