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Work In Progress
Update

Previously...

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Our updates this round

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Streamlined
Warm
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Optimized
International
Unique to Visa \$

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Visa Sans Light

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you want to be.

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the #1 way to pay.

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public services and
economic opportunity**

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secure online transactions and supports e-commerce growth.

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Rive Café
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Lulu Bar
Bar Chouette

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ENJOY THE JOURNEY AS MUCH AS THE DESTINATION

From the start, money was a social technology to smooth exchange. Early societies used barter and then converged on commodity money—cattle, grain, shells—objects with both use and agreed value. Metal coinage in Lydia, 7th century BCE standardized weight and purity, letting states tax, pay armies, and broadcast authority via stamped images. Paper money followed in Tang/Song China, where promissory notes and government-issued jiaozi turned trust into transportable value. Medieval and early modern Europe layered banking onto this foundation: bills of exchange, double-entry bookkeeping, and central banks professionalized credit.

Credit emerged long before modern banks, born from ancient merchants tallying trust on clay tablets and in temple ledgers. In Mesopotamia, grain loans and promissory records stitched trade across seasons; later, medieval fairs and Italian double-entry bookkeeping refined risk, interest, and time into portable obligations. Colonial tally sticks, bill-of-exchange networks, and joint-stock finance scaled the idea, separating payment from the moment of exchange. By the 20th century, revolving credit—from department store charge plates to BankAmericard—translated reputation into plastic, while today's algorithmic scoring remixes age-old trust with data.

A GRAND EXPERIMENT

Visa's origins trace to **1958**, when Bank of America launched BankAmericard in Fresno, California. It was a bold mass issuance experiment: 60,000 unsolicited cards mailed to residents to seed a two-sided network—consumers on one side, merchants on the other. The early program wrestled with fraud, collections, and merchant onboarding, but it proved the viability of a centralized authorization and clearing system operated through participating banks.

Through the **1960s**, BankAmericard spread nationally via licensing to other banks, creating a federated model that balanced local relationships with shared standards.

Merchants adopted imprinters and paper charge slips while banks built back-office systems for settlement. Interchange—the fee between issuing and acquiring banks—became the economic glue aligning incentives across the network. By the early **1970s**, member banks sought independent governance, forming associations to manage rules, branding, and technology. This period standardized elements like magnetic

stripe encoding, authorization limits, and dispute processes, catalyzing reliability at scale. The network's interoperability became its competitive edge, allowing cardholders to transact far from their home bank. In **1976**, BankAmericard rebranded as Visa, a name chosen to signal global acceptance and linguistic neutrality across borders. The new identity unified fragmented regional programs under common marks and rules while preserving the association's bank-owned structure. Visa's brand quickly became shorthand for trust at the point of sale. The **1980s** marked a shift from paper to electronics with VisaNet, a real-time, high-availability authorization and clearing network. Speed and uptime became existential priorities; milliseconds mattered at the checkout. Electronic data capture reduced error, and global routing optimized approvals while minimizing fraud losses. In the **1990s**, EMV chip standards emerged to combat counterfeiting, especially in regions where offline verification was common. Visa advocated global adoption, coordinating issuers, acquirers, and

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