

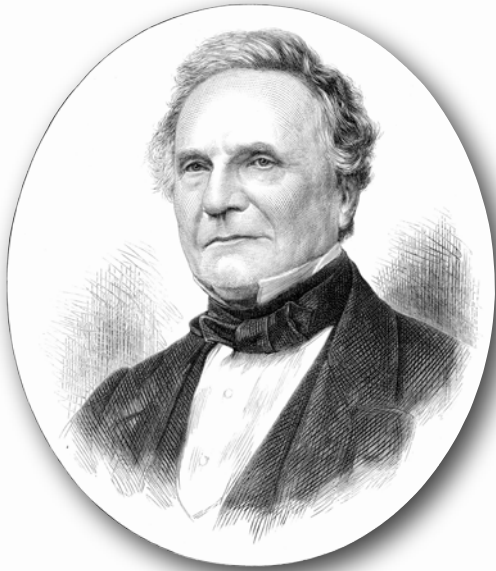
1613

The word 'computer' was first used to describe a person who performed calculations.



1822

Charles Babbage began to develop his 'Difference Engine' with help from Ada Lovelace. This could compute sets of numbers and 'print' the results.



1837

Babbage proposed the first mechanical computer, the 'Analytical Engine', but he wasn't able to build it while he was alive.



1936

Konrad Zuse began work on the first electro-mechanical computer. It read instructions from 35mm film.



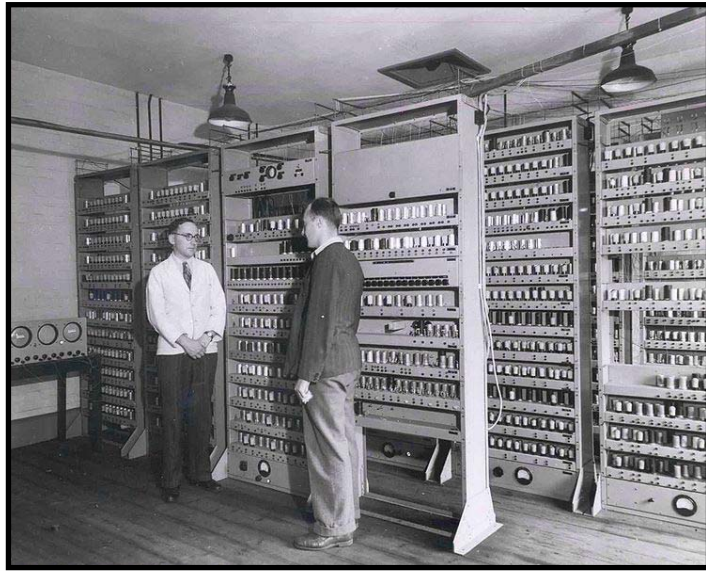
1936

Alan Turing began to develop the Turing machine, which was the foundation for ideas about computing.



1943

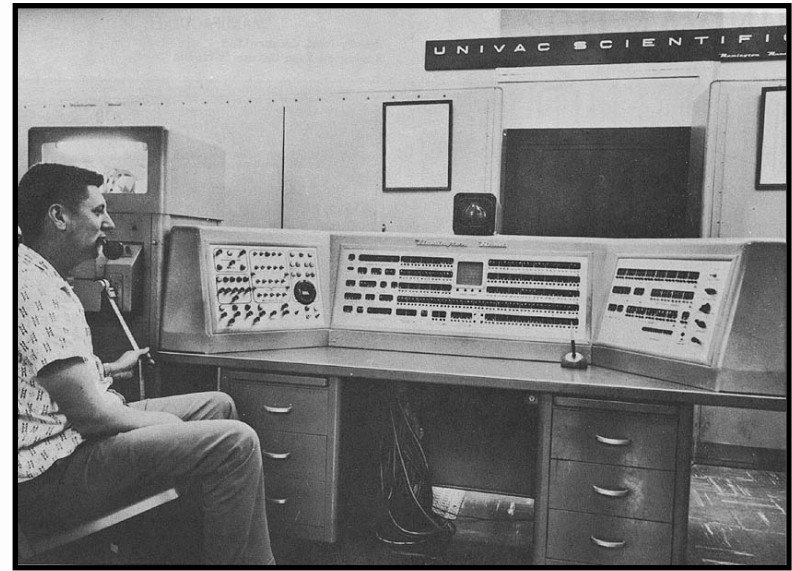
Tommy Flowers demonstrated the first electric programmable computer, the Colossus, which could read encrypted German messages.



1949

The EDSAC performed its first calculation. This computer ran the first graphical computer game.

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1950

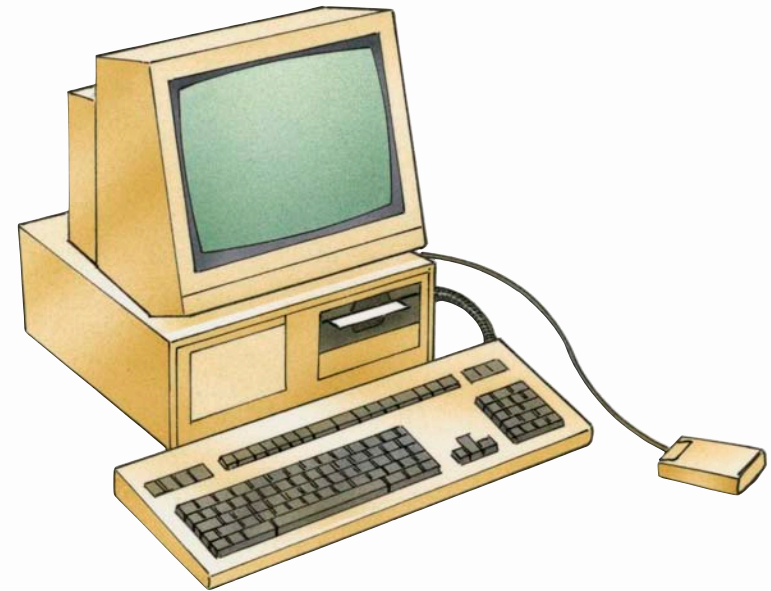
The Univac 1101 was the first computer that could store and run a program from its memory.

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1960s

The first computer mouse
was invented.



1968

Hewlett Packard began to
sell the first desktop
computer.



1973

The first mobile phone call was made.



1975

The first portable computer was sold. The IBM 5100 had a five inch screen and weighed 55 pounds.

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1976

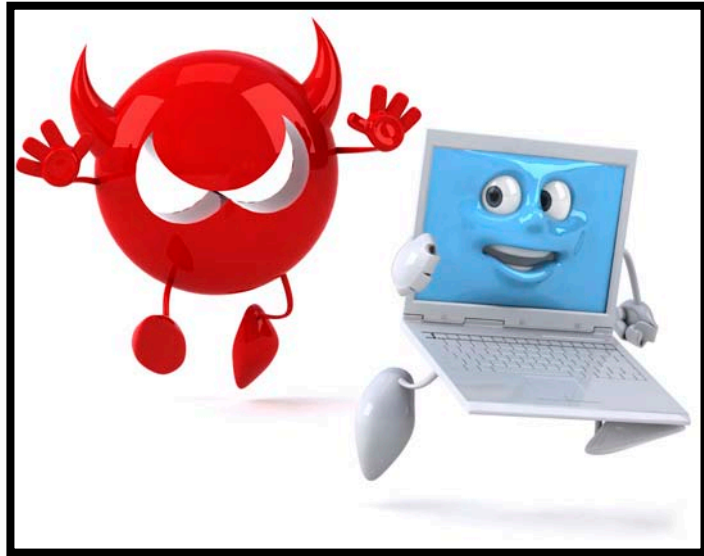
The Apple Computer company sold their first computer, the Apple I.

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1985

The first version of Microsoft Windows was released.



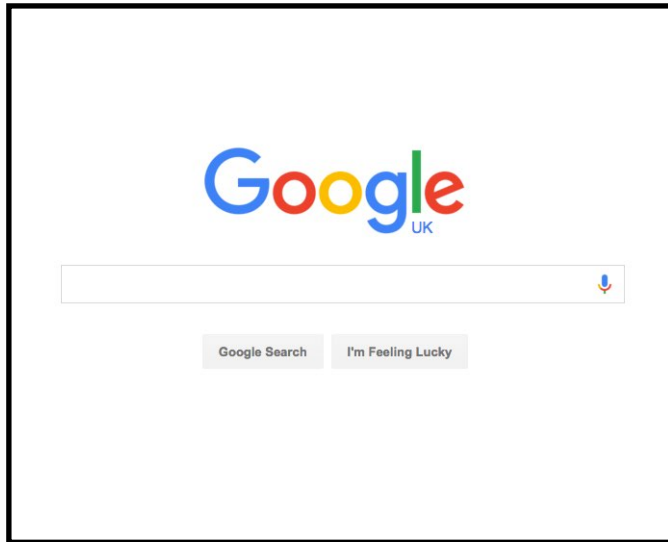
1986

The first PC virus was released into the 'wild'.



1989

Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web.



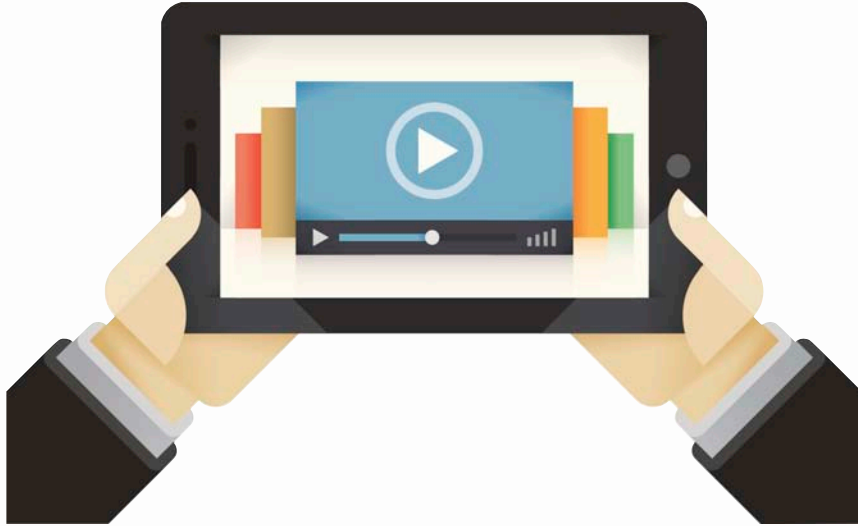
1996

Google began as a research project by Larry Page and Sergey Brin.



1999

Many people and businesses feared that the arrival of the year 2000 would cause devastating computer problems around the world.



2005

Youtube was launched,
allowing users to upload,
share and view videos
online.



2007

The first iPhone was
launched.



2012

The one billionth user
registered on Facebook.



2014

Microsoft bought
the makers of Minecraft
for \$2.5 billion.