

CompSci.111 History of Computing

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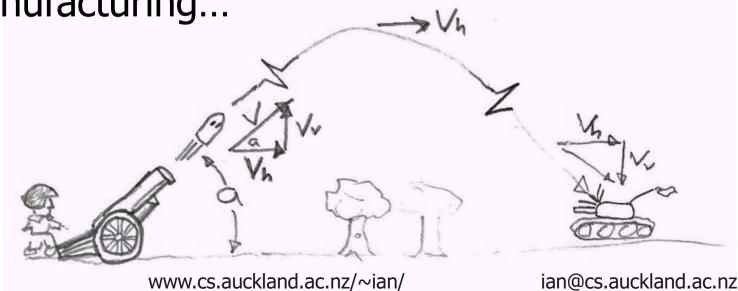
Why?

- Computers are essential to modern life
- Many of the discoveries and decisions made by the pioneers still underpin modern computers
- As a CS student you should be familiar with CS history
- There are a lot of myths and misinformation about CS history



The need for computation

- Prior to the industrial revolution there was little need for computation
- Celestial navigation tables
- Artillery firing tables
- Engineering, architecture, insurance, science, manufacturing...





A celestial navigation table

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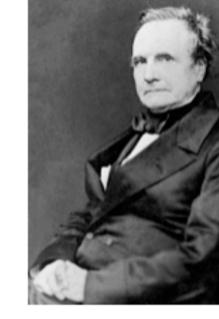
Preparing a table



- 2 computers perform the calculations
- A comparator checks their results
- If they agree the table is given to a printer
- The printer typesets the table and prints it
- The comparator checks the printed table against the hand made table



Charles Babbage

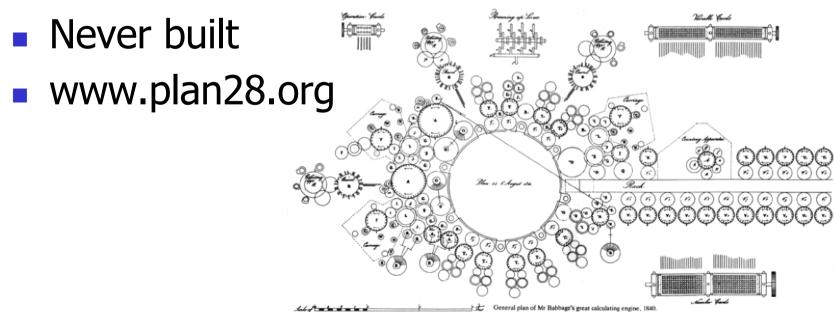


- Victorian mathematician and inventor
- by God, I wish these tables could be made by steam."
- Decide to build a calculating engine that would use the method of finite differences to solve polynomial equations



The Analytical Engine

- Architecture similar to a modern computer
- Could solve any problem, not just polynomials
- Could be programmed
- Supported branches, conditionals and loops





Ada Lovelace

- Lady Ada Lovelace
 hypothesised in 1842 that
 Charles Babbage's Analytical
 Engine could manipulate
 symbols other than numbers
 and hence perhaps could
 compose music or poems
- The programming language
 ADA is named after her
- But she did not believe the Engine could think for itself



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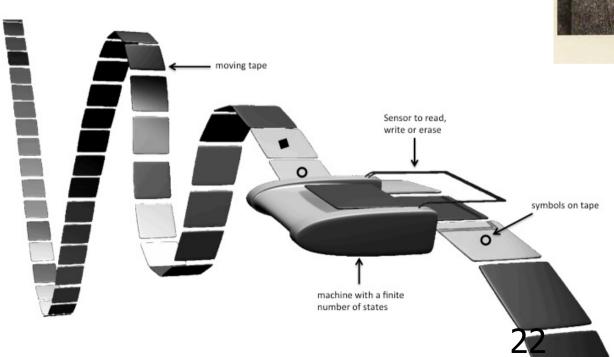
The Universal Machine

- Not much happened until WWII
- BIGGER need for computation
- Artillery firing tables
- Aerospace design
- Cyptography
- **.**..



The Turing Machine

- Alan Turing, 1936
- A simple (hypothetical) computing machine
- Could solve any problem for which a program could be written
- The basis of all modern computers







The Universal Machine

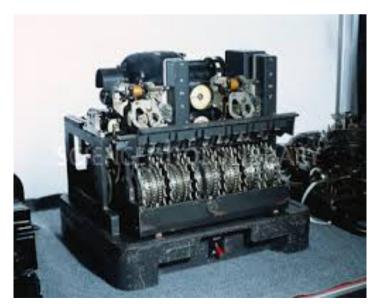
- An algorithm describes how to solve an individual decision problem
- At this time computers were people
- Turing imagined a hypothetical factory filled with floor upon floor, rows upon rows of hundreds upon hundreds of computers
- each using an algorithm to solve a particular decision problem
- Such a factory could in theory solve the decision problem for all conceivable problems
- This was the universal machine

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Colossus

- 1943 First programmable digital computer -Colossus
- 10 machines built for Bletchley Park, England to crack German High Command's Lorenz code
- Designed by Tommy Flowers
- 1,500 valves (vacuum tubes)
- TOP SECRET until 1970's
- ENIAC in 1945 was publicised as the "first computer"



Lorenz machine



The Stored Program Computer

■1943: Colossus Mark 1





The Stored Program Computer

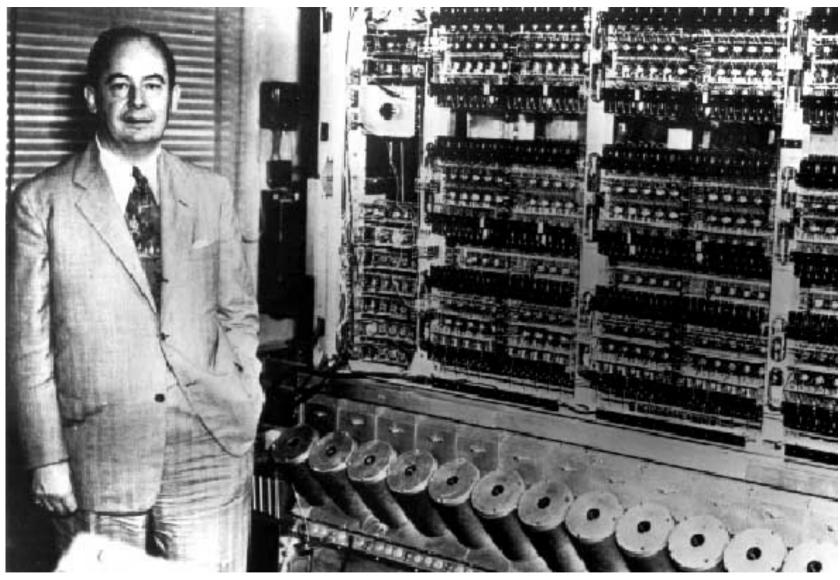
1945: John von Neumann

 Wrote a report called, First Draft of a Report on EDVAC, on the stored program concept,

The basic structure proposed in the draft became known as the "von Neumann machine" (or model)

- a memory, containing instructions and data
- a processing unit, for performing arithmetic and logical operations
- **a** control unit, for interpreting instructions
- input/output (I/O) devices





John von Neumann (1903-1957) with the ENIAC



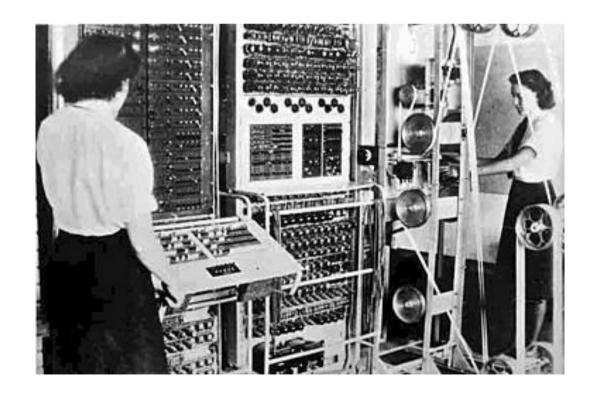
Early Computers

- Babbage's Analytical Engine (1837)
 - Never built, decimal, mechanical, programmable via punch cards
- Universal Turing Machine (1936)
 - Theoretical, binary, programmable the basis of all computers



Early Computers

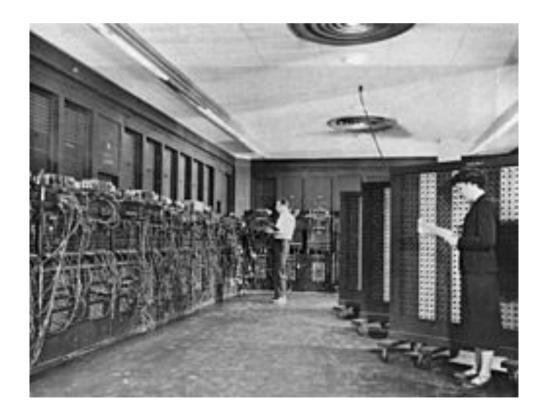
- Colossus (1943)
 - Binary, electronic, programmable patch cables and switches





Early Computers

- ENIAC (1946)
 - Decimal, electronic, programmable patch cables and switches





Claude Shannon

- engineering and maths graduate
- 1938 his MSc "A Symbolic Analysis of Relay and Switching Circuits" showed that electrical switches could implement boolean algebra and binary arithmetic
- The most influential MSc thesis in history!
- He invented digital logic, his method replaced the ad hoc methods used before
- Worked on cryptography during WWII
- Then pioneered the study of information theory

Watch the video: http://go.shr.lc/1oodYtP



The Mother of All Demos

- Doug Englebart established the Augmentation Research Centre at SRI
- Invented the mouse, bit mapped graphical displays, a collaborative networking environment, video conferencing and hypertext (derived from Vannevar Bush's Memex)
- On Dec 9 1968 he gave "The Mother of all Demos" to an audience in San Francisco

• Watch the demo http://go.shr.lc/1nYcExL



The Stanford AI Lab

- John McCarthy founded SAIL in 1968
- He coined "Artificial Intelligence"
- Englebart wanted to "augment" human's McCarthy wanted to replace them
- McCarthy helped design UNIX at Bell Labs and believed computing power would become a utility like electricity
- People at SAIL developed A* used in your GPS satnav for route planning
- Other SAIL researchers pioneered robotics (Shakey)





The first microprocessor

Intel

- Formed 1968
- Gordon Moore
- C4004 released 1971
- 8080 released in 1974
- First micro processors
- Entire CPU in a single chip

dr004 # W5832

Intel C 4004 cpu-zone.com

Moore's Law

- Coined in 1965: Predicts number of components in integrated circuits will double every year
- Revised in 1975: doubles every two years
- Revised in 2010: doubles every 2 ½ years
- Exercise: Compute your PC/laptop specs Moor's law



Xerox PARC

Interested in the "office of the future"

Opened a research centre on the US West Coast

removed from head office

- They invented:
 - The GUI
 - WISWYG word processing
 - Ethernet
 - Postscript
 - The laser printer
 - Object oriented programming
 - The personal computer
- They commercialised none of it!!!





Apple

 Two friends Steve "Woz" Wozniak and Steve Jobs started by building a selling a device for phone phreaking (hacking)

In 1976 Woz built the Apple I and they started selling

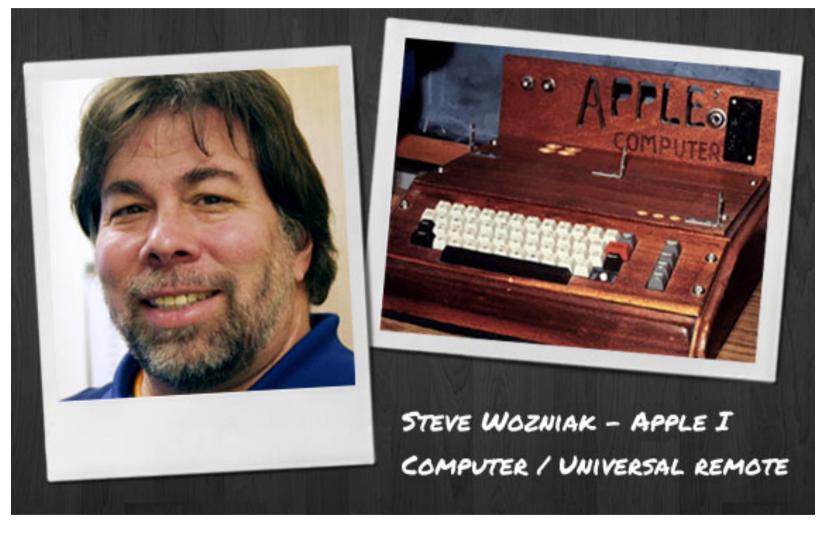
them as a kit for \$666.66

BYO keyboard and home TV

- The Apple II was released in 1977
- Sold for 15 years!









Predicting the future?

So we went to Atari and said 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and so what do you think about funding us? Or we'll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary and we'll come work for you.' And they said "No."

So then we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, "Hey, we don't need you. You haven't even made it through college yet."

Steve Jobs, talking about the Apple II



Visicalc

Dan Bricklin, Bob Frankston, 1979

1st Killer application

Spreadsheet

Proved necessity of owning an Apple II



Apple captured 50% of market by 1980



The IBM PC

- In 1981 IBM launched the PC to compete with the Apple II
- Invited Microsoft to make its operating system
- Licensed MSDOS from Microsoft
- IBM allowed others to "clone" the PCs hardware
- Compaq, HP and others quickly flooded the market

"My own IBM computer. Imagine that!"





The Macintosh



- Steve Jobs was working on the Lisa a successor to the Apple II
- He visited Zerox PARC and was shown the Star with its GUI
- Started working an a secret project that would become the Macintosh
- Released on January 1984
- 1st mass-market computer with a GUI and mouse