

# Extra Credit: Computer Archeology

## Description

Write 250 words about the background, functionality, and social implications of an artifact from computer history.

Create 1 - 3 slides on that artifact and present it to the class.

## Specification

Answer the following questions:

*What was the artifact used for and when was it created?*

*Who designed it? Why?*

*What does it tell us about society at the time the artifact was created?*

Cite your sources.

## Submission

The essay should be pasted into the text entry area of the assignment on Canvas. Your slide deck should be added to [this Google drive folder](#) with the following naming convention (in all lowercase):

cruzid\_type\_topic.pdf

### Example

rrashkin\_artifact\_nintendo64.pdf

## Presentation

To receive full credit for this extra credit assignment, you must present your slides during the class presentation party 5 December 2019.

## Computer Museums

You can visit one of the two museums listed below to get ideas for an artifact.

Computer History Museum

<http://computerhistory.org>

1401 N Shoreline Blvd  
Mountain View, CA 94043

The Tech Museum of Innovation

<http://thetech.org>

201 South Market Street  
San Jose, CA 95113  
(408) 294-8324

### Grading Rubric

3 pt 250+ words

1 pt What was the artifact used for and when was it created?

1 pt Who designed it? Why?

2 pt What does it tell us about society at the time the artifact was created?

1 pt Slide

2 pt 1 - 2 minute presentation