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Morse Code

Morse code was originally invented by Samuel F. B. Morse in the 1830s. Morse was an esteemed portrait painter, before he invented the famous communication system. Unfortunately, he was also very outwardly anti-Catholic and pro slavery. The system works by using dots and dashes and can be translated into flashing lights. Originally, the code worked with electrical pulses varying in length between short blips and longer spurts. This made communication between Europe and America a lot easier and faster.

But, the code was lacking in a few ways. The Europeans often use accents and special characters in their words and the code did not include these. So, the International Morse Code was created by the European nations in order to solve this problem in 1851. The original Morse Code had variations of line length and variations in spacing. The International Morse Code fixed these odd problems as well and standardized the length of the line and eliminated any extra spacing. This is the Morse Code that we know and use today. The code was used in World War II, the Vietnam War, and the Korean War as a way to transmit messages.