

### **Research Interview #1: My Mother**

The first person that I interviewed is my own mother, who agreed to answer my questions via email.

When I asked her when she first discovered computers and how she learned to use them, she responded by stating that she first discovered them when she was in elementary school in the early 1980's. She also mentioned that she purchased her first computer in 1992 and would use it to make posters to hang on her bedroom walls. She said that she bought an AOL free trial disc from Walgreens. The free trial discs allowed users to connect to the world wide web using dial-up.

When I asked her how computers played a huge role in her life, she responded stating that she used computers while attending college at the DeVry Institute of Technology. She said that she worked for Ameritech, which is now known as AT&T, where she spent 8 hours a day working with computers. Her current position at Blue Cross Blue Shield Illinois also involved an 8-hour shift involving computers. Blue Cross Blue Shield Illinois also provided her with a laptop so she could do her remote work on it. She also mentions that she spends her free time surfing the internet and reading social media posts on her computer.

When I asked her about how she believed that computers have shaped other people's lives, she responded stating that they are shaping everyone's lives by making everything available without leaving their homes. She mentioned that you could do research on a computer instead of having to go to the library. She mentioned that people could socialize with friends and family via email instead of mailing letters. She mentioned that people could shop without having to leave their house. She states that the recent pandemic had led to more people using computers for various tasks.

I asked her about what advancements in the technology of computers did she expect to see in a decade from now. She responded to the question by stating that she would like to see future computers being built upon the foundation of today's computers. She states that the technology inside computers have come a long way since the late 1970's. She mentions that there could be no physical machines as we know them, but instead advanced computing systems could fit on people's bodies like a piece of jewelry. She further elaborates by mentioning that people will continue to control the computers and that it is something that isn't likely to change in what lies ahead.

When I asked her about her thoughts on computers and other devices, she responded stating that she found computers to be "amazing". She states that the main reason that she believed computers are

amazing is because they are used to access the internet for finding any kind of information. She states that she found so much information on her college assignments when she attended DeVry for her homework. She adds on to that mentioning that if she didn't have a computer when she was a student, it would've been more stressful for her. She concluded her response by stating that "using computers helps everyone".

### **Research Interview #2: My Aunt**

The second person that I have interviewed for this project is my aunt. She has agreed to answer all of my questions via email. When I asked her when she first discovered computers and how she learned to use them, she responded by stating that she first discovered computers in the 1980's while in high school where they were offering a computer programming class to the students. She goes into further detail by mentioning that she was quite fascinated with learning about what computers could be used for and how to operate them. She mentioned that she learned how to create basic programs in the class. She described the experience as "a little difficult, but fun at the same time".

The second question that I've asked her was how did computers play a huge role in her life. She responded to the question by stating that they play a major role in her life because she uses them daily. She mentions that she does not think that she could function at her workplace or at home without a computer. She expands on that thought further by mentioning that computers make everyday tasks easier, efficient, and faster in her daily routine. She also mentions that without computers helping people, all tasks that are performed daily would be more difficult to complete.

The third question that I've asked her was how did she believe that computers have shaped other people's lives. She answers the question by stating that she truly believed that computers have brought people closer together. She states that it facilitates contacts between people by using email, chatting, video conferencing, and social medias. She expands on that thought by stating that they definitely help to save time and make life much easier for people. She mentions you could now do research on computers instead of having to go to a library. She also mentions that you could socialize with friends and family via email, as well as shopping for groceries, household items, clothing and electronics on computers without having to leave your house.

The fourth question that I've asked her was what advancements in the technology of computers did she expect to see in a decade from now. She answers the question by stating that the future of computers will

be so much more advanced than today's computers as programmers learn more and more about the technology. She mentions that there will exponential improvements of computer processing power, voice recognition, image recognition, and more in-depth learning. She states that everything is currently computer operated and that she is expecting more advancement in a decade from now. She also states that there could be no physical machines as we know them.

The fifth question that I've asked her was what was her thoughts on computers and other devices. She answers by stating that her main thought is that computers, cell phones, iPads, and other devices are the way of the future. She also states that technology has taken over the world for the good with the intent to make everyone's daily life so much easier to maneuver. She mentions that computers are used to access the internet for finding any kind of information, which she finds "amazing". She concludes the interview by mentioning that if she had any sort of question, she could her computer to access the internet in order to find the answer to anything.