

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