

Typewriters: Video Demonstrating Its Use

TITLE

Video demonstrating use of Chinese typewriter

DATE

1980s or 1990s

CREATOR

Unknown

PUBLISHER

YouTube

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DESCRIPTION

With their left hand, a Chinese typist moved the character tray bed left and right. With their right hand, they move a mechanical arm over top of the character they wanted, and pressed a type lever. Doing so caused the machine to lift the Chinese character slug into a type chamber, which then swung up rapidly and struck the paper, before falling back and returning the slug back to its original location as the typist moved on.