Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I have the honour today of introducing a very well known computer scientist right before your eyes.

In the late 1960s, he has worked in developing Unix alongside prominent figures Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie[1], which changed the way we see modern computers and programming. Unix is the pre-cursor to known operating systems like the Mac OS, which is ran in many Apple computers today.

This also gave way to the development of the programming language C, albeit he was not directly involved in developing it[2]; however, he coined the phrase “Hello world” in co-writing the first book with Dennis Ritchie for the programming language in 1978, which is programmed by first time programmers on their computer screen to this day.

He has also developed AMPL, an algebraic modeling language used in complex mathematical computations[3], and AWK, a programming language used in many post-cursors of Unix[2] for data processing and reporting.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Mr. Brian Kernighan.

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