



# 1837

**Charles Babbage describes the analytical engine. It is the design of a modern general purpose computer. The idea that Charles had about a computer was born because the preparation of mathematical tables was a tedious process and very prone to errors.**



A black and white photograph of the EDSAC computer system. The machine consists of several tall, vertical panels with a grid-like pattern of small components. Two people are visible in the foreground, interacting with the panels. One person is on the left, and another is on the right, reaching towards the panels. The background is dark and indistinct.

# 1946

**The British computer EDSAC (Electronic Delay Storage) built by Maurice Wilkes and a team belonging to the mathematics laboratory of the University of Cambridge is put into operation, it was inspired by the ideas that Neumann exposes in his draft.**