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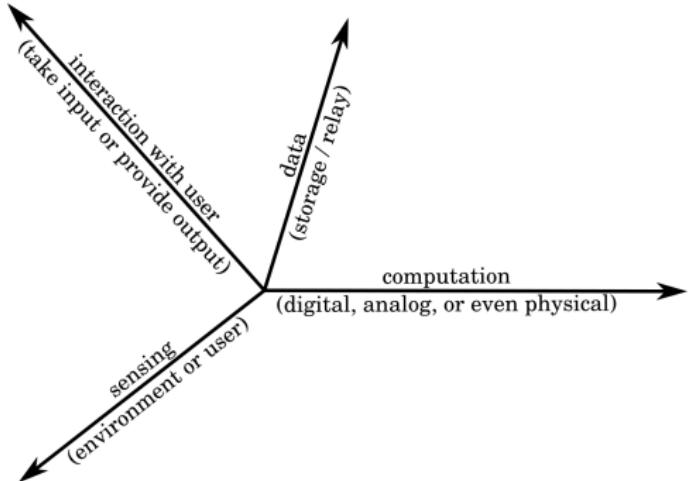
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# Wearable Technologies and Applications (Wearable Informatics)

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# Axes as a Framework



- ▶ Four dimensions of functionality.
- ▶ Each axis is not necessarily orthogonal to any other.

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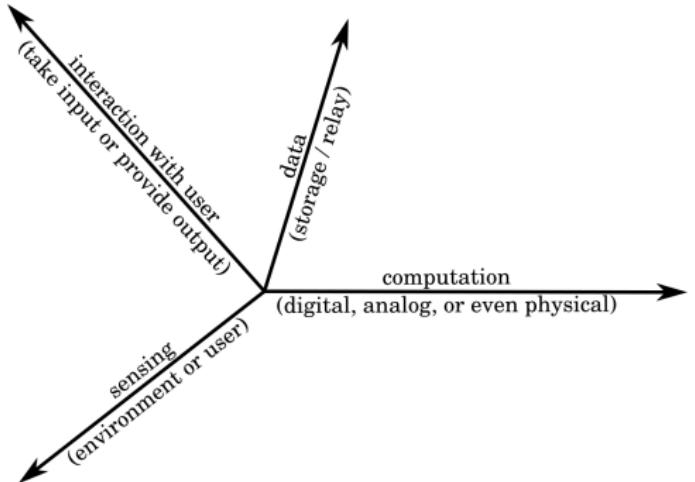
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- ▶ Environmental
  - ▶ Temperature (not skin)
  - ▶ Location
  - ▶ Air quality
- ▶ Wearer (user)
  - ▶ Temperature (e.g. skin)
  - ▶ Heart Rate
  - ▶ Physical Activity Level

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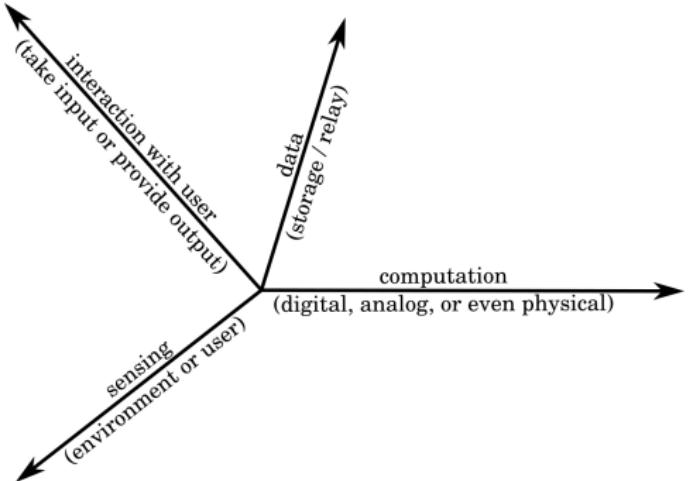
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## ► Storage

- Local
- No storage - process and throw away

## ► Relay

- Physical storage - SD card
- Wired on command
- Wireless
- Continuous or Staged

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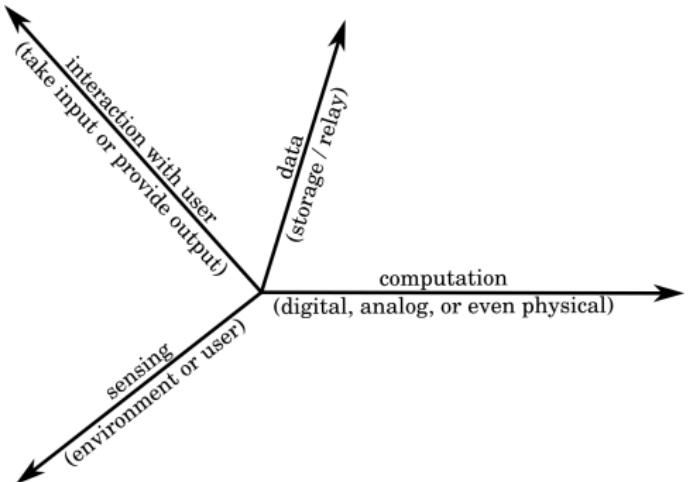
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# Interaction with the Wearer (Human Comp. Interaction - HCI)

**Input**

- ▶ Direct entry
- ▶ Motion
- ▶ Voice
- ▶ Command

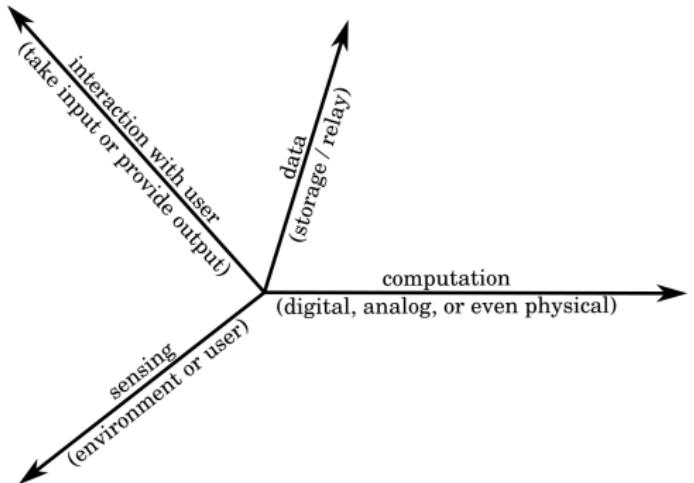
**Output**

- ▶ Audio
- ▶ Haptic
- ▶ Visual

# Computation

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- ▶ Mechanical
- ▶ Analog
- ▶ Digital

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- ▶ First clear exemplar of wearable technology.
- ▶ Corrective glasses (with a convex lens) - 13th century in Italy. Two lenses held together by a rivet; no arms to rest on the ears.
- ▶ Function - Modify information (images) through a mechanical process (the lens) for the wearer (user) - mechanical computing.<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glasses>,  
<https://www.medievalchronicles.com/medieval-history/medieval-inventions-list/eyeglasses/>



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# Countess of Lovelace

“Augusta Ada King-Noel, Countess of Lovelace (Ada Lovelace) was an English mathematician and writer, chiefly known for her work on Charles Babbage’s early mechanical general-purpose computer, the Analytical Engine. Her notes on the engine include what is recognized as the first algorithm intended to be carried out by a machine. As a result, she is often regarded as the first computer programmer.” <sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ada\\_Lovelace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ada_Lovelace)



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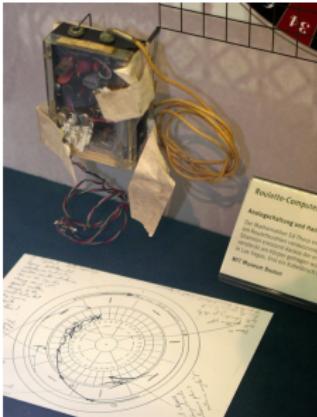
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# Roulette Computer

August of 1961 Edward O. Thorp and Claude Shannon, of MIT

"They worked as a team. Shannon watched the wheel, clandestinely clocking the speeds of the rotor and the ball by flipping micro switches in his shoe with his big toe. The signals coursed through wires that ran up his pant leg to a small computer strapped to his waist. The machine calculated the ball's final resting position and then transmitted this prediction wirelessly to a receiver under Thorp's shirt. Through a tiny speaker in his ear, Thorp heard one of eight distinct tones that advised him on how to bet."<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup><http://spectrum.ieee.org/consumer-electronics/portable-devices/wearable-computers-will-transform-language>



# Computing on the Wrist

Casio CA-90  
(1970s)



Seiko UC-2100 (1984?)



Casio Data Bank  
(1980s to  
current!)



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See ‘1 - Little Boots Cyber Cinderella LED Dress [HD,  
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# Signing

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# Orthotics and Prosthetics

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See '3 - Can Prosthetics Outperform Real Limbs Cyborg Nation [HD, 1280x720p].mp4'

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See ‘4 - Amputee Makes History with APL’s Modular  
Prosthetic Limb [HD, 1280x720p].mp4’

# Cochlear Implants

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See '5 - How A Cochlear Implant Works by Advanced Bionics [HD, 1280x720p].mp4'

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See '6 - Kai hearing hearing her voice for the first time [Low, 480x360p].mp4'

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