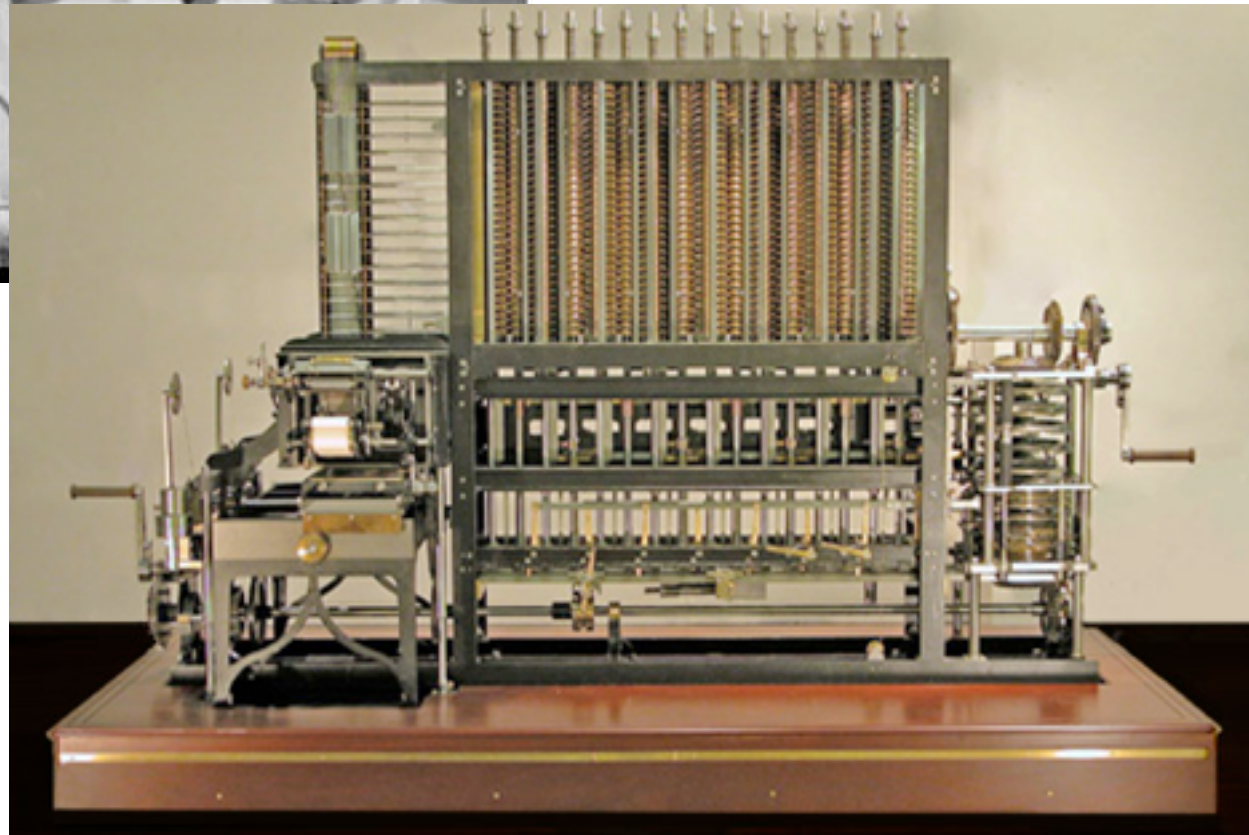


# advent of the computer

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## History of Information

**April 5, 2012**



# course correction

## 3 Apr: Computer Revolution Paul's Slides

### Required reading:

- Babbage, Charles. 1832. "Registering Operations" and "On the Division of Mental Labour," chapters 8 & 19 in *On the Economy of Machinery and Manufactures*. [[Google Books edition](#)]
- Campbell-Kelly, Martin & William Aspray. 1996. "Babbage's Dream Comes True," (pp. 53-104) in Martin Campbell-Kelly & William Aspray, *Computer: A History of the Information Machine*. New York: Basic Books.

### Additional material:

- Watch: Englebart, Douglas. 1968. "[Doug Englebart 1968 Demo](#)." On MouseSite.

## 5 Apr: Broadcast

### Required reading:

- Czitrom, Daniel J. 1982. "The Ethereal Hearth: American Radio from Wireless through Broadcasting, 1892-1940." in *Media and the American Mind*. University of North Carolina Press. Pp. 60-88.

### Additional material:

- Gitlin, Todd. 2001. "Supersaturation, Or, The Media Torrent And Disposable Feeling," Ch. 1 of *Media Unlimited*, Metropolitan Books. Pp. 12-70.

## Week 13

## 10 Apr: Storage and Search

Required reading:

- Viktor Mayer-Schönberger, "Useful Void: The Art of Forgetting in the Age of Ubiquitous Computing," KSG Faculty Research Working Paper Series RWP07-022.
- Bush, Vannevar. 1945. *As We May Think*, Atlantic Monthly; 176 (1): 101-108.

Additional material:

- NPR, Intelligence Squared Debate, 2008. *Did Google Violate Its 'Don't Be Evil' Motto?*
- Berners-Lee, Tim. 2000. Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-34 in *Weaving the Web*. New York City: HarperCollins.
- Nunberg, Geoffrey. 2010. "Google Book Search: A Disaster for Scholars." Chronicle Review, August 31.

coming up

Assignment - April 10:

## **How much does Google know about you?**

- choose a search that you think will help answer this question
- work in 2s or 3s (send group names by April 6)
- use your ingenuity(inventiveness will be rewarded) to play with Google's assumptions
- send in conclusions (with images of results) by Sunday, April 8
- be prepared to discuss in class

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changing perceptions

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# overview

changing perceptions

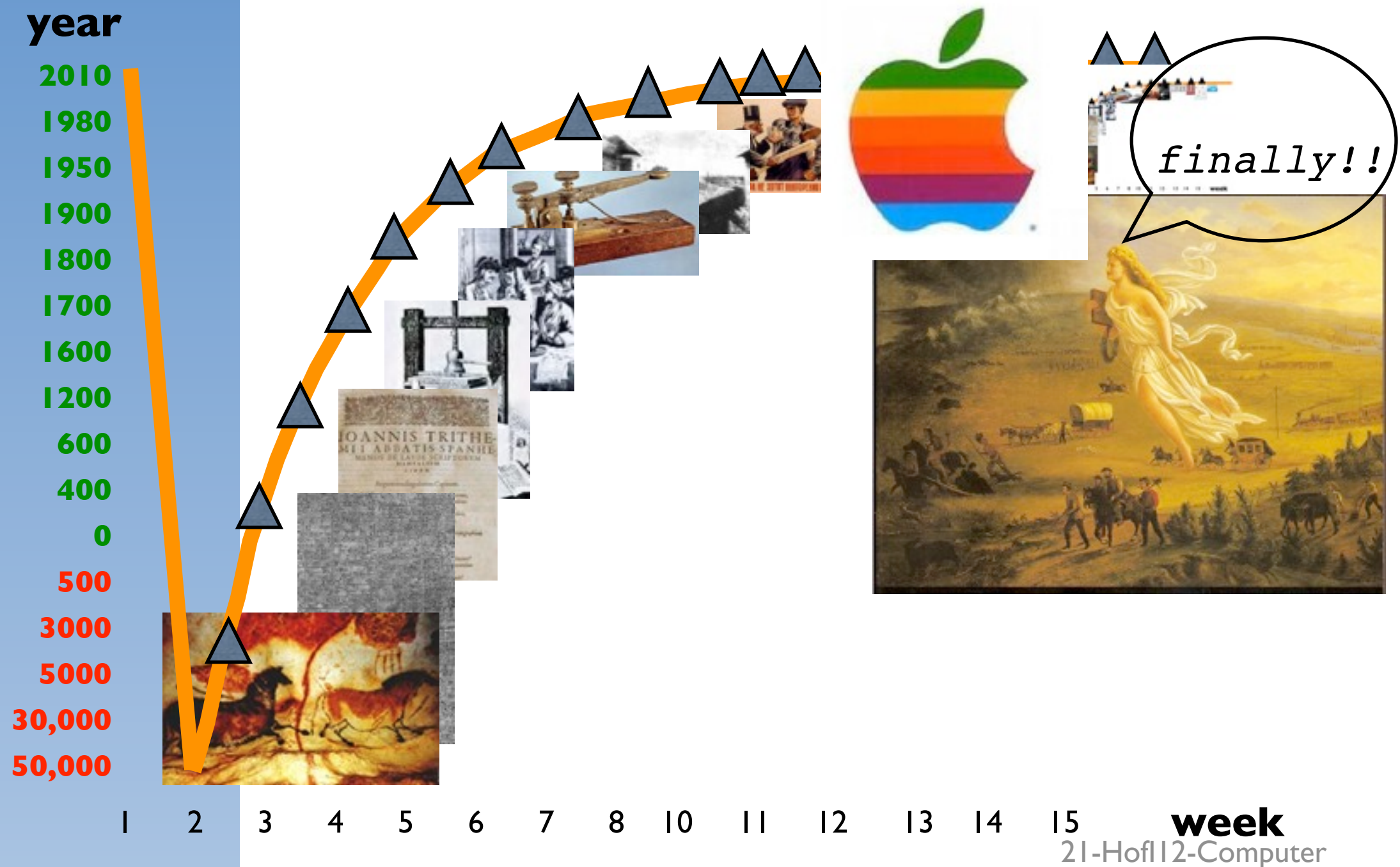
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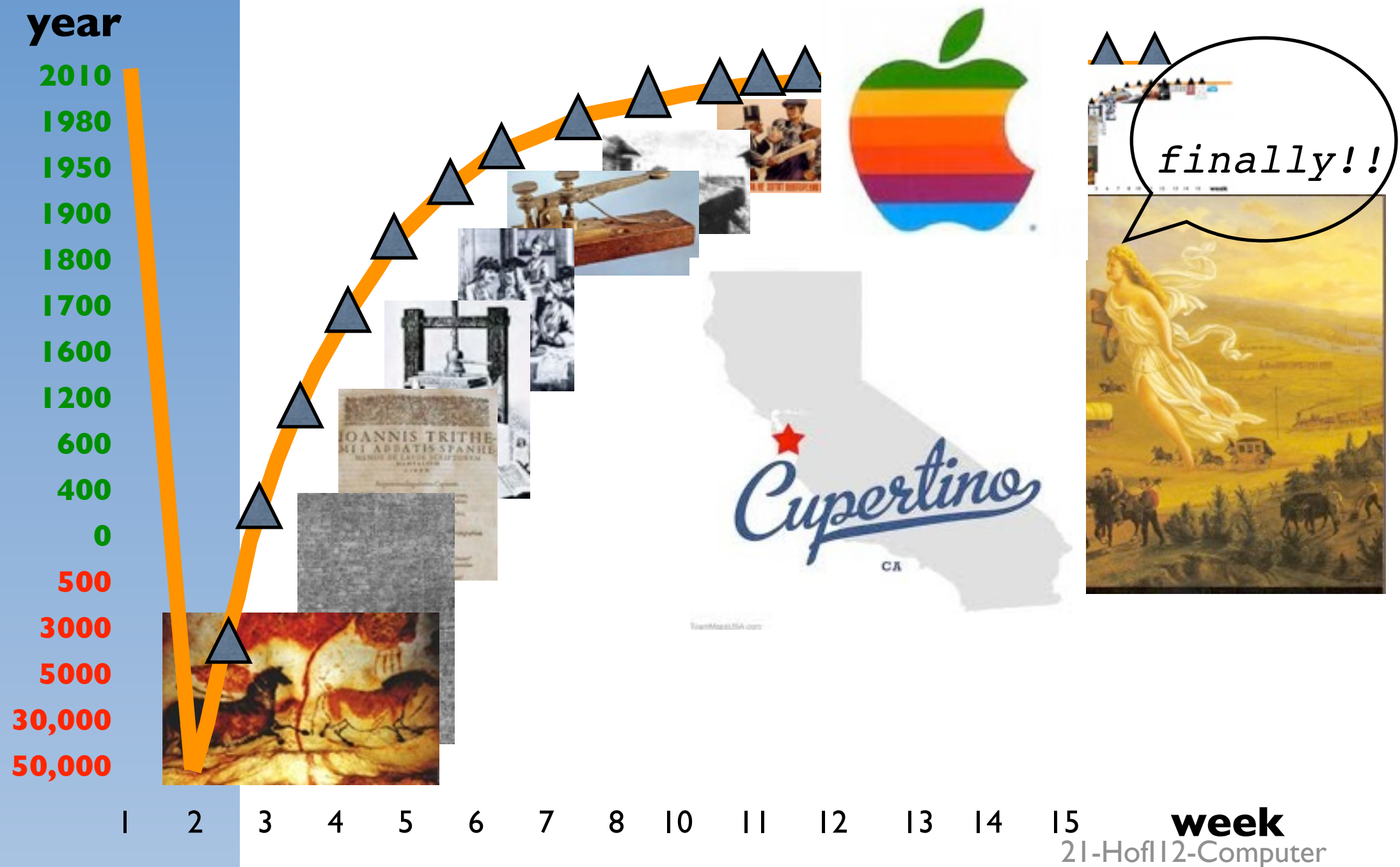
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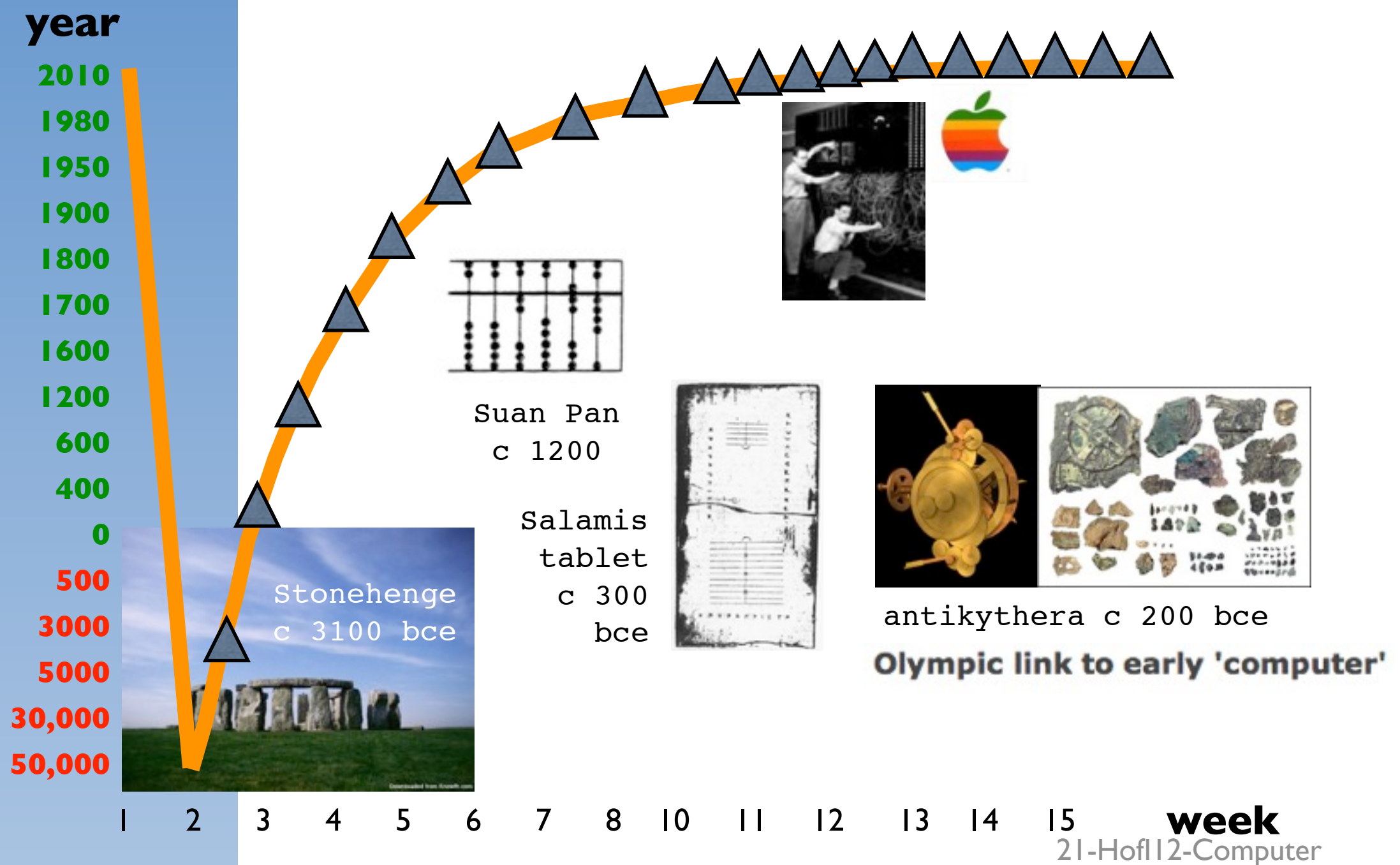
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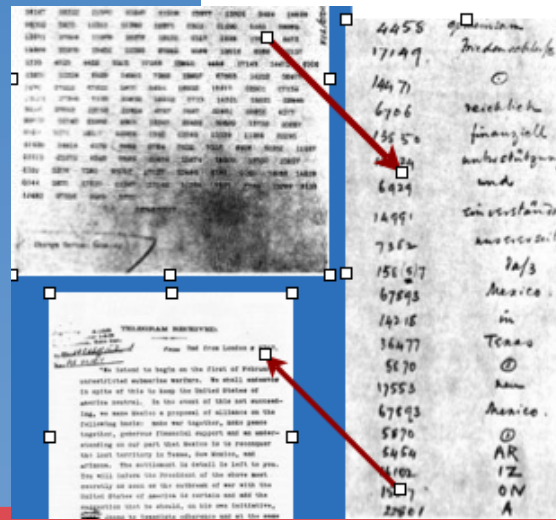
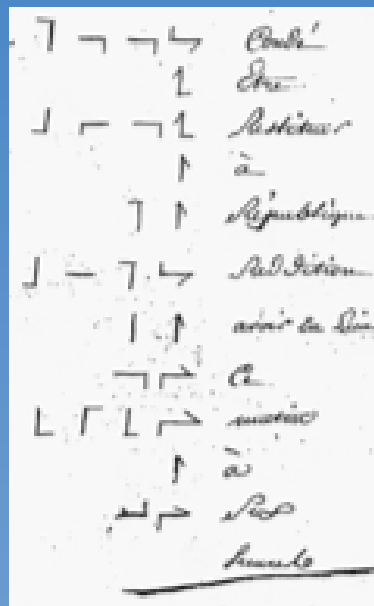
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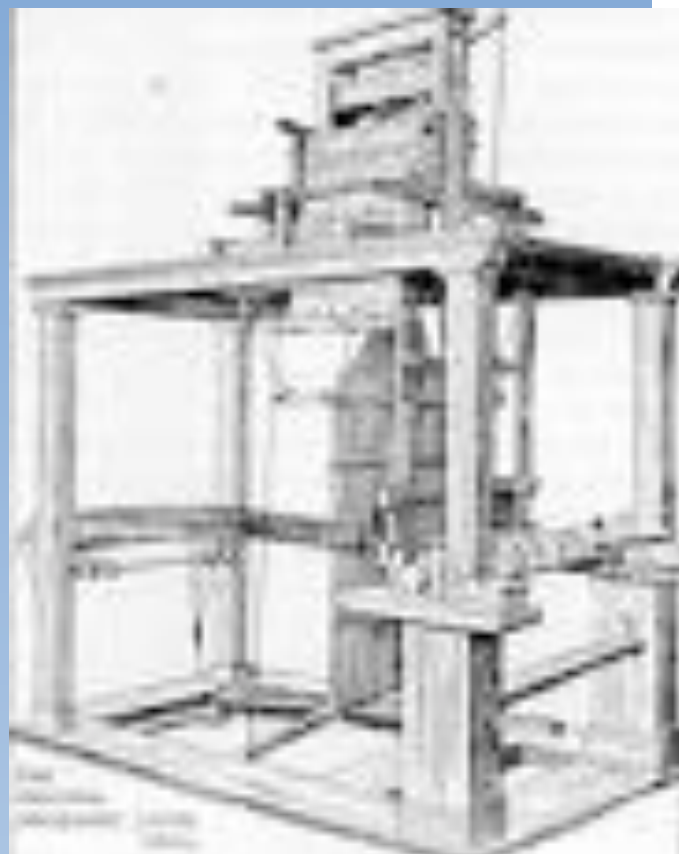
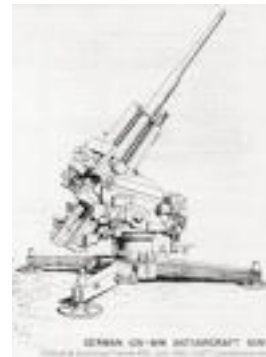
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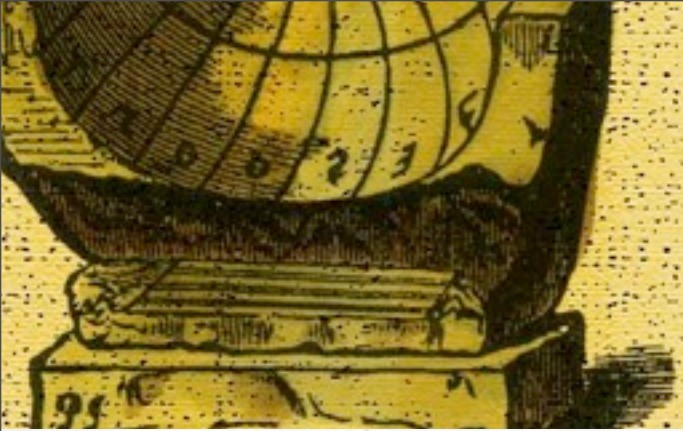




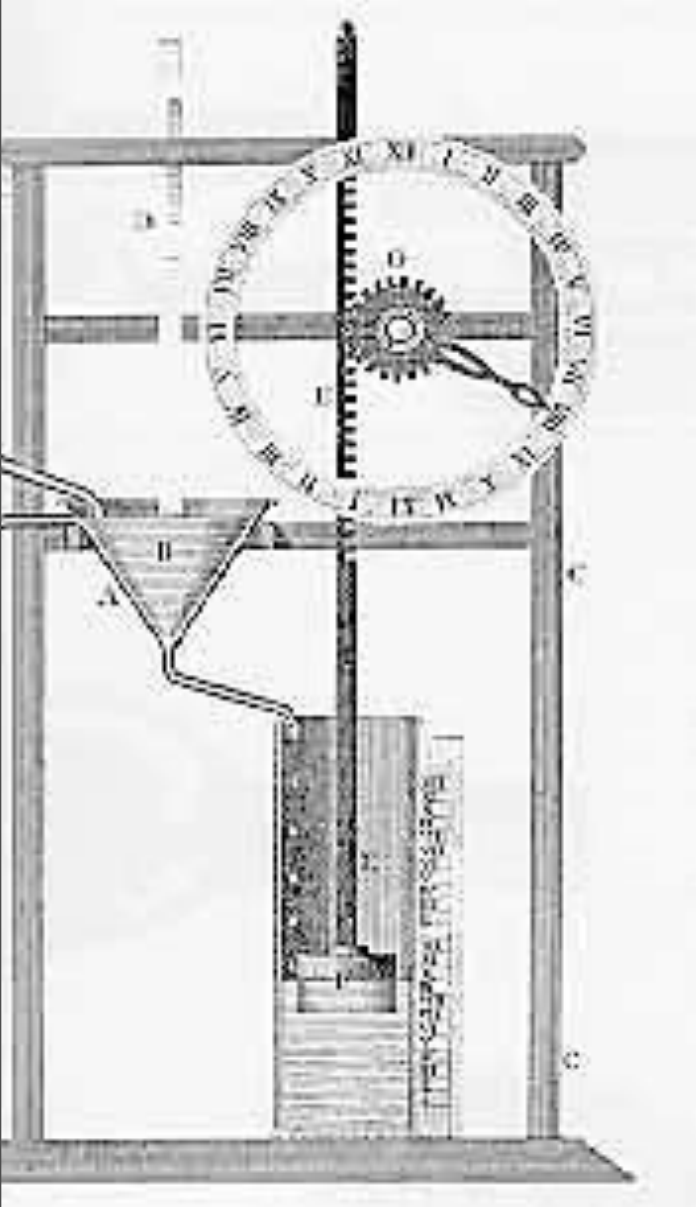
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# calculating?

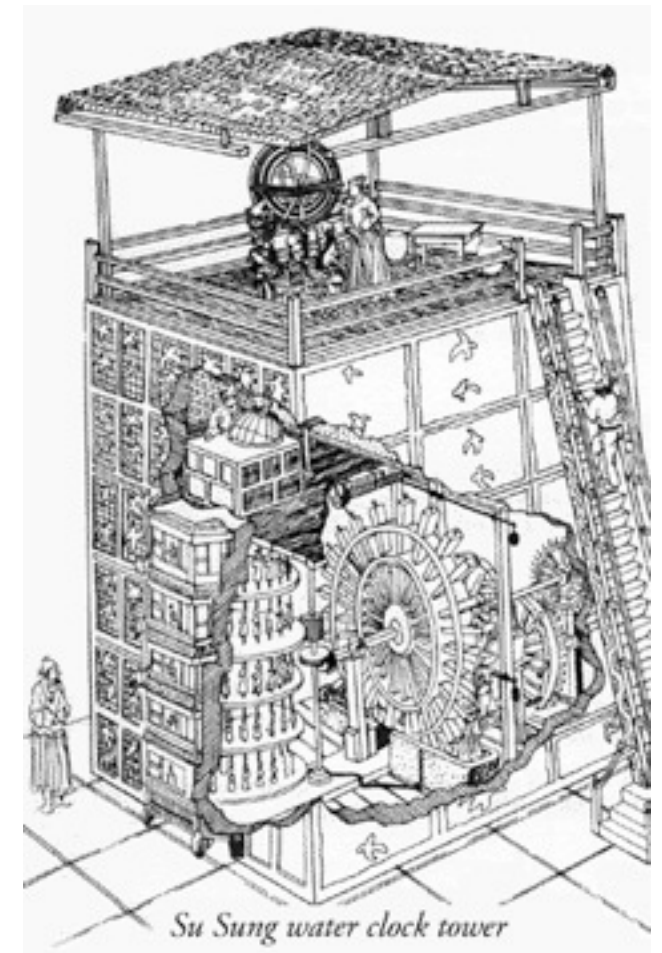


**3500 bce:** sundials

**1400 bce:** Egyptian water clocks

**700 ce:** hourglasses

**1086:** Su Sung's water tower



conclude any thing from the account of *Gabriel* given unto *Daniel* in this place. This they plainly acknowledge in a Disputation which they had with a converted *Jew* before the *Bishop of Rome* recorded in their *Shebet Jehuda*. Only they would except *Daniel* himself, affirming that he was not *חשבן*, a *Computer of the time*, but *רואה*, a *Seer*; as though the *Question* were about the way and means whereby we attain a just computation of the time, and not about the thing it self. *Daniel* received the knowledge of this time by *Revelation*, as he did the time of the accomplishment of the *Captivity*, though he made use of the computation of time limited in the *Prophecy of Jeremiah*; but in both he gives us a perfect *Calculation* of the time, and so cannot be exempted from the *Talmudical Malediction*. And I mention these things in the en-



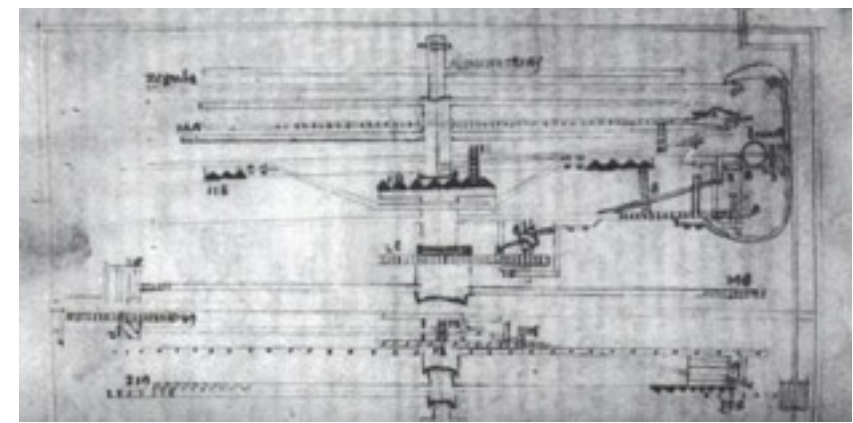
computer

"I have read the truest computer of Times" --*The Young Man's Gleanings*, 1614

In the Talmud ... they have laid down this general Rule, Male pereant qui temporum articulos suppetunt quibus venturus est Messiah. Or as they express it by a solemn Curse in the name of Rabbi Jonathan, a great man among them, **let their bones rot who compute the times of the end.** ... **[Daniel] was not a Computer** of the time but a Seer as though the Question were about the way and means whereby we attain a just computation of the time, and not about the thing it self. Daniel received the knowledge of this time by Revelation, as he did the time of the accomplishment of the Captivity, though he made use of the computation of time limited in the Prophecy of Jeremiah; but in both he gives us a perfect Calculation of the time, and so cannot be exempted from the Talmudical Malediction

--John Owen, *Exercitations on the Epistle of the Hebrews*, 1688  
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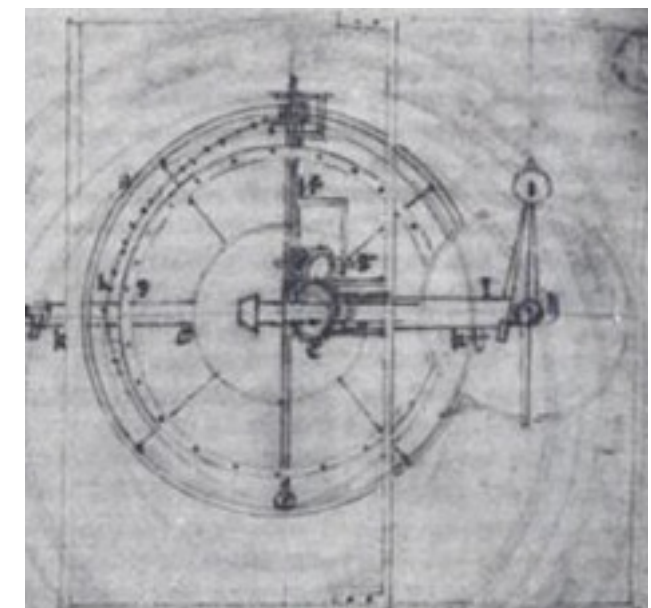


# automata

**1300:** mechanical clocks  
 Richard of Wallingford  
 celestial instruments & St Albans' clock



Richard of  
 Wallingford  
 1292-1336

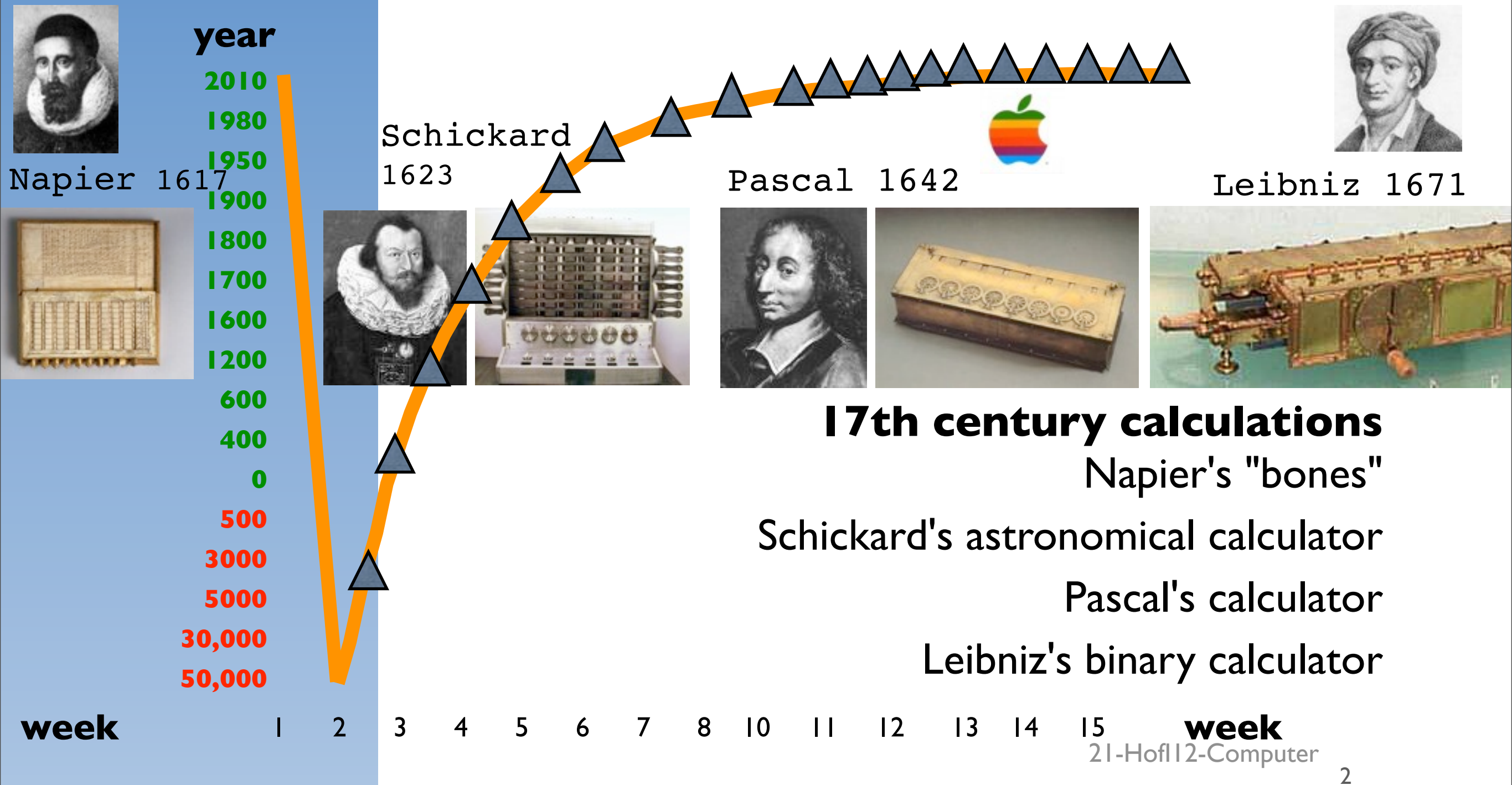


86 *The Antiquity* Chap. VI. *Chap. VI. of Clock-work:* 87  
*modum dentata, quæ una motione coacta, versando faciunt effectus, varietatesque motionum: in quibus moventur Sigilla, vertuntur Metæ, calculi aut Tona projiciuntur,* Clocks, and some other Automata, might have their beginning there; or that Clock-work (which had long been buried in oblivion) might be revived there. But

Derham, *The Artificial Clock Maker*, 1696



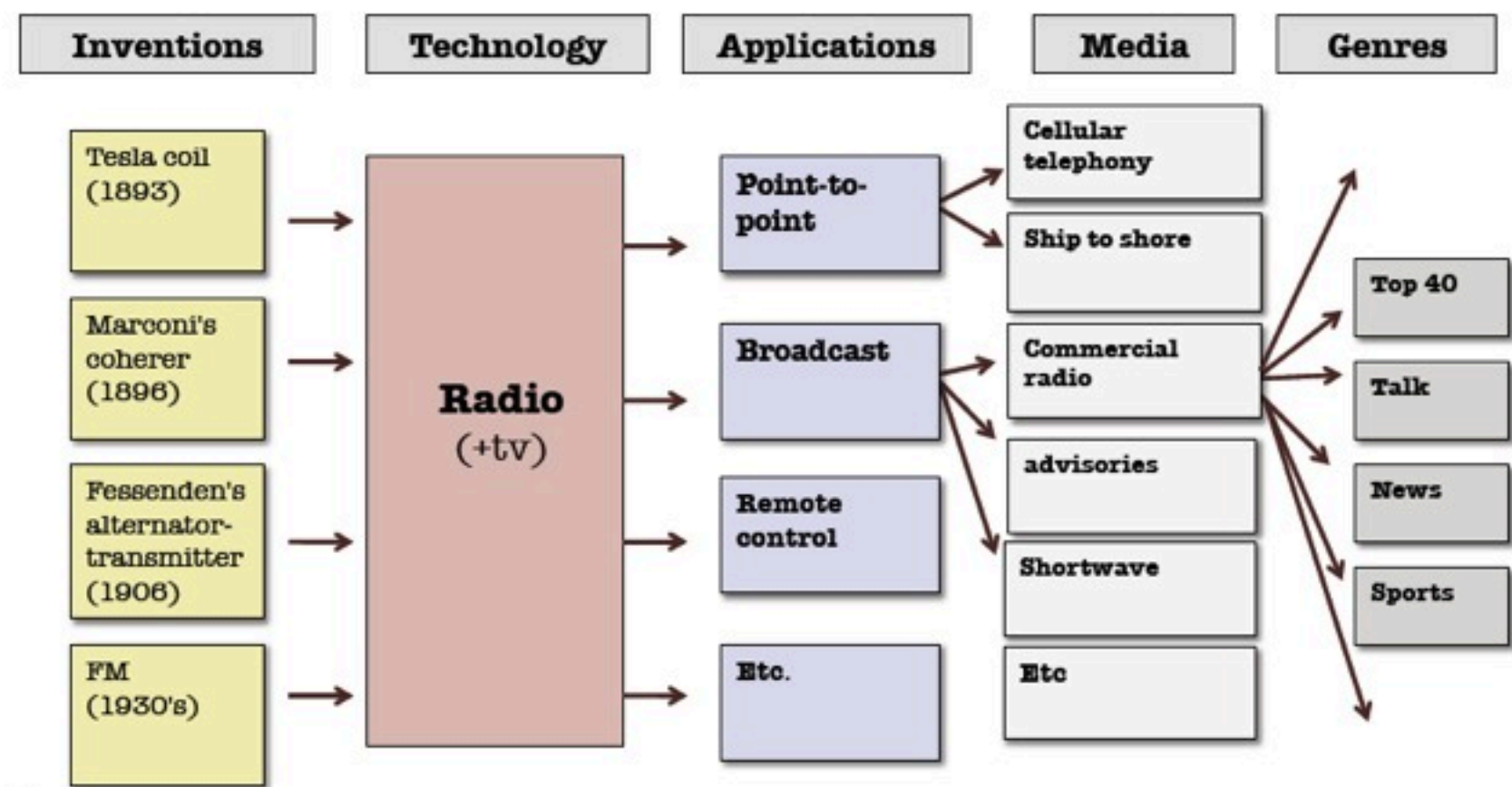
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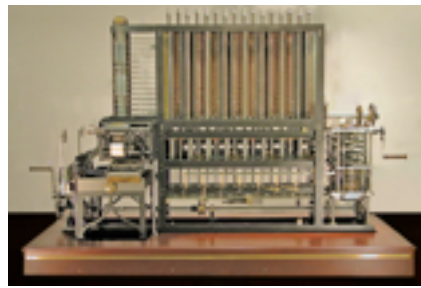


# where's the technology?



## Inventions, Technologies, Applications, Media





# computer technology

## Inventions

clock

loom

vacuum  
tube

transistor

chip

disc

## Technology

**computer**

## Applications

calculating

recording

sorting

controlling

*commun-  
icating*

## Media

mainframe

desktop

laptop

tablet

cars

phones

the net

the web

the cloud

## Genres

logarithms

ballistics

registration

logistics

bbs

email

social  
networks

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# getting to (and beyond) the computer

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individual inventors (and investors)

business / customers

government

military / intelligence

science / education



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# individual calculation



John Napier  
1550–1617

## John Napier

*Mirifici Logarithmorum  
Canonis Descriptio*, 1614

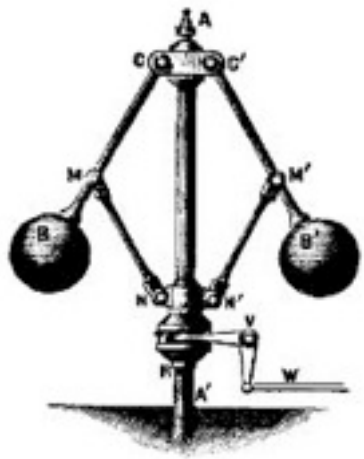


Charles Babbage RS  
1791–1871

## Charles Babbage

*Table of Logarithms  
from 1 to 108000*  
1827

"I wish to God these calculations  
had been executed by steam" (1821)



# *on the economy of machinery and manufactures*

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## **chapters**

1: Sources of the Advantages Arising from Machinery

2: Accumulating Power

3: Regulating Power

... that beautiful contrivance,  
the steam governor ...

4: Increase and diminution of velocity

5: Extending the time of action of forces

... watches & clocks ..  
automatons

6: Saving time in natural operations

7: Exerting Forces too great for human power; and  
executing operations too delicate for human touch

**8: Registering Operations**

9: Economy of the materials employed

10: Of the identity of the work when it is of the same kind,  
and its accuracy when of different kinds

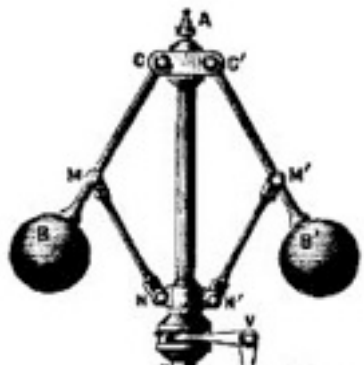
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12: On the method of observing manufacturies

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19: On the division of labor

**20 On the mental division of labour**



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Pedometer. Counting Machines for Carriage. Steam-engine,  
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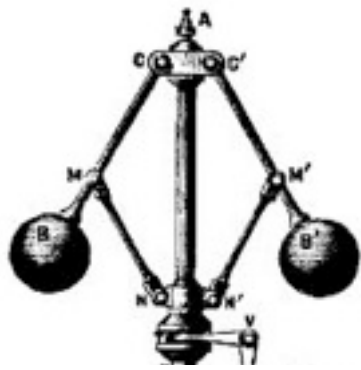
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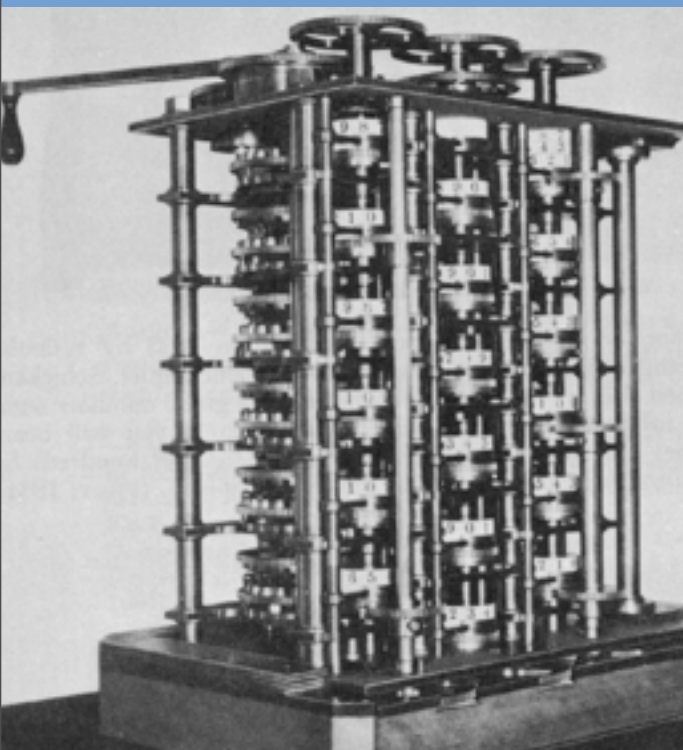
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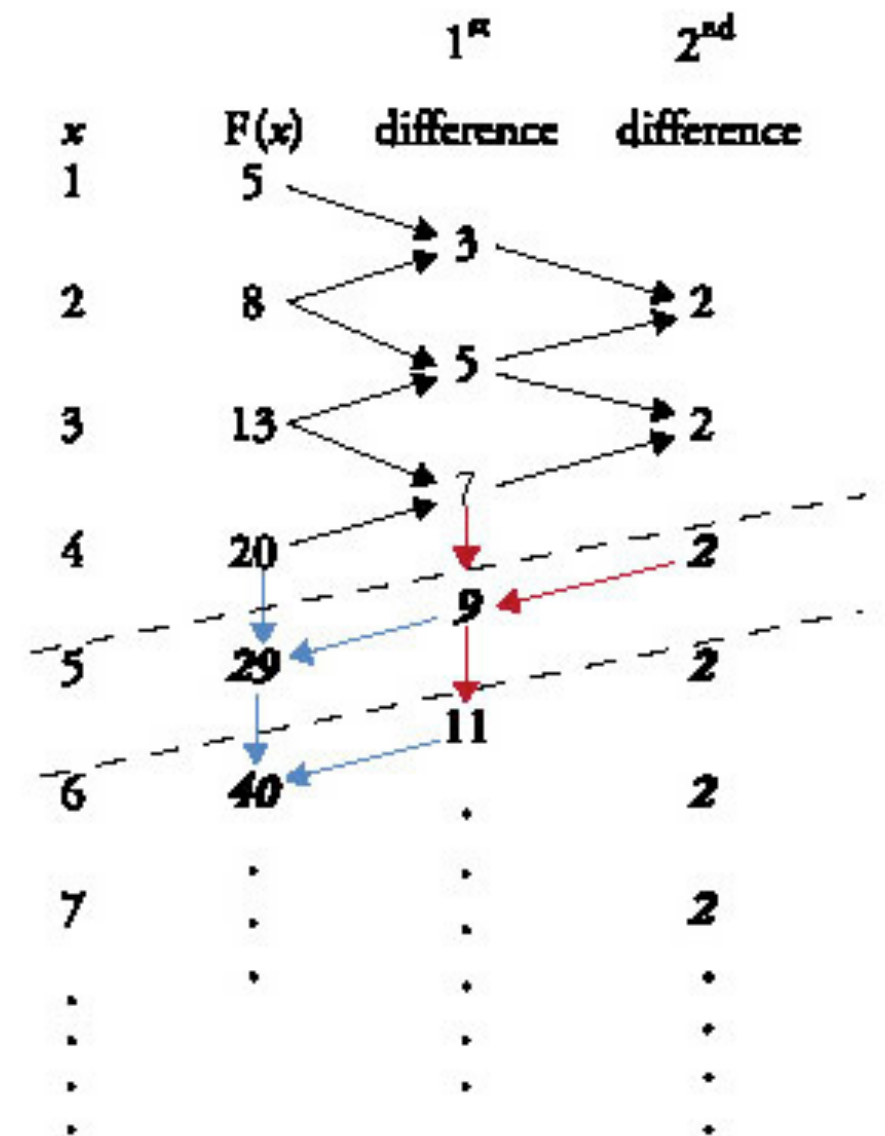
# difference engine

$$f(x) = x^2 + 4$$



200 ON THE DIVISION OF MENTAL LABOUR.

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	— B.	{ The hand is advanced (by B.) 3 divisions . . }	B. strikes . . . . 3	.....
	— C.	.....	{ The hand is advanced (by C.) 2 divisions . . }	C. strikes 2
2	Pull A.	A. strikes . . . . 4	.....	.....
	— B.	{ The hand is advanced (by B.) 5 divisions . . }	B. strikes . . . . 5	.....
	— C.	.....	{ The hand is advanced (by C.) 2 divisions . . }	C. strikes 2
3	Pull A.	A. strikes . . . . 9	.....	.....
	— B.	{ The hand is advanced (by B.) 7 divisions . . }	B. strikes . . . . 7	.....
	— C.	.....	{ The hand is advanced (by C.) 2 divisions . . }	C. strikes 2
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	— B.	{ The hand is advanced (by B.) 9 divisions . . }	B. strikes . . . . 9	.....
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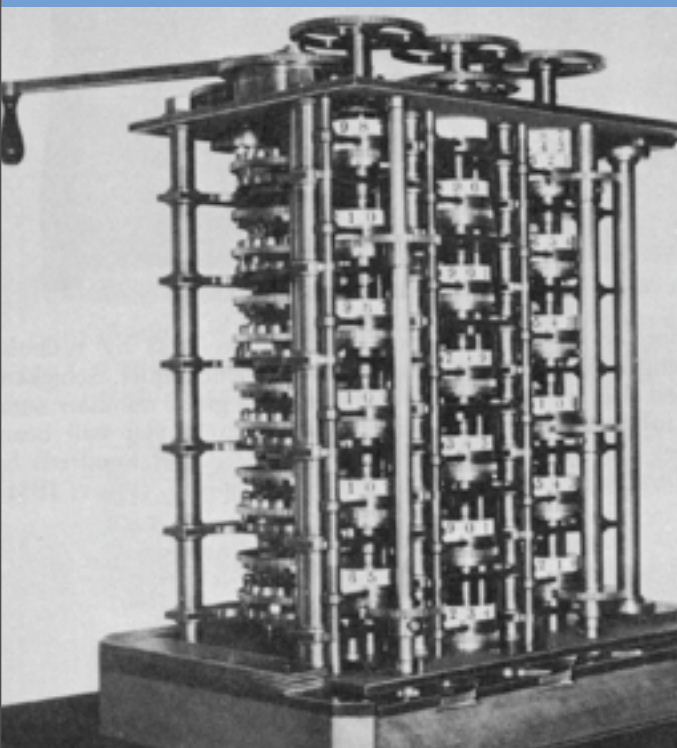






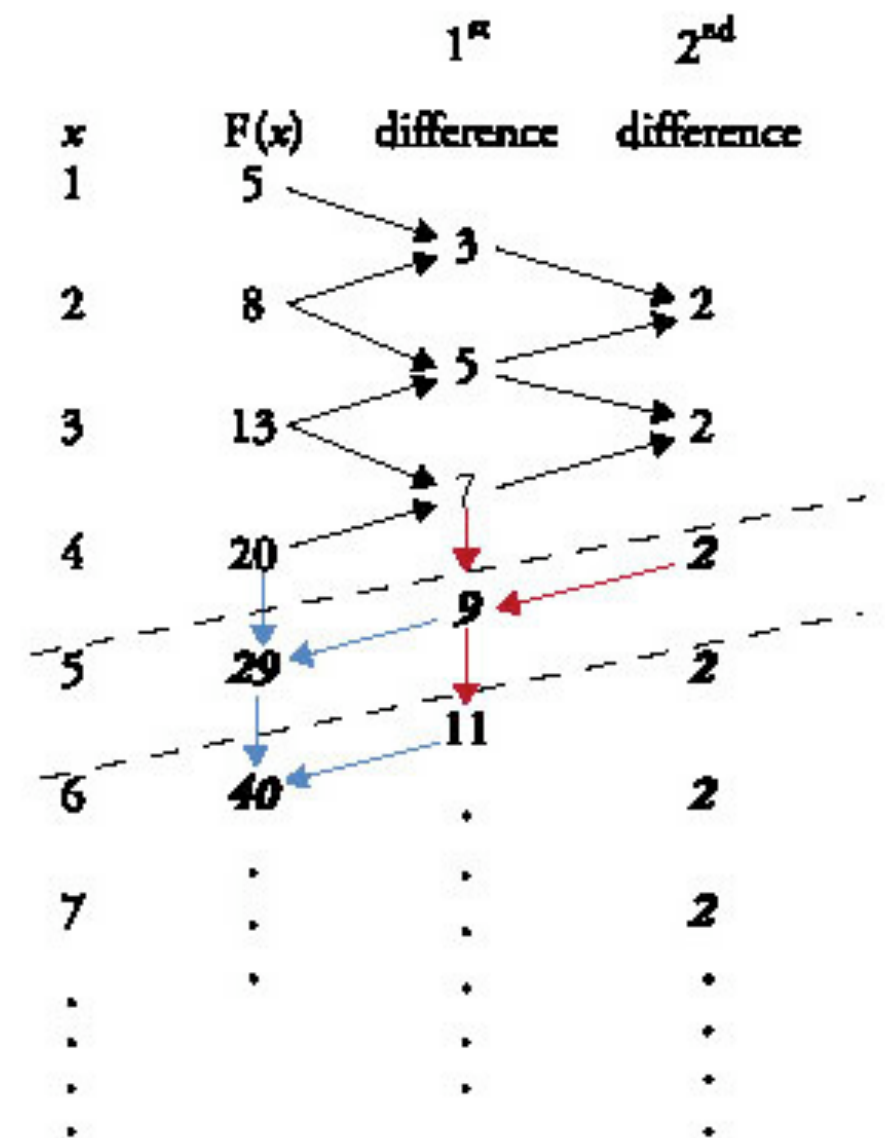
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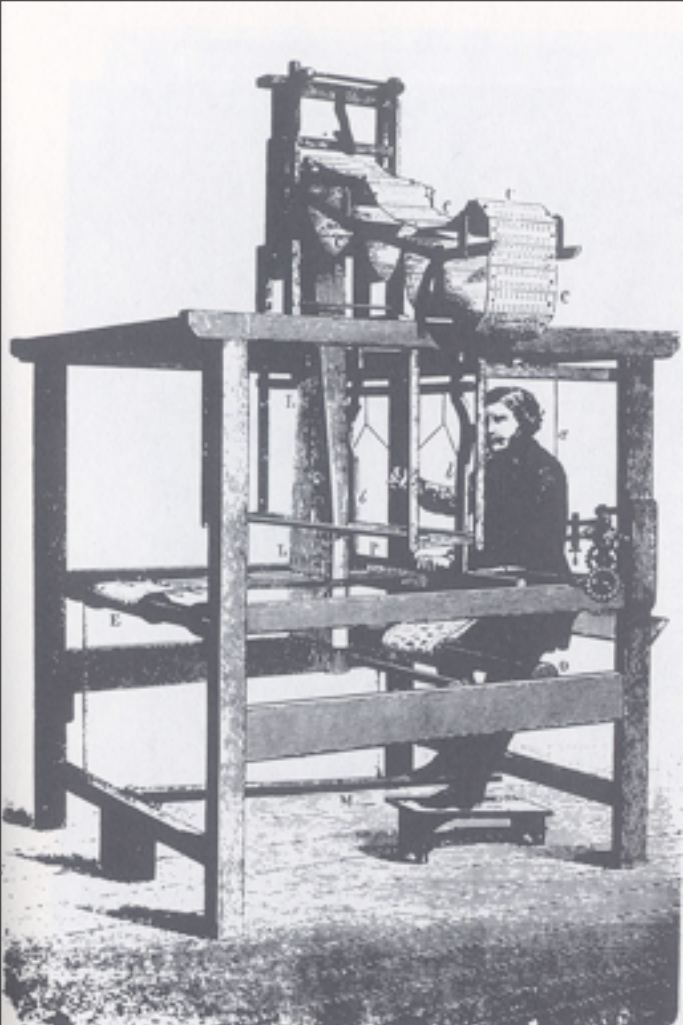
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# analytical engine

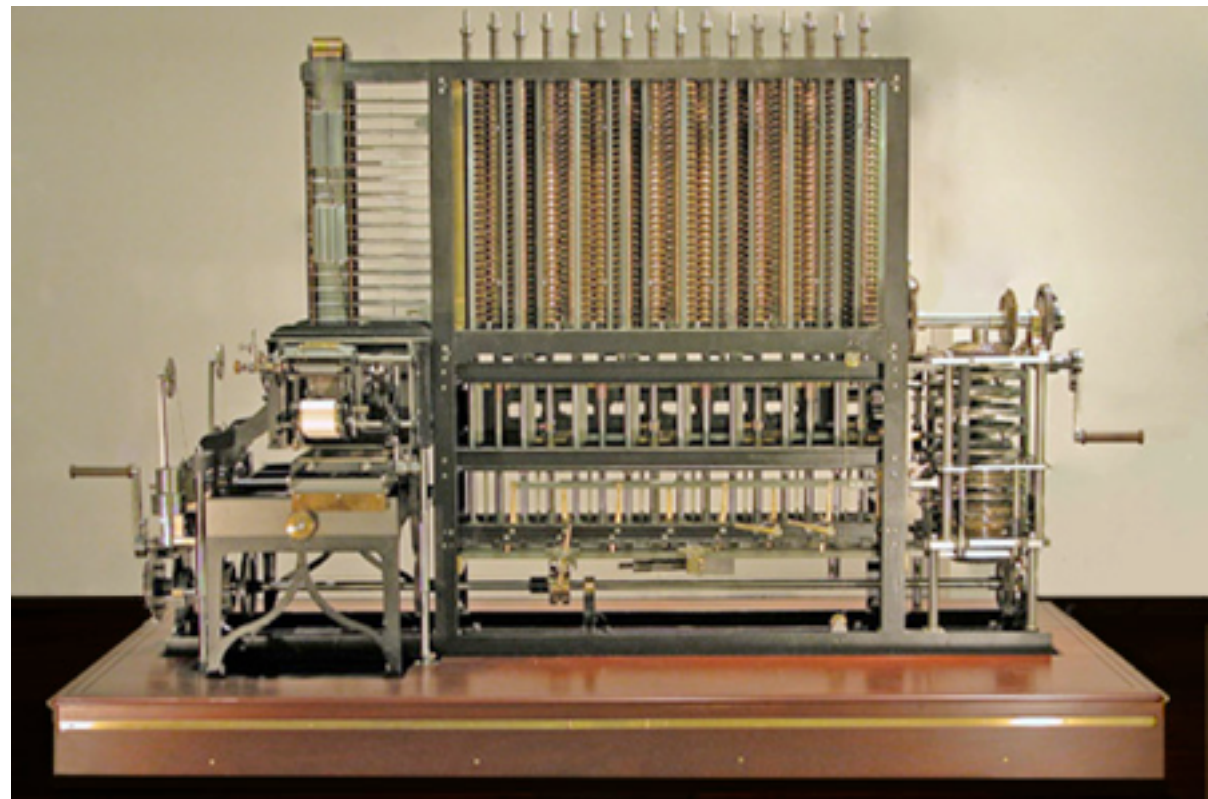
**general purpose machine**

programmable

storing

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# Ada Byron/Lovelace



Ada Lovelace  
1815-1852

"a machine that not only would have foresight, but could act on that foresight"

"I want to put in something about Bernoulli's Number, in one of my notes, as an example of how an explicit function, may be worked out by the engine, without having been worked out by human head and hands first"

--Lovelace to Babbage, 1843

"Analytical Engine *weaves algebraical patterns* just as the Jacquard loom weaves flowers and leaves"

--Taylor's *Scientific Memoirs*, 1843  
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# Ada Byron/Lovelace



Ada Lovelace  
1815–1852

Science Times: April 3, 2012

## Giving Women the Access Code

By KATIE HAFNER



Elaine Thompson/Associated Press

TANDEM Bill Gates and Maria Klawe at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Wash., in 2005.

Maria Klawe, president of Harvey Mudd College in California, has helped reverse the vexing trend toward fewer women in computer science, and others are following.

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# pretensions

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[people tend to]

"first, overrate what we find to be ...  
remarkable, and secondly, by a sort of  
natural reaction, to undervalue the true  
state of the case ... The Analytical Engine  
has no pretension whatever to originate  
anything"

--Ada Byron,

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**Georg Scheutz**  
1785–1873



**Edvard Scheutz**  
1822–1881

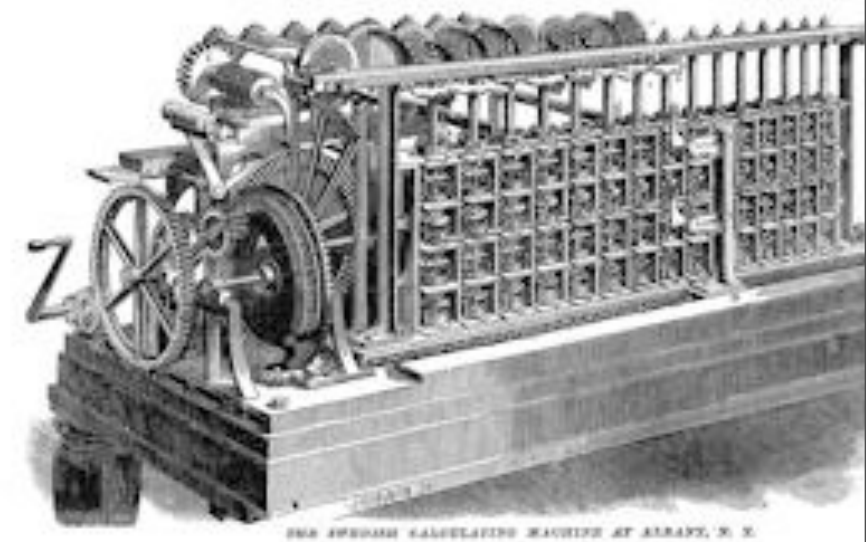
# difference engines

## **Georg & Edvard Scheutz**

Scheutz Difference Engine, with printer c 1853

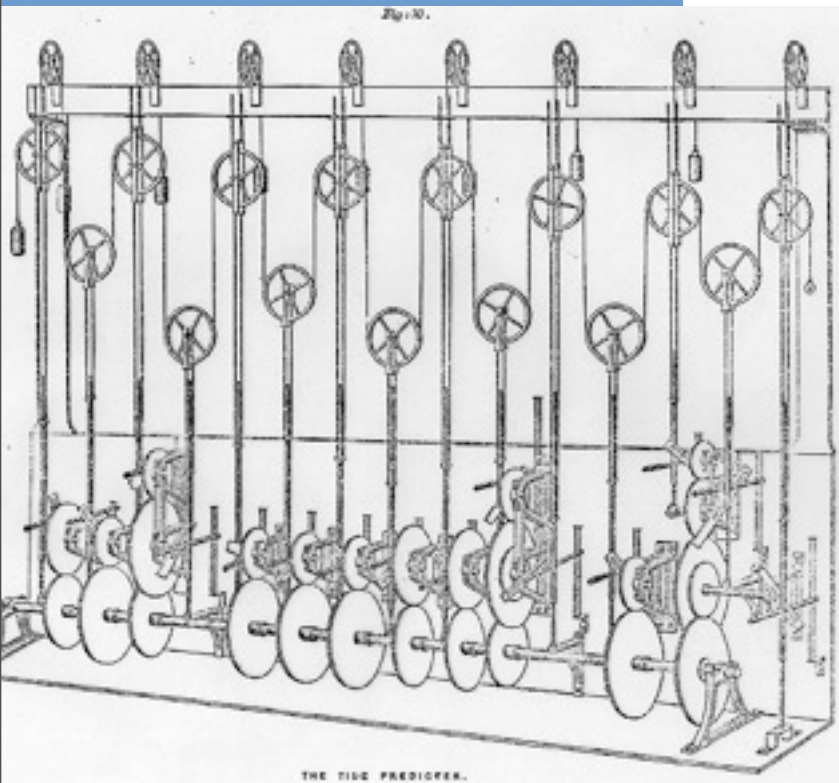
Dudley Observatory, Schenectady

British Government, actuarial calculations





# analog predictors



**Charles Boyle, Earl of Orrery**

**William Thomson, Lord Kelvin (1824-1907)**

tide predictor, 1872

**Lewis Fry Richardson (1881-1953)**

*Weather Predictions by Numerical Process, 1922 [1916]*



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[just one]  
"would suffice  
the needs of the  
whole world"  
– Georg Scheutz

**who might want these machines?**

**why?**

**what would they want?**



bills of mortality

births & marriages



population



# statistics and the state

*Statistics: a word lately introduced to express a view or survey of any kingdom, country, or parish*

*Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1797*



THE  
STATISTICAL ACCOUNT  
OF  
SCOTLAND.  
DRAWN UP FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS  
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DIFFERENT PARISHES.

BY SIR JOHN SINCLAIR, BART.

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*"Ad consilium de republica dandum, copius est nosse rempublicam."*  
CICERO de Orat. lib. ii.

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# making states

## An act concerning...

1. public archive
2. state printer
3. pilots for SF
4. comptroller
5. treasurer
6. sec. of state
8. translator
11. AG
14. Supreme Court
30. incorporation of cities
36. commissioner of deeds
41. notaries
49. lawful fences
48. incorporation of towns
53. weights & measures
55. limited partners
59. recorder's office
64. officers of health
67. surveyors
69. librarian
72. register of wills
89. marks & brands
90. reporter
93. conveyances
95. common law
117. incorp. of colleges
123. assayer

Statutes of California, 1849-50


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STATES AND TERRITORIES.

# counting

Maine .....	581,813	1,336	583,169
New Hampshire .....	317,456	629	317,976
Massachusetts .....	985,459	9,054	994,514
Rhode Island .....	143,875	3,670	147,545
Connecticut .....	363,089	7,693	370,792
Vermont .....	313,402	718	314,120
New York .....	3,048,345	49,069	3,097,394
New Jersey .....	465,509	93,816	489,555
Pennsylvania .....	2,958,169	53,626	2,911,786
Delaware .....	71,169	18,073	91,572
Maryland .....	417,943	74,733	583,034
Virginia .....	894,800	54,333	1,421,061
North Carolina .....	553,028	27,483	869,059
South Carolina .....	274,561	8,900	618,507
Georgia .....	521,572	2,501	906,185
Kentucky .....	761,413	10,011	982,405
Tennessee .....	756,836	6,422	1,002,717
Ohio .....	1,955,059	25,279	1,980,399
Indiana .....	977,154	11,962	988,416
Mississippi .....	295,718	900	606,596
District of Columbia .....	37,941	10,059	51,687
Illinois .....	845,034	5,436	851,470
Michigan .....	305,071	2,583	397,654
Louisiana .....	255,491	17,462	517,762
Missouri .....	591,064	2,618	682,014
Alabama .....	421,514	2,215	771,623
Arkansas .....	162,189	608	209,897
Florida .....	47,981	912	87,445
Wisconsin .....	304,756	615	305,391
Iowa .....	191,881	303	192,214
Texas .....	151,034	297	212,362
California .....	91,635	922	92,587
Minnesota Territory .....	6,608	39	6,077
New Mexico Territory .....	61,525	22	61,547
Oregon Territory .....	13,087	207	13,294
Utah Territory .....	11,330	24	11,389
Aggregate .....	19,553,088	434,495	23,191,878



**U.S. Census Bureau**  
**Census 2010**

**This is the official form for all the people at this address.**  
**It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law.**

**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
**Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
**U.S. Census Bureau**

**Use a blue or black pen.**

**Start here**

The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines:

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.
- Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:

- If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.

**1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?**

Number of people =

**2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1?** Mark *X* if that apply:

☐ Children, such as newborn babies or babies children

☐ Relatives, such as adult children, parents, or in-laws

☐ Roommates, such as roommates or adult baby sitters

☐ People staying here temporarily

☐ No additional people

**3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home —** Mark *X* ONE box:

☐ Owned by you or someone in the household with a mortgage or debt? Include home equity loans

☐ Owned by you or someone in the household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?

☐ Rented?

☐ Occupied without payment of rent?

**4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we don't understand an answer.**

Area Code + Number

Do not include 1-800, 1-866, 1-877, 1-888, 1-800-4-A-VOICES

**For OBT (overseas)**

**5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.**

What is Person 1's name? First name below

Last Name

First Name  or

**6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark *X* ONE box.**

☐ Male ☐ Female

**7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?**

Please report dates as age if when the child is less than 1 year old.

First numbers in boxes

Age on April 1, 2010  Month  Day  Year of birth

**NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For the census, Hispanic origins are not races.**

**8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

☐ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

☐ Yes, Puerto Rican

☐ Yes, Cuban

☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print name in words

Together, Spanish, Spanish Am., Mexican, Mexican Am., Puerto Rican, Cuban, and other

**9. What is Person 1's race? Mark *X* one or more boxes.**

☐ White

☐ Black, African Am., or Negro

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native — Print several words, if possible

☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Native Hawaiian

☐ Chinese ☐ Korean ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro

☐ Filipino ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Samoan

☐ Other Asian — Print sex, for example, among Latinas: Thai, Russian, German, and so on

☐ Other Pacific Islander — Print sex, for example, Tongan, and so on

☐ Some other race — Print race

**10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?**

☐ No ☐ Yes — Mark *X* all that apply:

☐ In college housing ☐ For child custody

☐ In the military ☐ In jail or prison

☐ At a seasonal or second residence ☐ In a nursing home

☐ For another reason ☐ For another reason

**11. If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.**

**U.S. Census Bureau**



# counting

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	White.	Free colored.
Maine .....	581,813	1,2
New Hampshire .....	317,456	9,0
Massachusetts .....	985,450	3,6
Rhode Island .....	143,875	7,0
Connecticut .....	363,009	7,0
Vermont .....	313,402	7,0
New York .....	3,048,325	49,0
New Jersey .....	465,519	23,8
Pennsylvania .....	2,958,160	53,6
Delaware .....	71,169	18,0
Maryland .....	417,943	74,3
Virginia .....	894,800	54,3
North Carolina .....	553,028	27,4
South Carolina .....	274,561	8,9
Georgia .....	521,572	2,9
Kentucky .....	701,413	10,0
Tennessee .....	756,836	6,4
Ohio .....	1,055,050	25,2
Indiana .....	977,154	11,9
Mississippi .....	205,718	9
District of Columbia .....	37,941	10,0
Illinois .....	845,004	5,4
Michigan .....	305,071	2,5
Louisiana .....	255,491	17,0
Missouri .....	502,064	2,0
Alabama .....	425,514	12,0
Arkansas .....	162,189	0
Florida .....	47,200	0
Wisconsin .....	304,756	6
Iowa .....	191,881	3
Texas .....	151,034	3
California .....	91,615	9
Minnesota Territory .....	6,608	1
New Mexico Territory .....	61,525	1
Oregon Territory .....	13,087	1
Utah Territory .....	11,330	1
Aggregate .....	19,553,058	434,4

## The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

About these ad

## 1940 Census data: what you need to know to look up relatives

Monday's release of 1940 Census data sets off frenzy to dig into records on family past, crashing the website. When it comes back online, you'll need to know a few basics.

By Ron Scherer, Staff writer / April 2, 2012

1940 Federal Census		HOUSEHOLD DATA		PERSONAL DATA		EDUCATION		PLACE OF BIRTH		RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1940	
NAME	RELATION	AGE	SEX	RACE	DATE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH
John Doe	Head	45	M	W	1895	High School	New York	New York	New York	New York	New York
Jane Doe	Wife	42	F	W	1898	High School	New York	New York	New York	New York	New York
Robert Doe	Son	15	M	W	1925	High School	New York	New York	New York	New York	New York
Mary Doe	Daughter	12	F	W	1928	High School	New York	New York	New York	New York	New York

This undated image provided by the National Archives and Records Administration shows a form used in the 1940 Census. On Monday, the US Census Bureau released a trove of personal information it had gleaned from its 1940 Census.

National Archives and Records Administration/AP

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# New Estimate Raises Civil War Death Toll



Library of Congress/Getty Images

A lithograph of the Battle of Gettysburg.

By GUY GUGLIOTTA  
Published: April 2, 2012

For 110 years, the numbers stood as gospel: 618,222 men died in the [Civil War](#), 360,222 from the North and 258,000 from the South — by far the greatest toll of any war in American history.

But new research shows that the numbers were far too low.

By combing through newly digitized census data from the 19th century, J. David Hacker, a demographic historian from Binghamton University in New York, has [recalculated the death toll](#) and

## Multimedia



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# decline to abundance

AN  
ESSAY  
ON THE  
PRINCIPLE OF POPULATION,  
AS IT AFFECTS  
THE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIETY.  
WITH REMARKS  
ON THE SPECULATIONS OF MR. GODWIN,  
M. CONDORCET,  
AND OTHER WRITERS.  
LONDON:  
PRINTED FOR J. JOHNSON, IN ST. PAUL'S  
CHURCH-YARD.  
1798.

"In Britain, however, the first census was taken, not out of a constitutional requirement, but as a way of resolving the Malthusian population controversy ... The 1800 Census Act was designed principally to determine whether or not the population was actually increasing."

-- Martin Campbell-Kelly,  
"Change in the British Census," 1996



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# business interests

## sorting operation: the clearing house

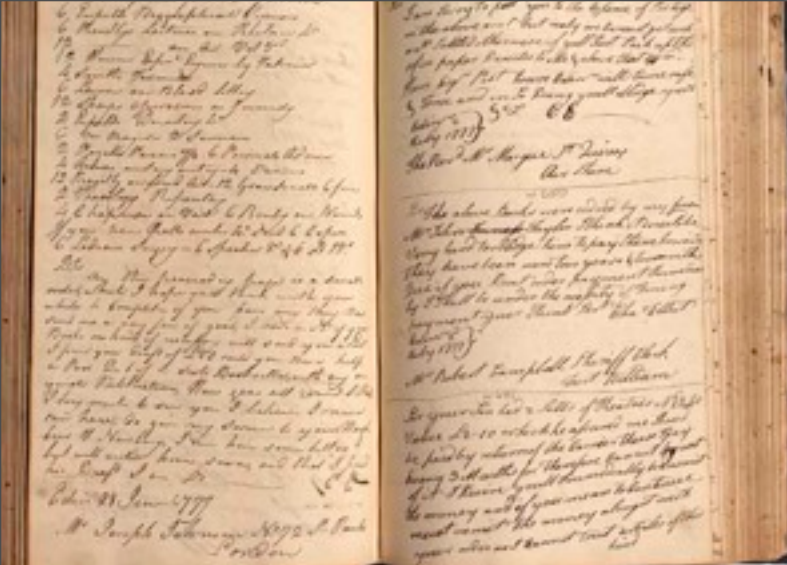
"In a large room in Lombard-street, about thirty clerks from the several London bankers take their stations ... at desks placed around the room. ... From time to time other clerks from every house enter the room, and passing along, drop into the box the checks due by that firm to the house from which this distributor is sent. ... The whole of these payments are made by a double system of balance, a very small amount of bank notes passing from hand to hand.

--Babbage, *On the Economy*, 1835

"[1839] £954 million was cleared--\$250 billion in today's money."

--Campbell-Kelly & Aspray

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# information technology



**carbon paper**  
Wedgewood, 1806

**typewriter**  
Remington, 1874

**calculator**  
Burroughs, 1892

**cash register**  
mechanical register, 1884



"No simple economic explanation  
... America was gadget happy"

--Campbell-Kelly and Aspray, *Computer*,

1996

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## **clerks (UK)**

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"In his office  
in San  
Francisco,  
seated before a  
massive desk of  
polished  
redwood, very  
ornate, Lyman  
Derrick sat  
dictating  
letters to his  
typewriter."

Frank Norris,  
*The Octopus*,  
1902

"[An] Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct."

## back to government

Spain: 1787

US: 1790

UK: 1801

Year	Population	Gain		Clerks
1900	76,212,168	13,232,402	21.0	
1890	62,979,766	12,790,557	25.5	
1880	50,189,209	11,630,838	30.2	2000
1870	38,558,371	7,115,050	22.6	1495
1860	31,443,321	8,251,445	35.6	483
1850	23,191,876	6,128,523	35.9	
1840	17,063,353	4,202,651	32.7	28
1830	12,860,702	3,222,249	33.4	
1820	9,638,453	2,298,572	33.1	
1810	7,239,881	1,931,398	36.4	
1800	5,308,483	1,379,269	35.1	
1790	3,929,214	-	-	puter 36



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2	2	4	1	3	E	15	Off	15	D	D	F	b	d	f	h	SY	X	Fp	Cn	R	X	Al	Cg	Kg
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A	1	1	1	1	0	25	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	2	2	2	2	5	30	B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
C	3	3	3	3	0	3	C	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
D	4	4	4	4	1	4	D	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
E	5	5	5	5	2	C	E	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
F	6	6	6	6	A	D	F	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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tabulating

## Hollerith

### Electronic Tabulating Machine

### 1890 Census

"This apparatus works unerringly as the mills of the gods, but beats them hollow as to speed."

—*The Electrical Engineer*, 11 Nov 1891.

### the punch card







# government to business

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**Hollerith**

**Tabulating Machine Company**

**CTR:**

Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company

**Thomas Watson**

NCR to CTR to ...



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**Tabulating Machine Company**

**IBM Turns 100: A Look Back**



By Chloe Albanesius

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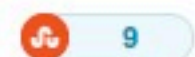
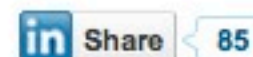
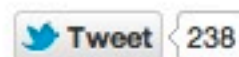
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Apple and Microsoft have been in business for more than three decades, Google has been around for 12 years, and Twitter's just getting started with five years under its belt. But all of these tech giants have a long way to go to reach the 100-year milestone that Big Blue is celebrating today.

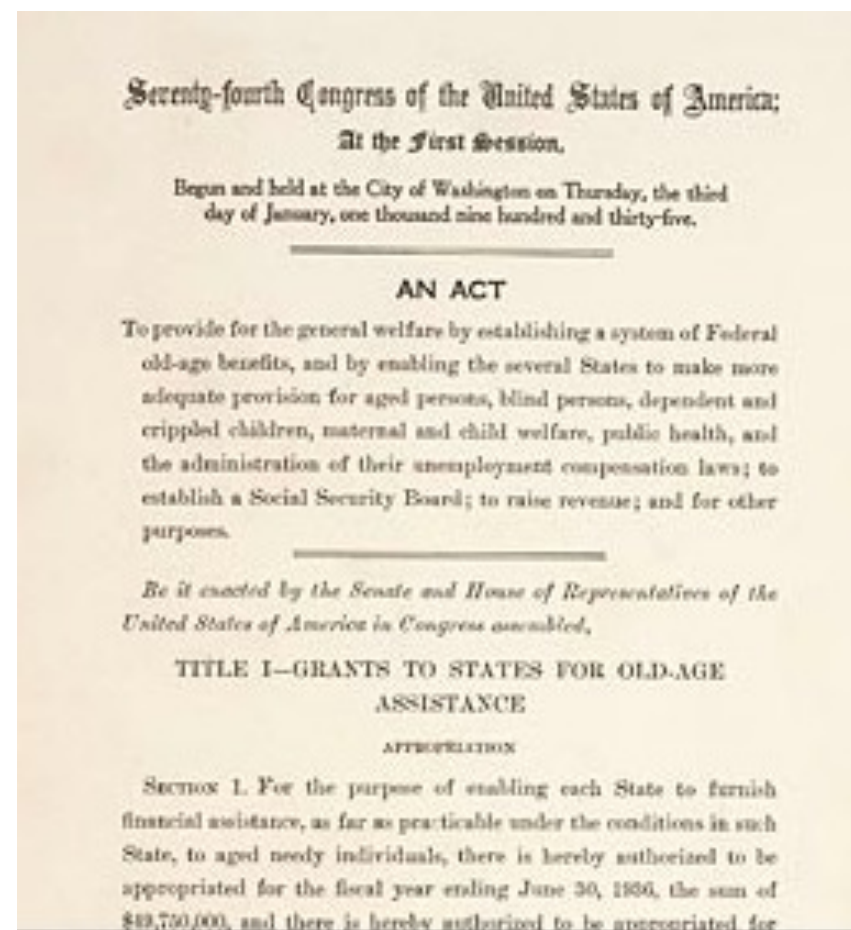
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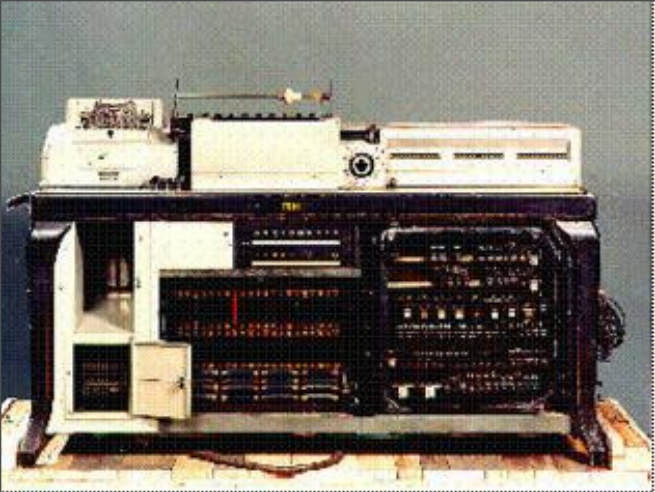
# the new deal

## Social Security Act, 1935

"the world's largest bookkeeping job"







Hollerith-Maschine Dehomag D11, die 1933 in Deutschland

# controlling numbers

## controlling people

"the Nazi census"  
--Aly & Roth, 2004

IBM D I I

Census, 1933, 1939

Labor Book, 1935

Health Pedigree book, 1936

Registry of the Populace, 1939

Blood (high, average, acceptable, inferior), 1940

Personal Identification Number, 1944

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# still registering

INDIA'S WAY

## Scanning 2.4 Billion Eyes, India Tries to Connect Poor to Growth



Ruth Fremson/The New York Times

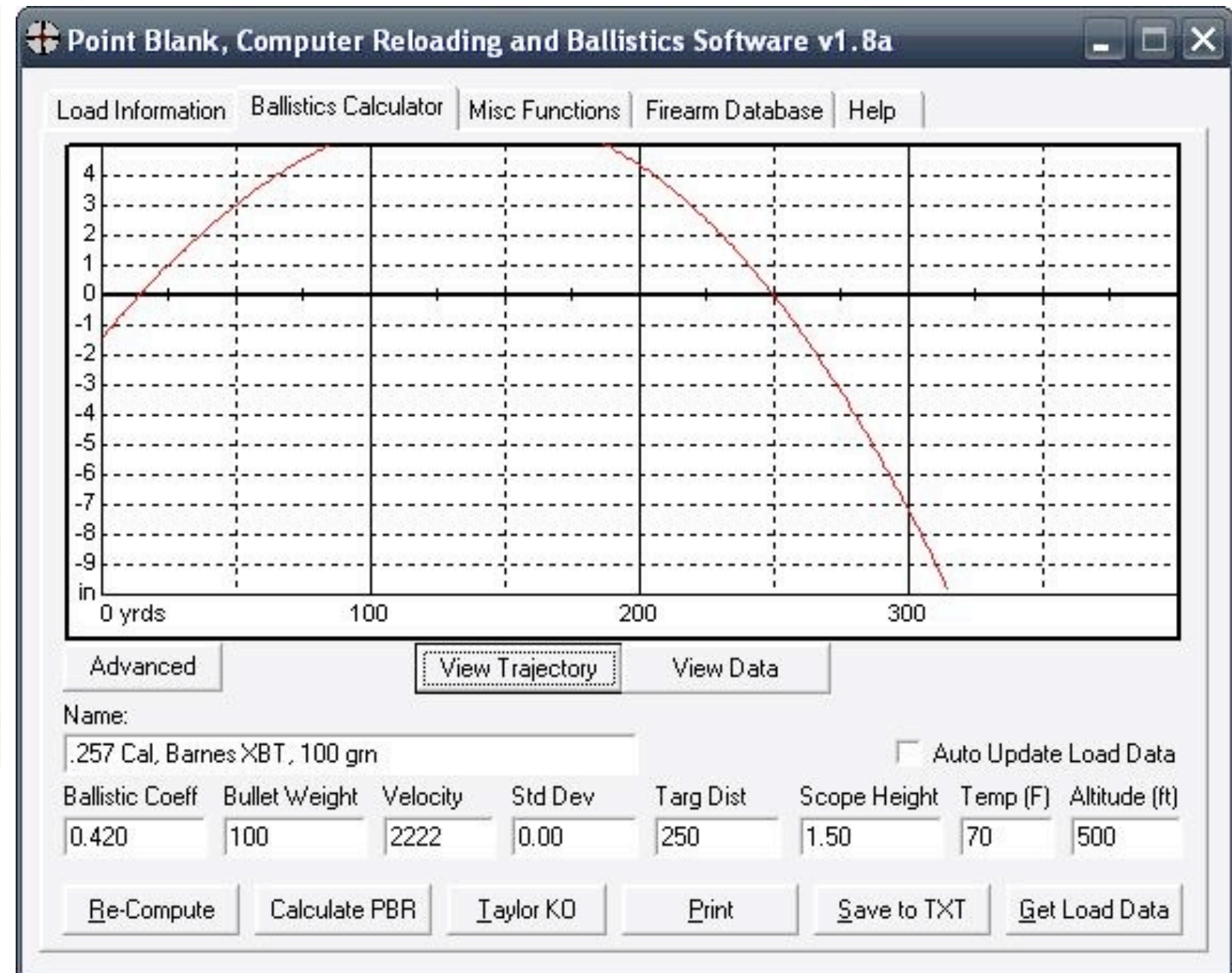
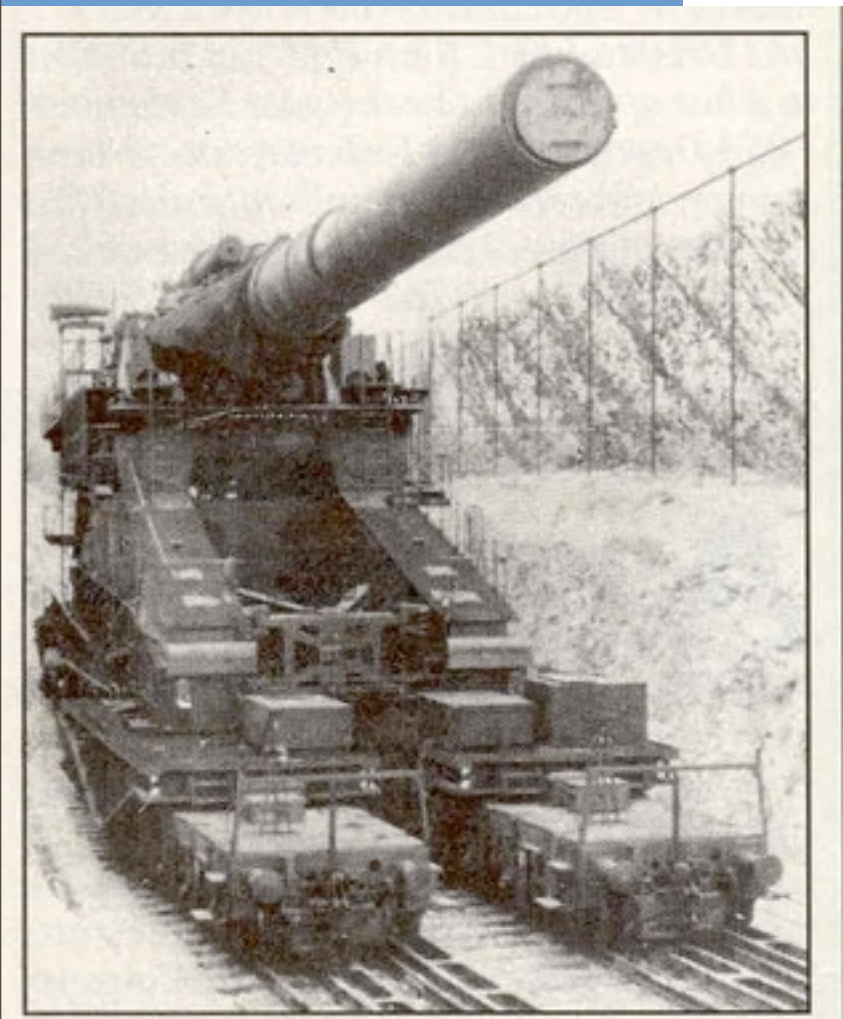
A migrant farm worker peers into an iris scanner in New Delhi in the first effort to officially record each Indian's identity as an individual.

By LYDIA POLGREEN

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# military takeover





# military processing

## ballistics "firing tables"

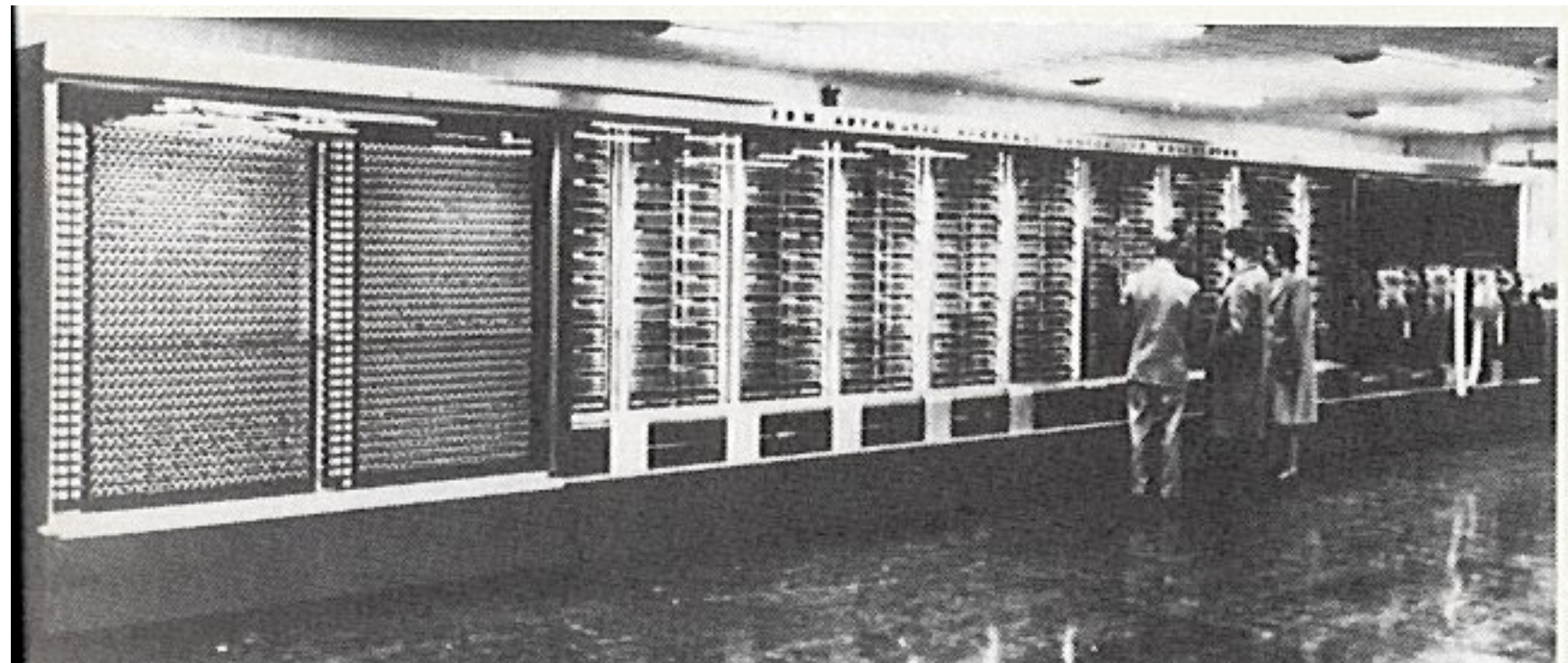
N. Katherine Hayles, *My Mother Was a Computer*, 2005

Vannevar Bush  
1935, Differential Analyzer



# Harvard mark I

aka **IBM Automatic Sequence Controlled Calculator**





## so what?

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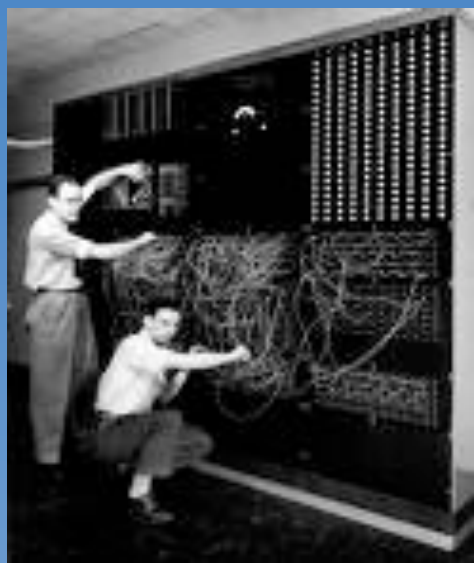
[just one] "would suffice the needs of  
the whole world"                      - Georg Scheutz

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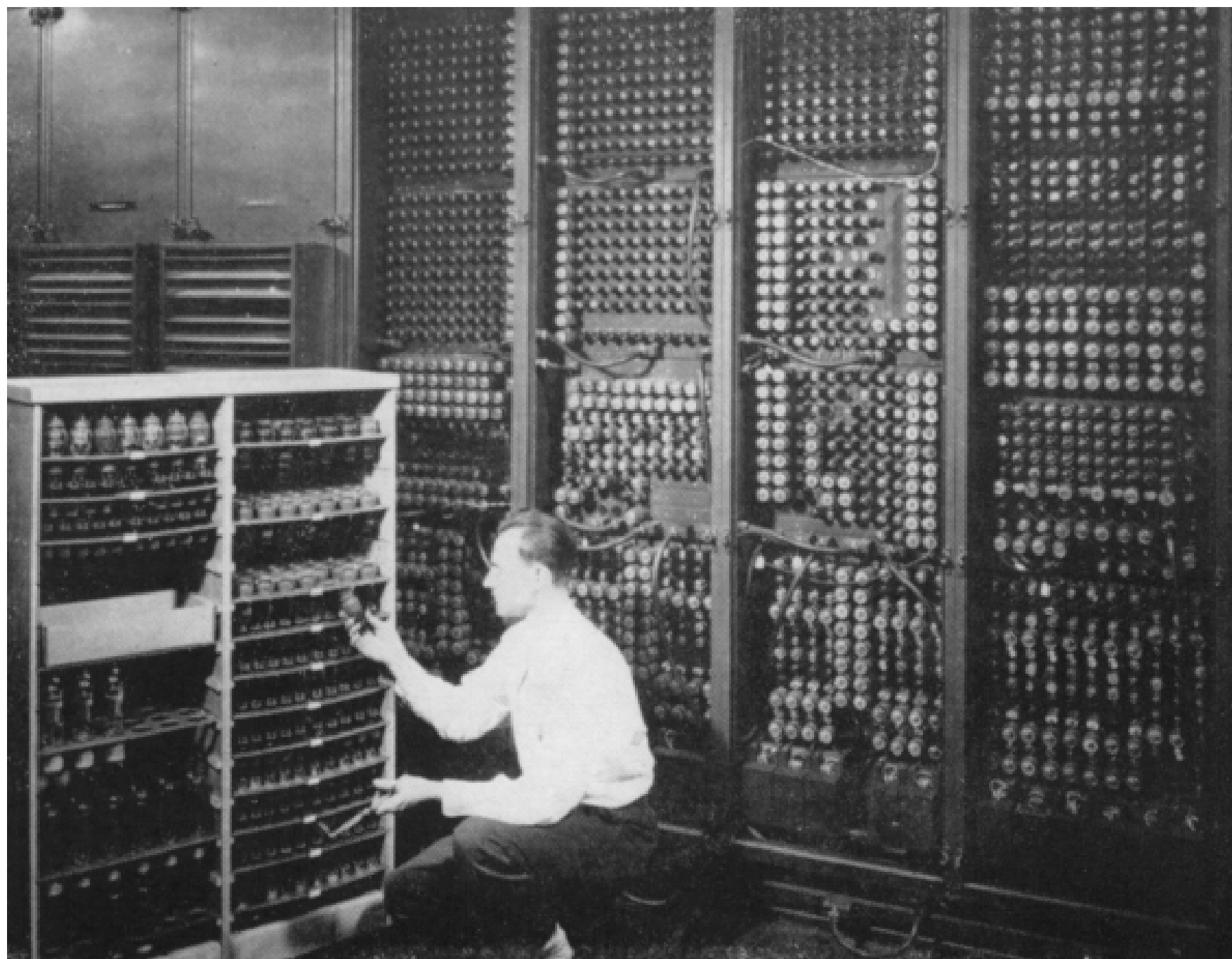
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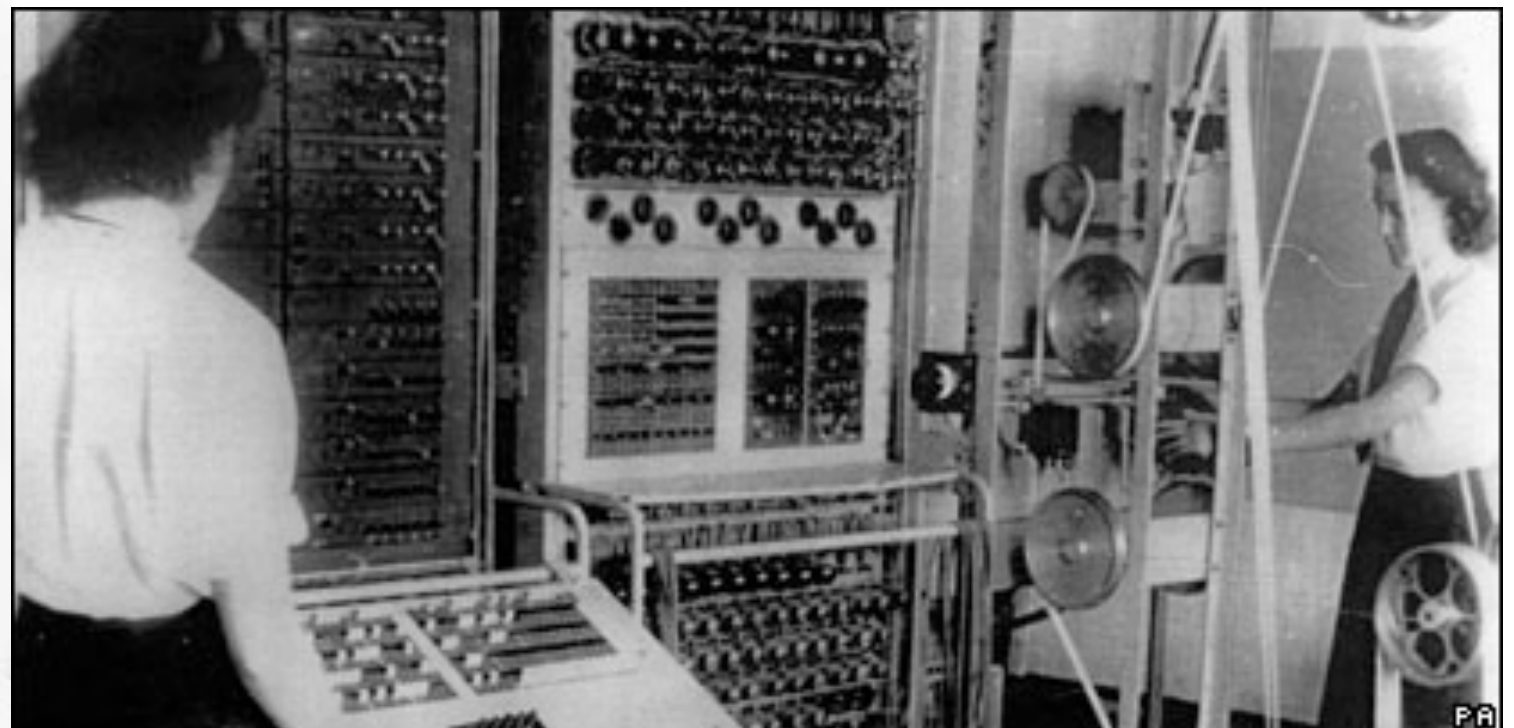


# decoding

**1943, Colossus**

Bletchley Park

(what about the Poles?)







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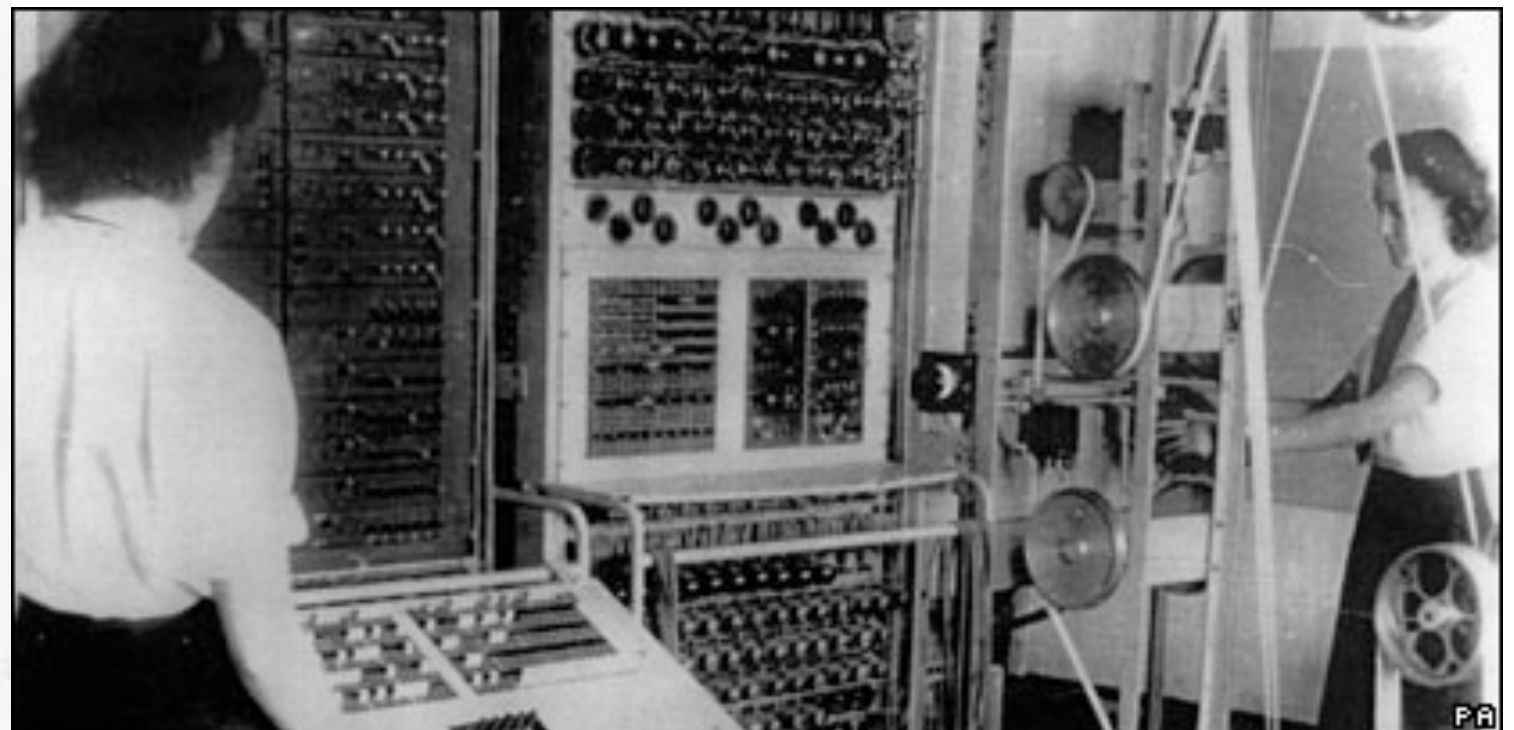
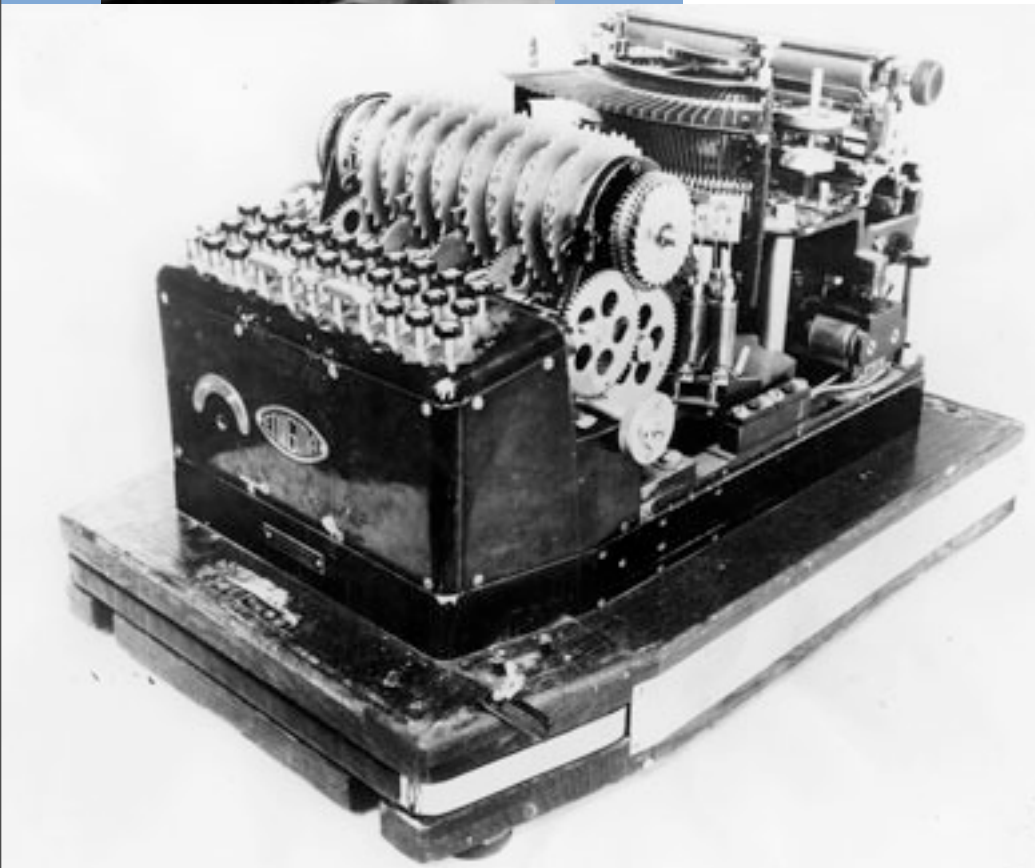
A Centenary Celebration of the Life and Work of Alan Turing



## 1943, Colossus

Bletchley Park

(what about the Poles?)



# Turing

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1936	"On computable numbers ..."
1936-8	Princeton; von Neumann
1938	Cambridge; Wittgenstein
1938-45	Code-breaking
1944	Colossus
1945	NPL: Automatic Computing Engine (ACE)
1948	Manchester, UK
1950	"Computing Machinery and Intelligence"
1952	"On the Chemical Basis of Morphogenesis"

# overview

changing perceptions

**changing business**

the demand side

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# back in business vertical integration

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## **John Simmons**

Lyons & Cambridge (1947)

ENIAC, EDVAC, UNIVAC

EDSAC

## **1954**

LEO (Lyons electronic office)

CLEO (Clear language for  
expressing orders)

from payroll to baking



LEO 1



# back in business vertical integration



## How a chain of tea shops kickstarted the computer age

In November 1951 a British company switched on the world's first business computer



Image 1 of 3

LEO at Lyons HQ in Hammersmith

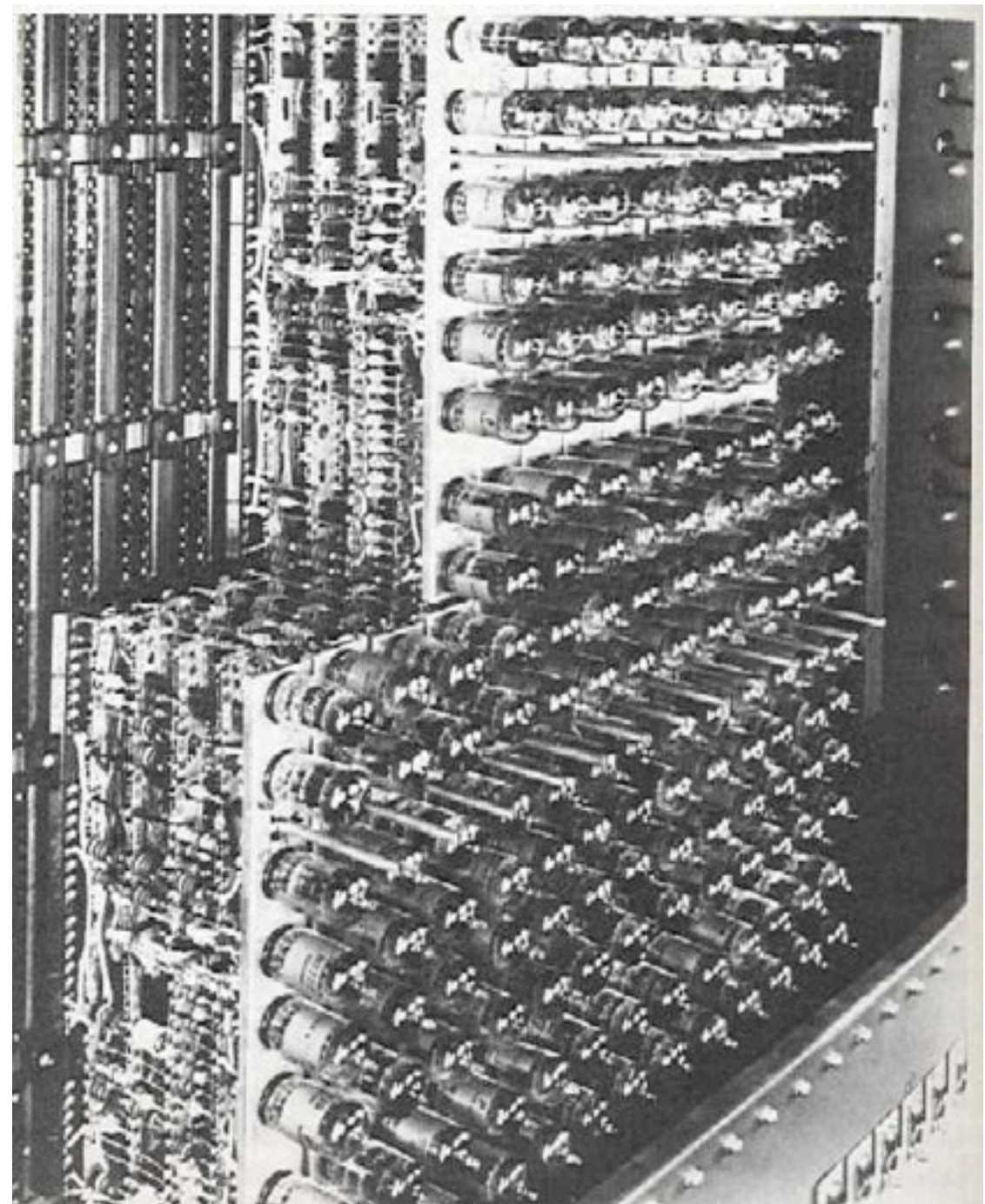
By Christopher Williams, Technology Correspondent

7:00AM GMT 10 Nov 2011



# breaking down

Cathode-ray  
tube memory,  
from the IBM  
701 Defense  
Calculator,  
1952







# breaking things down

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## **1947 transistor**

*Bell Labs*

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# corporate computing

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**1960 DEC PDP-1**

"programmable data processor"

**1964 IBM 360**

100. Console — IBM System/360 Model 30



**1969 Xerox PARC**

"the architecture of information"

**(1946 SRI)**



# vertical disintegration 1970-1990

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Software	IBM
OS	IBM
CPU	IBM
Hardware	<u>IBM</u>

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# vertical disintegration 1970-1990

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CPU	IBM	DEC	Apple	Sun
Hardware	<u>IBM</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>Apple</u>	<u>Sun</u>

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CPU	IBM	DEC	Apple	Sun	<u>Intel &amp; co</u>
Hardware	<u>IBM</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>Apple</u>	<u>Sun</u>	[IBM]/ <u>OEM</u>

# brand wars

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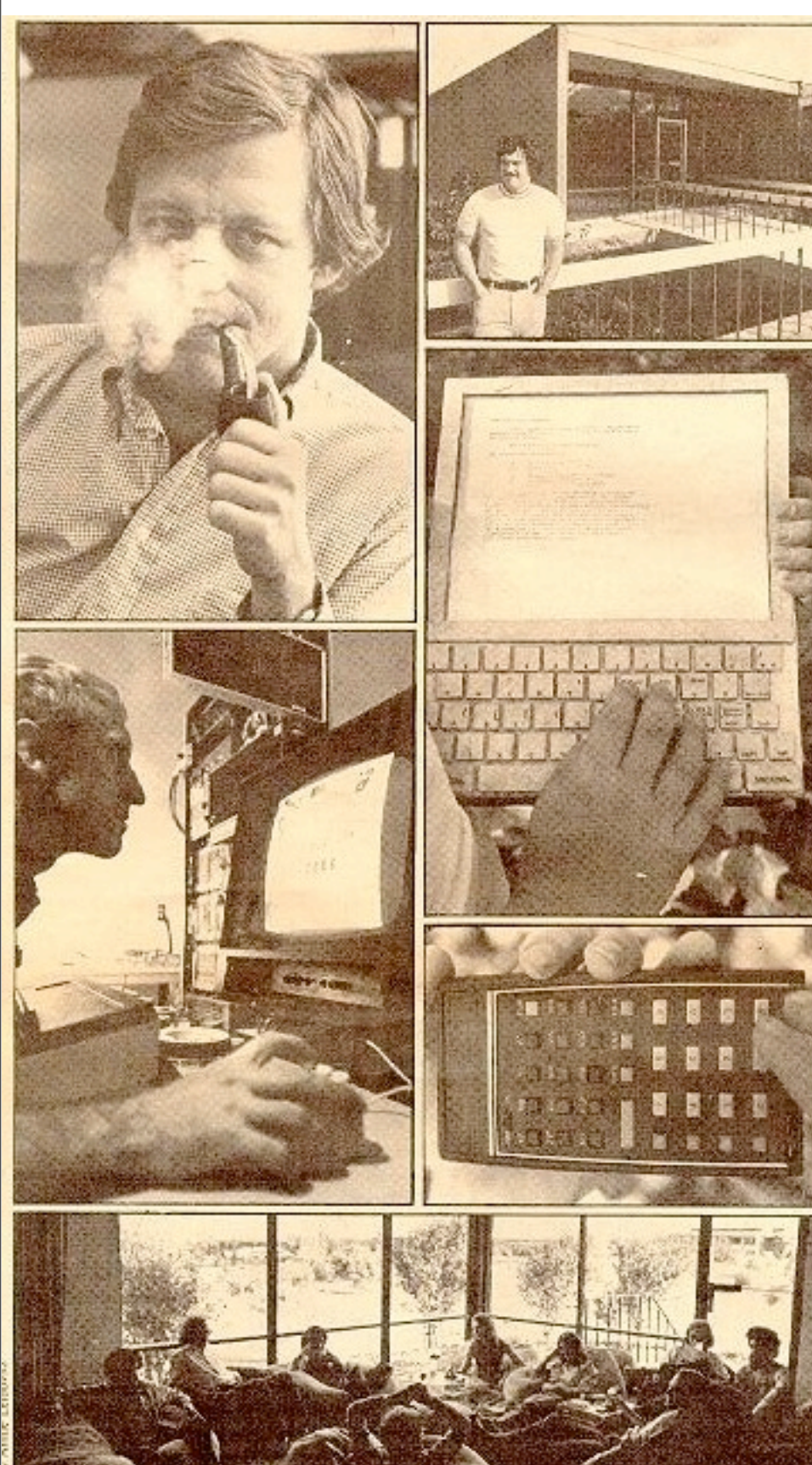
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# fast forward



Stewart Brand, "Fanatic Life and  
Symbolic Death  
Among the Computer Bums

--*Rolling Stone*, 7 December, 1972

## **a libertarian vision**

Brand, Barlow, Dyson, Gilder, Kelly, Rosetto,

"the internet ... an exciting kind of  
metaphor for spontaneous order" --  
Gilder

Fred Turner, *From Cyberculture  
to Counterculture*, 2006

# killer apps

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Charles Simonyi  
Xerox PARC

Bravo, 1974

Visicalc, 1978

Lotus 1-2-3, 1983

Excel (for Mac), 1984



Dan Briklin &  
Bob Frankston  
HBS





Ken Thompson  
Dennis Ritchie  
Bell Labs

unix

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## Thompson, Ritchie, & AT&T

1965: AT&T, MIT & GE work on multics

1969: multics to unix

"What we wanted to preserve was not just a good environment in which to do programming, but a system around which a fellowship could form. We knew from experience that the essence of communal computing, as supplied by remote-access, time-shared machines, is not just to type programs into a terminal instead of a keypunch, but to encourage close communication."

--Ritchie, "Evolution of the Unix Time-Sharing System"

# unix at ucb

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Bill Joy  
UCB

1973: Thompson at Berkeley

Bill Joy develops `em` editor

1977: 1BSD released

1979: 3BSD (for Vax)

1981: 4.1BSD

1983: 4.2 BSD (with tcp/ip stack)

1-800-ITS-UNIX

SO ...

1991: Networking release 2; 386 BSD

1992: AT&T sues UCB

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNIX SYSTEM LABORATORIES, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.

BERKELEY SOFTWARE DESIGN, INC.,  
and certain named individuals in  
their collective capacity as The  
Regents of the University of  
California,

Defendants.

Civ. No. 92-1667  
O P I N I O N



# settlement

## 1994 settlement: USL, UCB, Novell

### **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Settlement Agreement is entered into between UNIX System Laboratories, Inc. ("USL"), a Delaware corporation, and The Regents of the University of California (the "University"), a California corporation.

### **Recitals**

1. USL contends it is the owner of the intellectual property rights in portions of certain computer operating system software (the "UNIX System").

2. USL and USL's predecessor in interest, the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. ("AT&T"), have licensed the University to use certain versions of UNIX® system software,



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From: torvalds@klaava.Helsinki.FI (Linus Benedict Torvalds)
Newsgroups: comp.os.minix
Subject: What would you like to see most in minix?
Summary: small poll for my new operating system
Message-ID:
Date: 25 Aug 91 20:57:08 GMT
Organization: University of Helsinki
```

Hello everybody out there using minix -

I'm doing a (free) operating system (just a hobby, won't be big and professional like gnu) for 386(486) AT clones. This has been brewing since april, and is starting to get ready. I'd like any feedback on things people like/dislike in minix, as my OS resembles it somewhat (same physical layout of the file-system (due to practical reasons) among other things).

I've currently ported bash(1.08) and gcc(1.40), and things seem to work. This implies that I'll get something practical within a few months, and I'd like to know what features most people would want. Any suggestions are welcome, but I won't promise I'll implement them :-)

Linus (torvalds@kruuna.helsinki.fi)

PS. Yes - it's free of any minix code, and it has a multi-threaded fs. It is NOT protable (uses 386 task switching etc), and it probably never will support anything other than AT-harddisks, as that's all I have :-).





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MARCH 30, 2012

## Red Hat's \$1 billion proves value of software freedom

**CIOs have become slaves to licenses and restrictions placed on them by software vendors, except when choosing open source**

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This week, an open source company -- Red Hat -- reported annual revenues of more than \$1 billion for the first time. For the full fiscal year 2012, total revenue was \$1.13 billion, an increase of 25 percent over the prior year. That's more remarkable than it may seem. As Red Hat exec and open source pioneer Michael Tiemann [comments](#), "I have found that for every \$1 Red Hat sells, we have to displace \$10 of proprietary junk that never really worked in the first place." Red Hat didn't get big the easy way; instead, it's been a purveyor of liberty to CIOs.

Those Red Hat revenues are the result of enormous numbers of corporations of all sizes discovering that software freedom translates into business value. The so-called four software freedoms are not just a source of philosophical comfort -- they are a practical source of business benefit.





# going open?

## 101 Ways to Save Apple

By James Daly

**An assessment of what can be done to fix a once**

Dear Apple,

In the movie *Independence Day*, a PowerBook saves the earth. You look a little beleaguered these days: a confusing product line, a

But who wants to live in a world without you? Not us. So we seek your salvation. We chose not to resort to time travel or regurgitating your price/performance in 1993).

We don't believe Apple is rotten to the core. Chrysler nearly failed in 1980. We hope to fix your once-great company using the material at hand.

Edited by James Daly

**1. Admit it. You're out of the hardware game.** Outsource your hardware production, or sell your manufacturing boxes.

**2. License the Apple name/technology to appliance manufacturers and build GUIs for them all use the same communications protocol.** Result: you monopolize the market for sma



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# the story so far

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**registering**

**predicting**

**calculating**

**controlling**

**communicating**

***controlling again?***