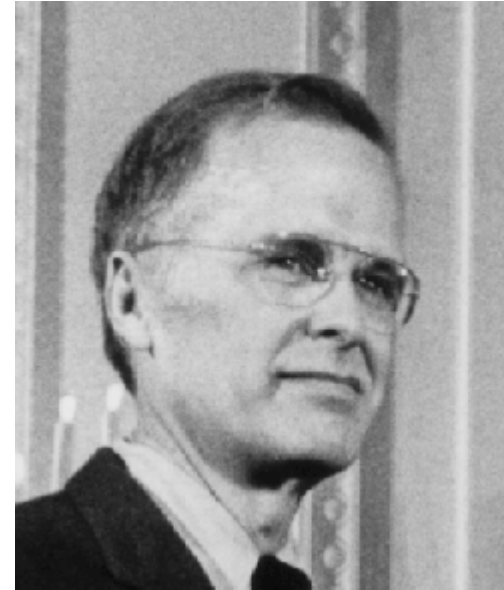


John Backus



- Born December 3, 1924
- Died March 17, 2007
- IBM Programmer from 1950 ~ 1954
http://www-03.ibm.com/ibm/history/exhibits/builders/builders_backus.html
- His team invented a high level programming language called Fortran
- Helped develop the Backus-Naur Form (BNF)

Slide by: Seung-Hwan Lee, Monica Razak and Max Lepkowski

John Backus



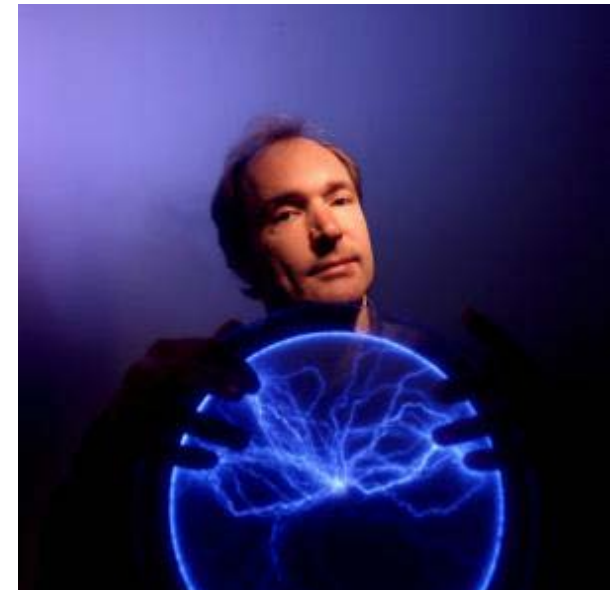
- Born: December 3, 1924, Philadelphia, PA
- Died: March 17, 2007, Ashland, OR
- Works:
 - 1953 – Speedcoding
 - First high-level language created for the IBM computer
 - Supported computation with floating point numbers
 - 1955-1957 – FORTRAN
 - Led a team to develop easy-to-use programming language for scientific users
 - 1958-1960 – ALGOL
 - Served on international committees developing
 - 1959 – Backus-Naur form
 - Formal notation describing any context-free programming design
 - 1977 – Function Programming (FP)
 - First programming language to support function level programming paradigm
 - Allows the elimination of named variables
- Asteroid 6830 Johnbackus is named in his honor.

Slide by: Brianne Trollo, Nathaniel Blakely

Tim Berners-Lee

Father of the internet

- Born: June 8, 1955 (age 60)
- Lead creation of World Wide web (1989-1991)
 - Lives in London, England
 - Credited as main author of HTML
 - HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol)
 - URLs (Universal Resource Locators)
- Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II



Slide by: Taber McFarlin and Nick Cacchione

Sergey Brin



- **Born:** August 21, 1973 in Moscow, Russia (currently 42)
- **Net Worth:** \$34.3 billion
- Founder of Google
 - The most widely used search engine, known for its ability to sort results by relevance
- Started Google in a rented garage while attending Stanford University

Slide by: Cheyenne Chao, Kevin Zarzana, Jack Li

Sergey Brin



[source: www.theguardian.com/]

Trivia: Google's unofficial motto is "Don't Be Evil".

Sergey Brin co-founded Google with the help of Larry Page after creating "BackRub", an earlier version of the search engine. BackRub went live in 1997 and has stayed alive as Google since then. The idea came about after combining Sergey's existing knowledge of data mining systems with Page's desire to create an engine for measuring the importance of a research paper from how many times it was sourced. After the success of Google made him one of the richest men on earth he began to invest his time in some of Google's more innovative projects like Project Glass as well as Google's self-driving car program.

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Slide by: Susana Restrepo and Christopher Lyons



[source: technologytell.com]

Born: August 21, 1973
Place of Residence: Mountain View, California



[source: the Google.com website]

Brendan Eich



- Born July 4th, 1961
- Lives in Pittsburgh, PA
- Created JavaScript programming language (September 1995)
- Co-founded Mozilla project (1998) and Mozilla Corporation (2005), and was Mozilla CEO temporarily (2014)
- In April 2014, Eich stepped down from CEO of Mozilla project due to conflict in his support of proposition 8, the anti-same sex marriage bill in CA.



Slide by: Justin Barish and Zach Hackett

Brendan Eich



Former CEO of Mozilla Corporation and creator of the JavaScript language

Birthday: July 4, 1961

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Masters Degree

Santa Clara University
B.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science

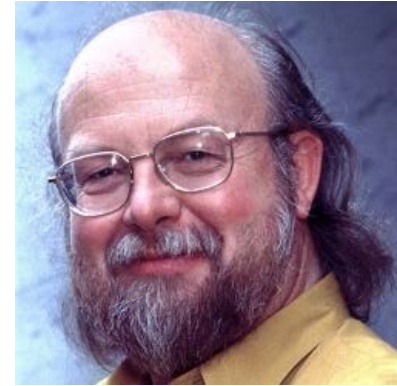


JavaScript

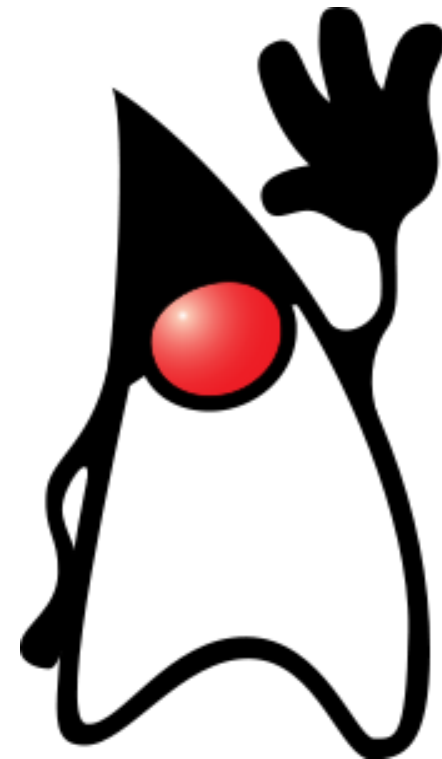
- On April 1995 started working at the Netscape Communications Corporation.
- Was appointed to create a new language to accommodate for the web browser at Netscape.
- In just 10 days he created Mocha. Name was later changed to JavaScript.
- Co-founded Mozilla in 1998 where he was the Chief Architect.
- In 1999 AOL bought Netscape and in 2003 shut down the browser.
- Helped form the Mozilla Foundation. After serving as Lead Technologist and member of the Board of Directors, was promoted to CTO of Mozilla Corporation on August 2005.
- On March 24, 2014 promoted to CEO of Mozilla Corporation.
- Stepped down as CEO of Mozilla Corporation on April 3, 2014 after a controversy involving California Proposition 8.

Slide by: Brandon Botsch, Zachary Saegesser, Edrick Ramos

James Gosling



- Born: May 19, 1955
- Lives: San Francisco, CA
- Credited with being the creator of the Java Language
 - modeled after C/C++, June 1991
 - OOP, secure, cross-platform, HP, dynamic
 - Oak -> Green -> Java
- Left Sun Microsystems in 2010
- 2015: awarded IEEE John von Neumann Medal



Slide by: Khayyam Saleem and Anthony Bradshaw

Grace Hopper

- Born December 6, 1906
- Died January 1, 1992
- She is the third person to program the Mark I computer
- Created the A-O compiler series
- Popularized the term “computer bug”



Hopper
with the
Mark I



Sandra Herrera & Nicole
Isaac

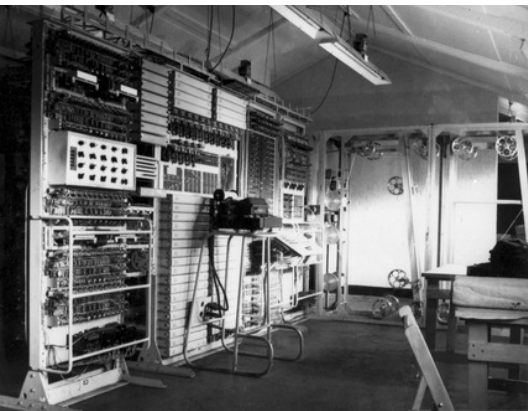


Grace Hopper

December 9, 1906 – January 1, 1992
Arlington County, VA

She began working in the Bureau of Ordnance Computation Project at Harvard University. She worked on the Marks I, II, and III. She then moved into the private computer industry, leading the team that invented the first compiler for computer languages A-0 system during 1951 to 1952.

Trivia: Hopper helped popularize the term “computer bug” when found a moth had shorted out the Mark II.



The Mark II

Slide by: Hyungho Seo, Wenkang Su, Chenyu Zhao

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Bill Joy

- Born William Nelson Joy on November 8th, 1954 (age 60) in Farmington Hills, Michigan
- Known for co-founding Sun Microsystems in 1982 in Santa Clara, California, and for greatly improving the BSD UNIX kernel under Bob Fabry while a graduate student at Berkeley by writing in a TCP/IP protocol for UNIX on behalf of DARPA from 1979 – 1981
- Headed all of Sun Microsystems' projects a chief scientist, developing the NFS protocol (1984), SPARC (1987), and the Java Programming language (1995, 1998, 2001). He retired in 2003
- Rumored to have written the entire vi text editor in one weekend
- Wrote the weary, often quoted article "Why the future doesn't need us" in 2000



Slide by: Alexander Post

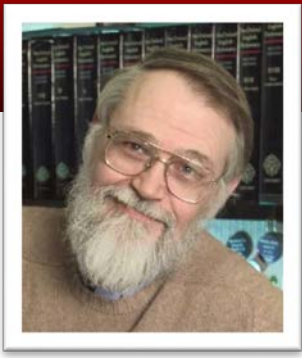
Bill Joy

- Born on November 8th, 1954 in Farmington Hills, Michigan.
- B.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Michigan & M.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Berkeley
- Co-founded Sun Microsystems with Vinod Khosla, Scott McNealy, and Andreas Bechtolsheim
- Was a key contributor to the Solaris operating system, SPARC microprocessor architecture, and the Java programming language



Christian Bouwense, Carla Noshi, and Katie Prescott

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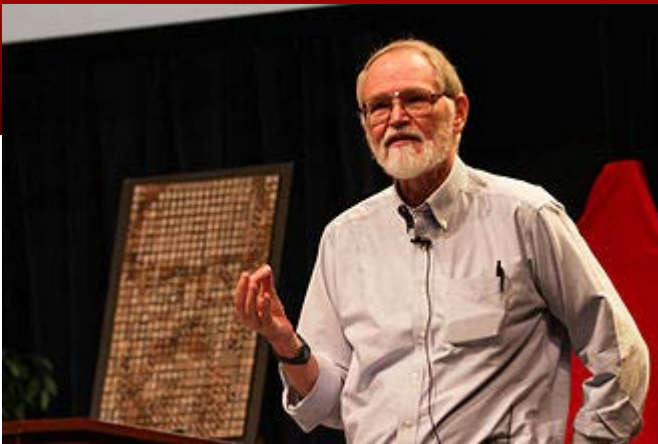
Brian Kernighan

- Born January 1, 1942
- Professor at Computer Science Department of Princeton University
 - Undergraduate Department Representative
- Contributed to development of Unix
 - Unix: Family of multitasking operating systems that gave rise to Linux, among others
- 1969-2000: Worked on Unix and other projects with Bell Lab
- 2000+: Became a professor at Princeton University

If he were stranded on an island with only one programming language, it would be ...

Ryan Little, Adam Taranov





Brian Kernighan

- Born: Toronto on 1 January 1942
- Created the AMPL programming language as well as creating the AWK programming language with Alfred Aho and Peter J. Weinberger
- Wrote the first book on C, *The C Programming Language*, with the language's creator Dennis Ritchie
- Created multiple other languages with peers such as eqn, m4 and pic
- Earned Bachelor's in engineering physics from University of Toronto
- Earned PhD in electrical engineering from Princeton where he has been a professor since 2000

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Donald Knuth

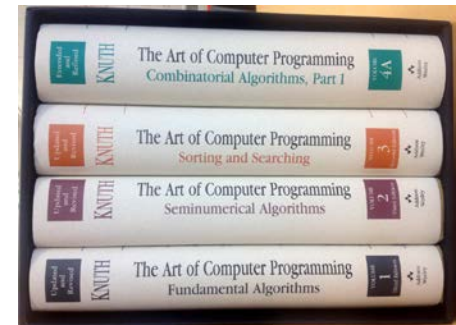
Born: 1/10/1938

Notable works:

- *The Art of Computer Programming*: an influential multi-volume work on algorithms and the analysis of their complexity
 - First published in 1968, with new volumes published over the years and more to come
- TeX: typesetting system released in 1978. Useful for publishing books and papers with mathematical equations.

Has the Unique title of *Professor Emeritus of the Art of Computer Programming* from his time as a professor at Stanford University. -[His home page](#)

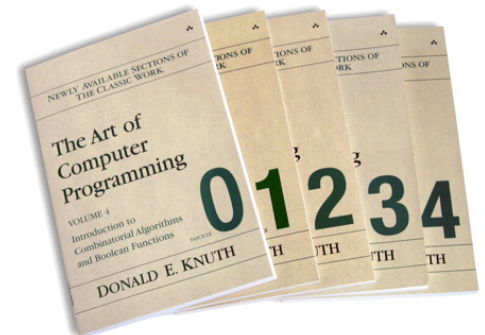
He is currently retired to write full time on *The Art of Computer Programming*, which he estimates will take him 20yrs to fully complete. -[FAQ](#)



Slide by: Alexander Hom and Larsen Fisch

Donald Knuth (KA-Nooth)

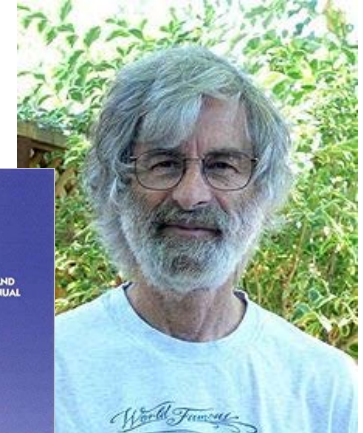
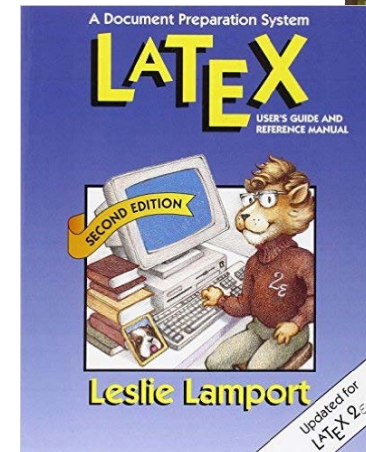
- Born: January 10, 1938
- Resides in Stanford, California on Stanford University's campus
- Most notable for writing a series of programming books
 - Named The Art of Computer Programming
 - Worked on from 1966-1968
- Won a contest for coming up with the most number of words from the letters of the following words: Ziegler's Giant Bar
 - Total word count of 4500



Sandra Herrera, Catherine Javadian, and Matthew Markowitz

Leslie Lamport

- Leslie was born on February 7, 1941, and currently resides in New York City.
- Most widely known for his work as lead developer of LaTeX, a document preparation system similar to Microsoft Word. It was released in 1985.
- Leslie received the Turing Award in 2013.



Slide by: John Hrabar, Matt Lubanski, David Estrada

Leslie Lamport



- Born on February 7, 1941 in New York City
- Leslie is most known for his research with Microsoft Research, in particular a paper describing and explaining the ordering of events in a distributed system, published in 1978. Leslie received the PDC Influential Paper Award in 2000 for his research into this.
- His contribution improved the quality of real distributed system, which led to improved accuracy, performance, and reliability of the computer system.
- Graduated from MIT in 1960s for mathematics.

Slide by: Donald Tang, Do Park..

Google Larry Page



Born- March 26st 1973

Founded and worked at google from 1998-2015 along with Sergey Brin

Now CEO of Alphabet, Google's parent company

Ranked as the 17th most powerful person (and 13th richest)

Slide by: Thomas Pyle & Avi Pilly

Larry Page

CEO, Alphabet Inc.

- Born March 26, 1973
- Raised in Lansing, Michigan
- Studied for a PhD in CS at Stanford University
- There he co-founded Google with Sergey Brin



Launch of Google

1997: Moves off Stanford servers to Google.com
1998: Investment of \$100,000; cue Burning Man



The Recent Shift to Alphabet

“Google is not a conventional company. We do not intend to become one.”

[Alphabet](#) is the new umbrella corporation founded by Google to split themselves into smaller sections.

Before
Google :

Backrub!

Indexed the WWWeb pages using their “PageRank” sorting algorithm.
Still used as part of Google’s engine today.

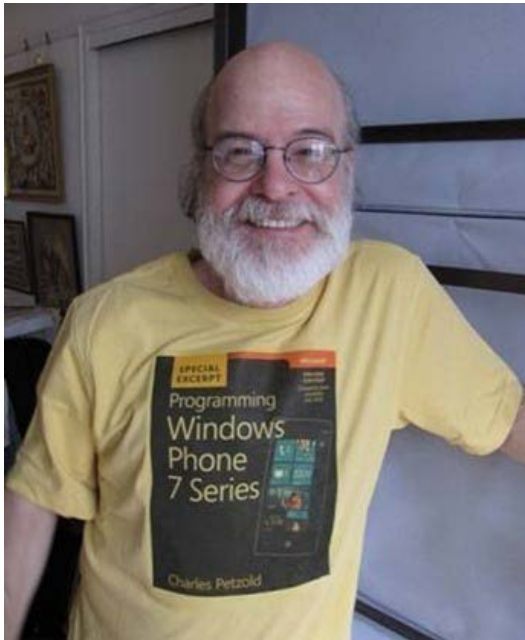


Cooler Projects

“If you’re not doing some things that are crazy, then you’re doing the wrong things”

Google X_(YZ)’s commitment to moonshot ideas
From cars to glass to cancer-detecting pills

Slide by Austin and
Theodore



Charles Petzold

- Born February 12, 1953
 - New Brunswick, New Jersey
- Graduated Stevens Institute of Technology with Master of Science in Mathematics in 1975
- In 1984, he wrote articles and created programs in DOS for PC Magazine. Petzold later wrote articles for Microsoft Systems Journal in 1986, as well as authoring his own ongoing series, Programming Windows.
- Fun Fact: What sparked his writing career was finding a way to profit off of his purchase of a \$5,000 two-diskette IBM PC in 1984.

Slide by: Phil Fishbein and Matt Rota

Charles Petzold (Feb. 2, 1953~)



Andrew Chen, Stephen Oro, Gavin Burke

Residence: New York City

Trivia: Charles Petzold is a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology!

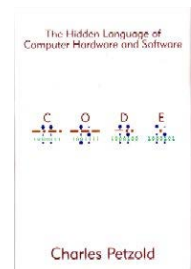
Notable Work: (1998 - 1999 for *Code*) All Works: (1988 - 2012)

Code: The Hidden Language of Computer Hardware and Software.

Throughout his career, he proceeded to cover languages including Assembly, C#, .NET, C, and C++ across operating systems like Windows, DOS, and eventually phone OS. His works were published in the forms of both books and articles for various magazines such as, *PC Magazine*, *Microsoft Systems Journal*, *Windows Sources*, and *MSDN Magazine*.

Charles Petzold's works were influential to the programmers who read his works, but arguably more influential was *Code*, which spurred Petzold to create incoming plethora of educational materials that were published under his name.

Information sourced from charlespetzold.com





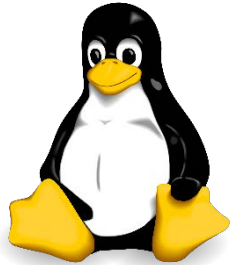
Born December 19th 1963 – Still Alive
Oakland California

Hans Reiser

- Hans Reiser created ReiserFS in 2001 and in 2004 he founded Namesys (the company that develops ReiserFS).
- ReiserFS is a journaled computer file system contained within the Linux operating system.
- ReiserFS was replaced with ext3.
- Hans Reiser also murdered his mail ordered wife in 2006.



Slide by: Harkirat Kang, Taylor He & Jaymes Garland.



Hans Reiser



- Born December 19, 1963
- Now residing in Pleasant Valley State Prison, Fresno County, California
- Spent 9 years developing ReiserFS (2001) computer file system, which is now supported on Linux
- ReiserFS is the first journaling file system to be included in the standard Linux kernel
- Founded Namesys, a company responsible for the ReiserFS and Reiser4 file systems.
- Convicted of murdering his wife in 2008 and sentenced to 15 years to life

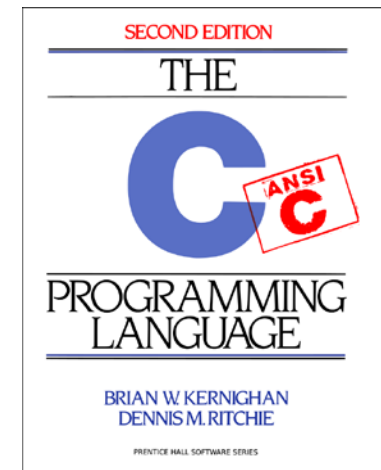
"I pledge my honor that I have abided by the Stevens Honor System."

Alexis Pickell and John Banya

Dennis Ritchie



- September 9, 1941-October 12, 2011 in Berkeley Heights, NJ.
- Created C programming language and Unix OS from 1969-73.
- C is a high level programming language that has led to the development of many other languages (C++, Java, etc) and Unix was created almost entirely from C.
- Unix had a large impact on OSs, as it was easy to use on many different and inexpensive machines.
- Another name for C is K&R, which is a combination of the initials of Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie, the language's creators.



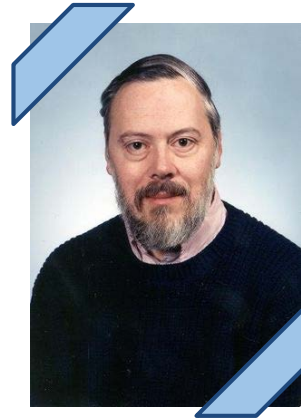
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Dennis MacAlistair Ritchie

Dennis Ritchie was born in Bronxville, New York on September 9th, 1941.

Dennis lived in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, U.S until he passed away October 12, 2011 from a long term illness. He was being treated for Prostate Cancer and Heart Disease.

He is known as a key developer of Unix and as the creator of the C language. Work on Unix started in 1967 and was finally completed in 1971.



After graduating college, he was recruited by the Sandia National Laboratories, which conducted weapons research and testing. “But it was nearly 1968,” Mr. Ritchie recalled in an interview in 2001, “and somehow making A-bombs for the government didn’t seem in tune with the times.”

Received the Turing Award from the [Association for Computing Machinery](#) in 1983.



By :Alex Molwitz, Minsu Park, and Ankur Ramesh

Richard Stallman

Born: March 16, 1953 New York City

Home: Cambridge, Massachusetts

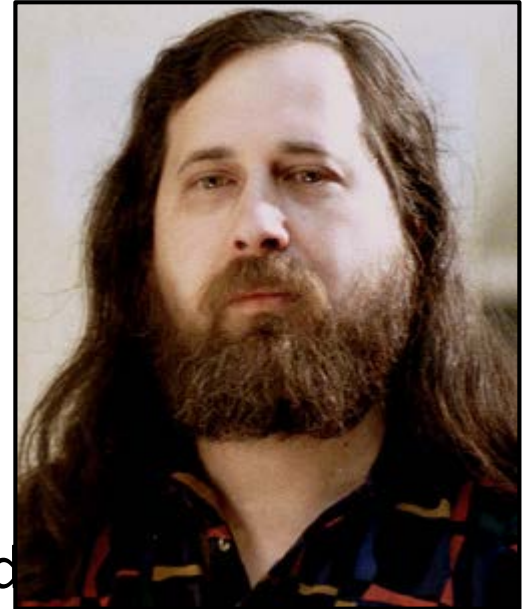
President of Free Software Foundation

Inventor of “Copyleft”

Developed GNU Project

GNU: computer operating system composed

Does not own a cellphone



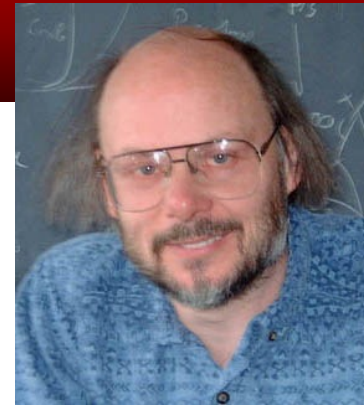
Nick Del Duca, Daniel Slavin, Eric
Zhen

Richard Stallman



- Birthday: March 16, 1953, living
- Residence: Used MIT Lab as place of residence but now lives in Cambridge, MA.
- Work:
 - Wrote first Emacs text editor, 1976
 - Started developing GNU OS, 1984
 - Attached Linux Kernel and released in 1992
 - Developed AI technique, Dependency directed backtracking
 - Supporter of surveillance reduction
- Facts:
 - Software Freedom Activist
 - There are many jokes about Richard Stallman on the internet
 - <http://www.junauza.com/2009/06/15-mythical-and-humorous-facts-about.html>

Slide by: Jack Kraszewski, Mark Knapp



Bjarne Stroustrup

- Born: December 30, 1950 (Age 64) in Aarhus, Denmark
- Lives in New York City
- C++ - object oriented programming language
 - Began work in 1978, released in 1983 and updates regularly
 - Most widely used programming language in modern computing
- He is a distinguished research professor at Texas A&M University

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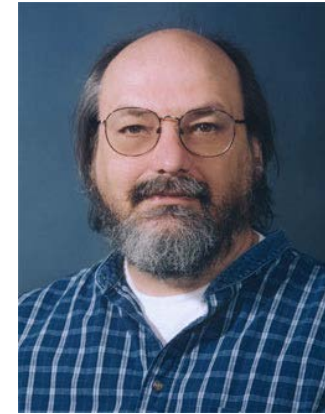
Bjarne Stroustrup



“Programming is just like sex: it may give some concrete results, but that is not why we do it.” – Bjarne Stroustrup, *The C++ Programming Language*

- Birthday: December 30, 1950
- Residence: New York City, NY
- Most important contribution to computer science is the creation and development of the C++ programming language
- Began development of C++ in 1978
- His book, *The C++ Programming Language*, is the most widely read book of its kind, and has been translated into over 19 languages.

Ken Thompson



- Born on February 4th, 1943 in New Orleans.
- Attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in 1965 and his Master's in 1966, both in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Most notable for his work on the Unix operating system during the 1970's, which he worked on with noted computer pioneer Dennis Ritchie, for which he created the programming language "B", the predecessor of Ritchie's "C"
- In the 1960's Thompson also worked heavily in regular expressions, and eventually led the way for text-based searches and text processing programs

Slide by: Evan Hampp, Nicholas Rizzo, Brendan von Hofe



Ken Thompson

- Born February 4th, 1943 in New Orleans, LA.
- Bachelor and Master's in both Electrical Engineering and CS from University of CA, Berkeley.
- Worked at Bell Labs on a multitude of projects, most notably designing the first Unix based system.
- Credited as the creator (along with Dennis Ritchie) of the B programming language (a predecessor of C).
- Co-invented Belle, a chess computer and software system, during the 70s and 80s. Belle went on to be the first master-level machine and has won many Computer Chess Championships.



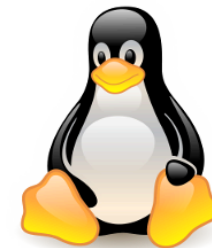
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-Stefan Nahar, Brian Gray

Linus Torvalds



- Linus Torvalds is a Finnish American Software Engineer born on December 28, 1969.
- Created the Linux kernel that is used by Android and runs 80% of servers on the Internet.
- Continues to work for the Linux Foundation as the principal project coordinator.
- He also created the distributed revision control system, git.
- Initially, Torvalds wanted to call the kernel “Freax” (combination of “free”, “freak” and “unix”) however his colleague Ari Lemmke, who hosted Torvald’s code, named the directory “Linux” and the name stuck.



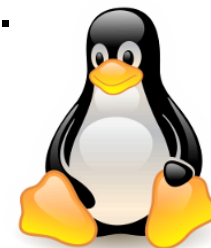
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Linus Torvalds

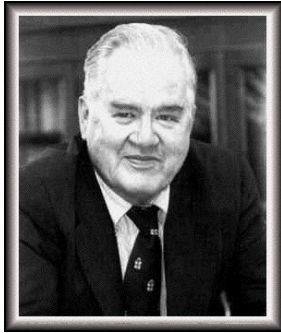


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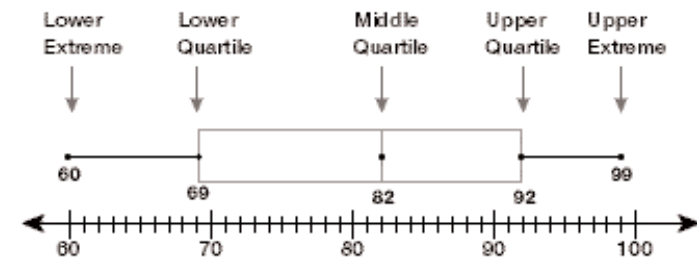
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John W. Tukey

- Born June 16, 1915 in New Bedford, Massachusetts - Died July 26, 2000 in New Brunswick, New Jersey
- At Princeton he became a full time professor at the age of 35. He then became the founding chairman of the Statistics Department
- His most notable contributions were to the field of statistics
- He created the popular Box and Whisker plot around 1970. This is a type of graph which easily displays groups of data. This plot is less detailed but was easier to create and use.



Slide by: Jack Rose and David Ovsiew



John Wilder Tukey (June 16, 1915 – July 26, 2000)

Notable works:

1. Box plot, which is a convenient way of graphically depicting groups of numerical data through their quartiles in descriptive statistics
2. The Cooley–Tukey algorithm, which is the most common fast Fourier transform (FFT) algorithm

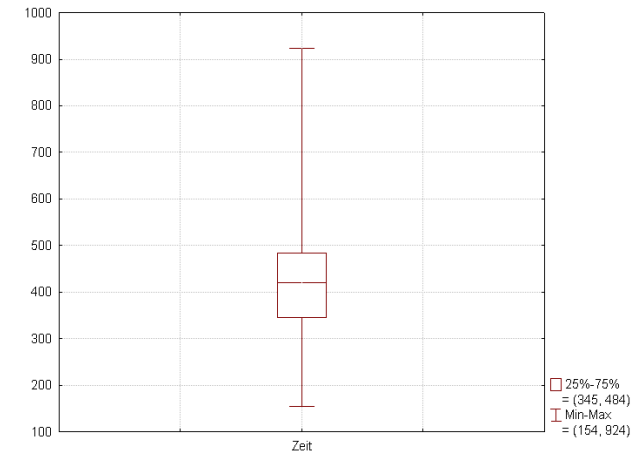
A quote from him:

The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see.

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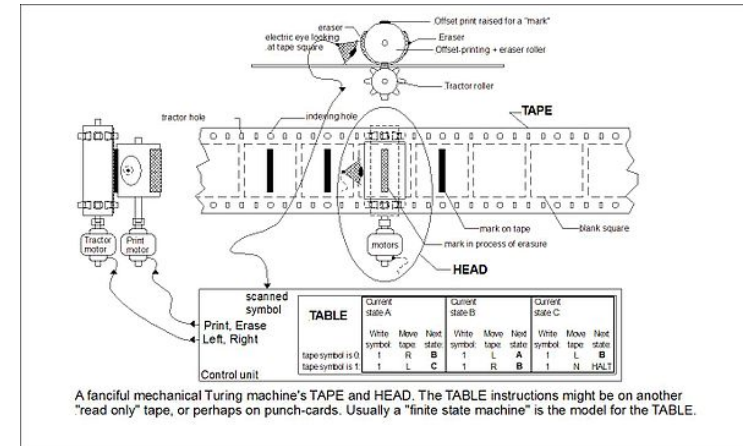


A box plot

Alan Turing



- 23 June 1912 - 7 June 1954
- Inventions
 - Turing Test -1950- A way of testing a computer's ability to write like a human in an effort to convince people that a computer can "think"
 - Turing Machine -1936- A hypothetical device symbolizing a CPU
 - Bombe -18 March 1940- A code breaking machine more effective than any at the time
- Personal fact:
 - In January 1952, Turing was charged with "indecentcy" and was prohibited from continuing his work with government cryptography
 - Trivia: Alan Turing was eccentric, chaining his coffee mug to the radiator so it wouldn't be stolen, and instead of fixing his bike he used to count his pedals so he could stop to reposition the chain at a regular interval.



Slide by: Annie Topoleski & Alex Supkay

Alan Turing



- 23 June 1912 – 7 June 1954
- He died at age 41
- He lived in Wilmslow, Cheshire, England.
- From 1945 to 1947, he helped create early computers such as the ACE (Automatic Computing Engine) at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL).
 - It was the first detailed design of a stored-program computer.
- Known for the Turing test which was a test to see if computers could be indistinguishable from a human being.
- Turing was responsible for leading the breaking of German ciphers in world war.
- He died by an apple with cyanide in 1954.
- Now the Turing Award is given away to remarkable accomplishments in technical contributions to society.

Slide by: Abha Jhaveri, Amanda Hartel, Jacob Stillman.

Guido van Rossum



- Born : January 31, 1956
- Residence: Haarlem, Kingdom of Netherlands
- Designer of Python and is still overseeing its development
- Owns the official “Python” license plate.



Slide by: Derek Pulaski and Raul Camilo

Guido van Rossum

Guido Van Rossum is a Dutch programmer and computer scientist responsible for the creation of the Python programming language.

He developed the language in 1989 in an effort to create an easy to use programming language with maximum readability.

He initially chose the name Python as a homage to the sketch comedy television series *Monty Python's Flying Circus*

In 2001 he received the FSF Award For The Advancement Of Free Software because of his work on Python.



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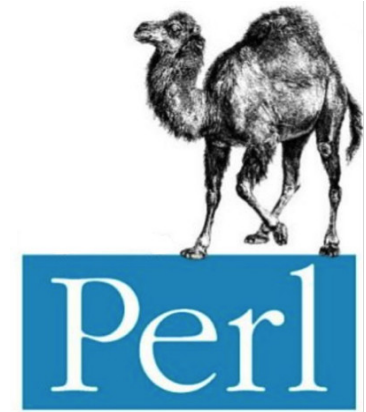


Larry Wall

Born: September 27, 1954

Los Angeles, California

Fun fact: created all of his programs while blind in one eye



Creator of the Perl programming language

- Unhappy with functionality of other programming utilities
- Wanted a language that was powerful and easy to use
- First version released in 1987
- Perl 5 first released in 1994
- Perl 5 made Perl more generally useful and is still in use
- “Natural language” - more like a spoken language than a programming language

Sources:

http://www.ebb.org/PickingUpPerl/pickingUpPerl_9.html#SEC84

<http://www.softpanorama.org/People/Wall/index.shtml#Biography>

Slide by: Matt Kenney



Niklaus Wirth (1934 – today)

- **Born:** February 15, 1934
- **Place of Residence:** Winterthur, Switzerland
- **Description of Notable Work:**
 - He is famous for spearheading development of many programming languages, including: Euler, Algol W (1966), Pascal (1970), Modula (1975), Modula-2 (1979), Oberon (1988), Oberon-2 (1991), and Oberon-07 (2007).
 - He was also a leading contributor to the Oberon and Lilith Operating Systems.
- **Interesting Trivia:**
 - His doctorate was not solely for Computer Science. It also included Electrical Engineering.
 - He earned the Turing Award in 1984:
 - “For developing a sequence of innovative computer languages, EULER, ALGOL-W, MODULA and PASCAL. PASCAL has become pedagogically significant and has provided a foundation for future computer language, systems, and architectural research.” (http://amturing.acm.org/award_winners/wirth_1025774.cfm)
- **Famous Quotes:**
 - “I have never designed a language for its own sake.”
 - “A good designer must rely on experience, on precise, logic thinking; and on pedantic exactness. No magic will do.”
 - “Software is getting slower more rapidly than hardware becomes faster.” – Wirth’s Law

Pascal



Oberon Operating System

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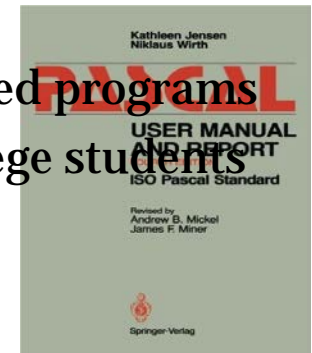
Notable Works: Wirth was the chief designer of the programming languages Euler, Algol W, Pascal, Modula, Modula-2, Oberon, Oberon-2, and Oberon-07.

Principle objectives for Pascal:

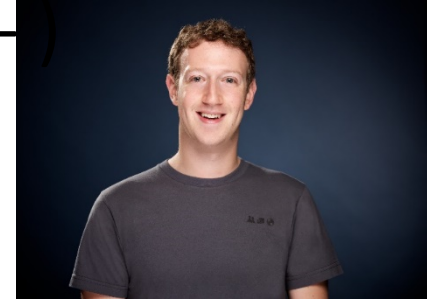
- Language to be efficient
- Allow for the development of well structured and well organized programs
- Designed to teach programming techniques and topics to college students

Years spent working on it : 1968-1970

Trivia: Wirth has won the A.M. Turing Award, the most prestigious technical award also known as the “Nobel Prize” of computing, for developing a sequence of innovative computer languages (Euler, Algol-W, and Pascal).



Mark Zuckerberg (May 14, 1984 -)



- Best known as one of five co-founders of the social networking website, Facebook
- Chairman and Chief Executive of Facebook, Inc. (Menlo Park, California)
- In 2007, at the age of 23, Zuckerberg became a billionaire as a result of Facebook's success
- By July 2015, his personal wealth is estimated to be \$38.6 billion
- Inspired by “The Photo Address Book” which students referred to as “The Facebook”. It lists attributes of students’ class years, friends and telephone numbers
- Was launched by Zuckerberg from his Harvard dormitory room on February 4, 2004
- On July 21, 2010, Zuckerberg reported that the company reached the 500 million-user mark.

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The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

"I pledge my honor that I have abided by the Stevens Honor System."