

## Remembrances of Things Past

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### Discussion

When Shannon was a river  
    and Turing was a car  
When Banyan was a tree  
    and buses travelled far

dBase was where you ran to  
    after you hit the ball  
Often we were ANSI  
    RISC aversive not at all

Windows were for looking out of  
    in a Tandem, two could take a spin  
Bridges were for crossing  
    a frame was to keep pictures in

A semi-conductor was a maestro  
    not in the big time yet  
A port you sought in a storm  
    fishermen used a net

Woody Guthrie sang of "My LAN"  
    WAN was a despairing mood  
LATAs were for high places  
    menus featured food

If a cursor used four letter words  
a sensor cut them out  
The sight of a mouse in an office  
was sure to raise a shout

Haloid perfected photocopying  
and thereby made a hoard  
Then came Japanese competition  
and its "ox" was gored

Frequency was measured in cycles  
Hertz referred to multiple pain  
Modem was a harvesting command  
for bringing in the grain

Modelling was at fashion shows  
bauds were ladies of the night  
Prompting was helping actors  
contesting for resources, a fight

Walking and chewing gum concurrently  
requires considerable skill  
We called it multi-tasking  
and by gosh we always will

We had no electronic calculators  
just slide rules by Keuffel & Esser  
I am still a true believer  
Keufel & Esser war besser

Chips were used for gambling  
von Neuman was a pup  
Monte Carlo a place to visit  
squaring the circle ... well, we gave up

A Sprint was less than 880  
a relay was a team  
Greene was just a color  
breaking up AT&T a dream

Coherent was applied to speech  
not a spectral line excited  
Multi-media meant prose and song  
and Noel Coward was knighted

Cerf was found at the beach  
a Rose was a Rose was a Rose  
Jobs were to look for  
and Gates were to close

"2B" was an elementary school class  
and "D" a failing grade  
A router was a tool  
a server was a maid

Lotus was a flower  
adobe was a brick  
Postscript was an afterthought  
joy a popsicle stick

We called a plotter a CAD  
a token ring a sham  
A buffer was for buffing  
a male goat was a ram

The best noise supressor was ... ssh  
we knew little of egos and ids  
For archival storage and encryption  
we looked to the pyramids

Now in accordance with Greenfield's Law  
in voice both loud and clear  
Here's to exponential growth in memory  
& operating speed next year.

--srg

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