

HISTORY

Personal Computing

- Historical background
 - Digital devices go on the public market in the 1970s
 - Calculators and watches
 - Personal computers become available in 1976
 - Initial sales were slow due to limited software availability
- **Personal computing:** Use of a standalone computer powered by local software
 - **Local software:** code that is kept on a computer's storage device
 - Marks the second phase of the digital revolution
 - 1975-1995
 - Seemed to set the power of computation in the hands of the masses
 - Massed computer-use did not occur because of the limited connectivity