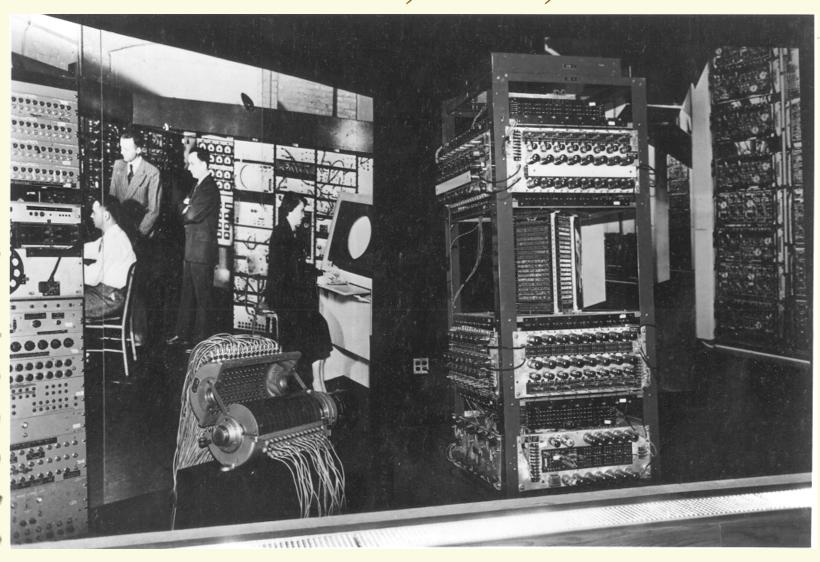


Whirlwind c1953 ... 1st generation, 16-bit word; 4 KB memory; 8 K drum



Whirlwind begot TX-O/TX-2 begot DEC PDP-1 Real time, first compiler, ECAD, text editor

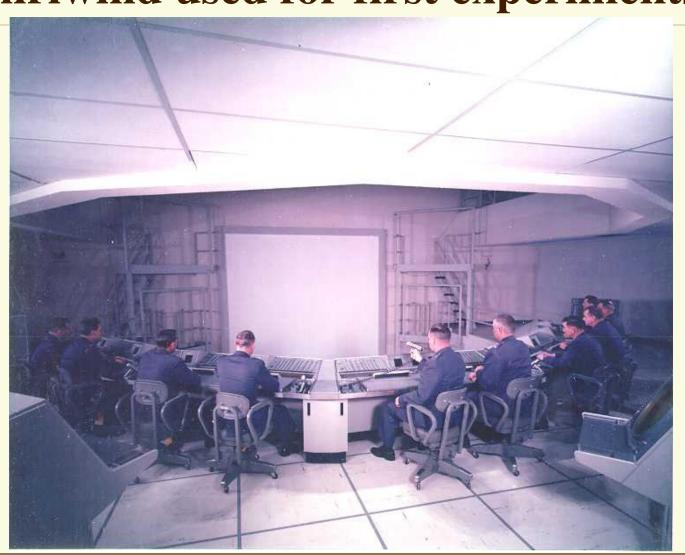
Whirlwind console, drum, 1 Kw core



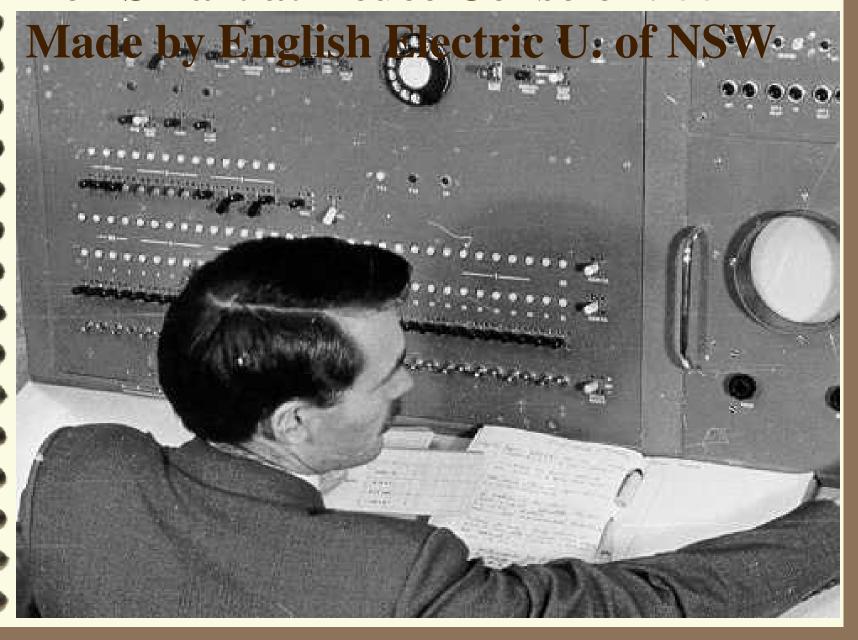
SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment) Operator Console



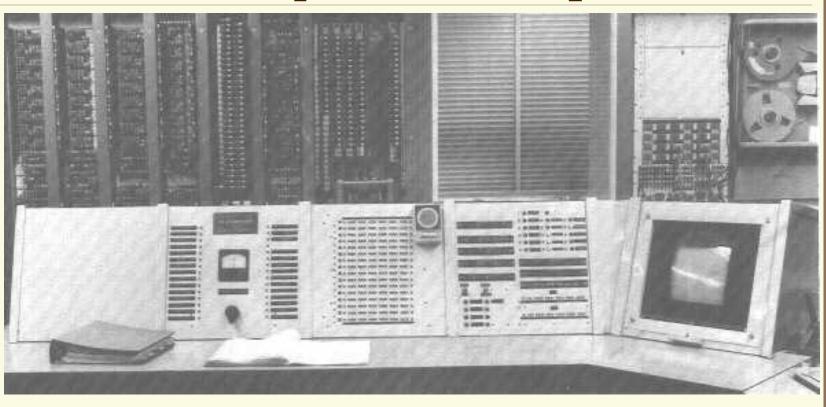
SAGE Control Room c 1962. Whirlwind used for first experiments.



• Ron Smart at Deuce Console 1955

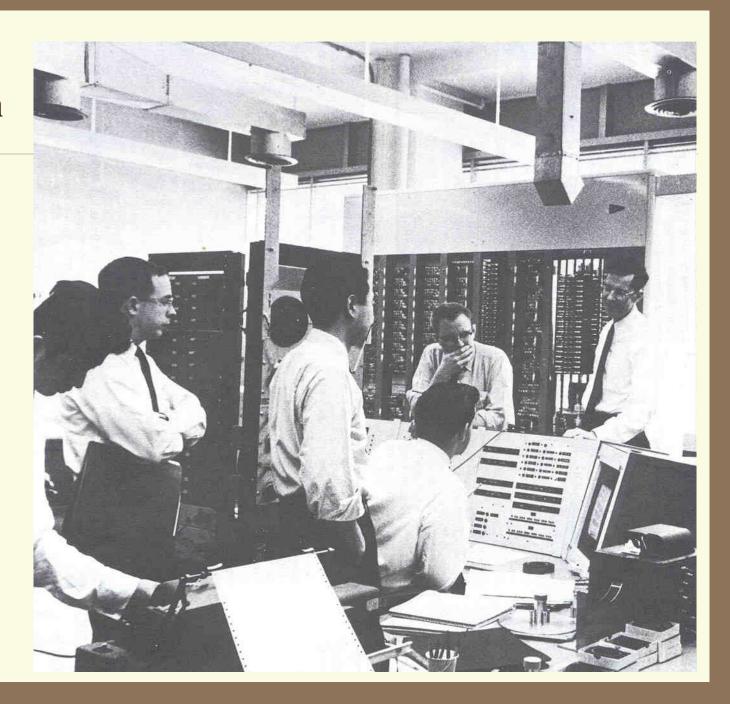


TX-0 Console c1959... one of the first transistorized *personal* computers



Speech, handwriting recognition, neuro data analysis, etc. Interactive editors, debuggers, etc.

MIT
Speech
group
with
TX-0,
c1959.

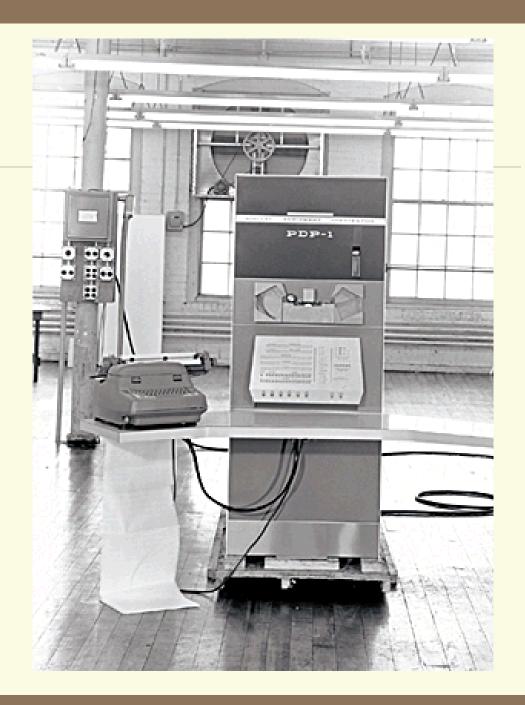


DEC Computer before PDP-11 1957 1961 1963 DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORP.

DEC PDP-1 c1961



DEC PDP-1
c1961
Being tested
Building?

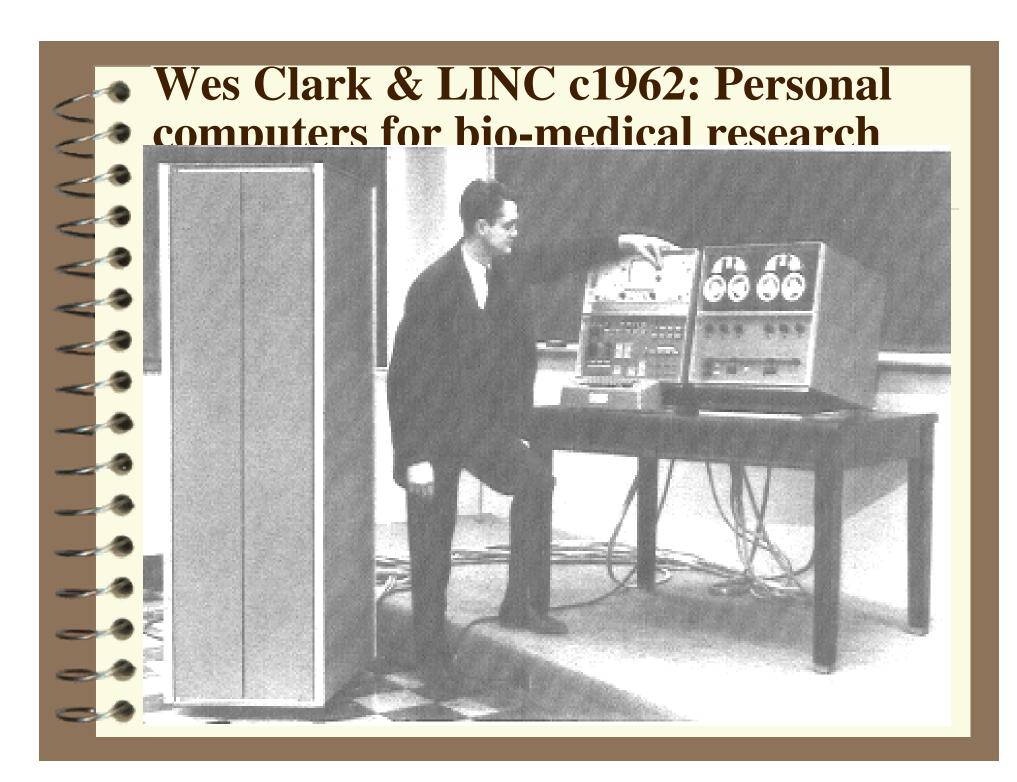


PDP-1 Production Line c 1962



Livermore Labs machine: they bought one of everything in our virtual catalog





PDP-4



PDP-5 c1964: PDP-8 predecessor



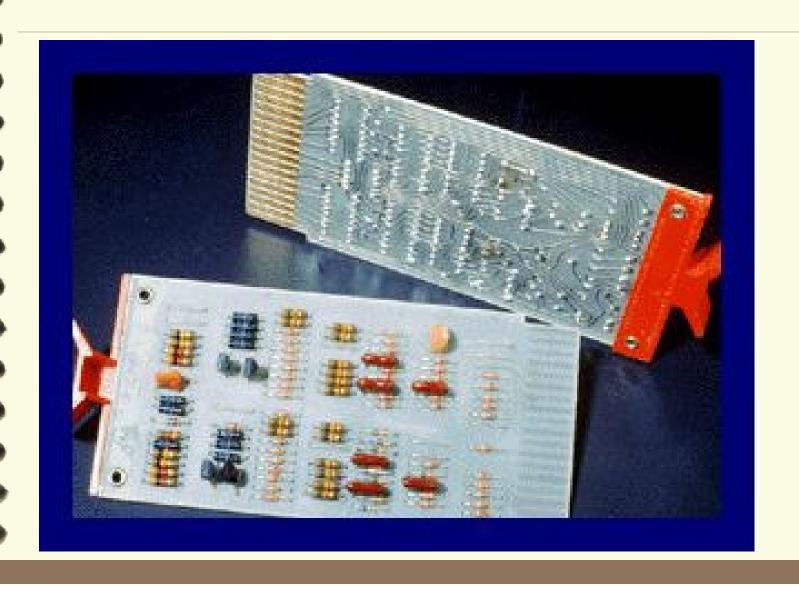
Process control, real time experiments. Fortran ran in 4 K, 12 bit words

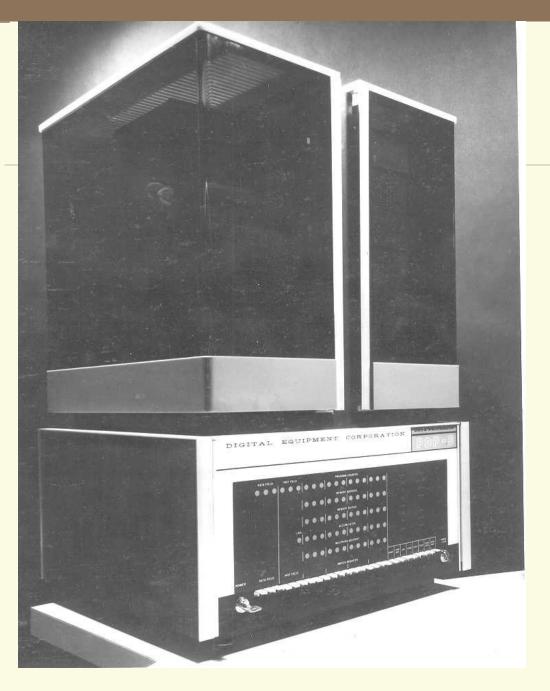
PDP- 5:

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PDP-8 Modules

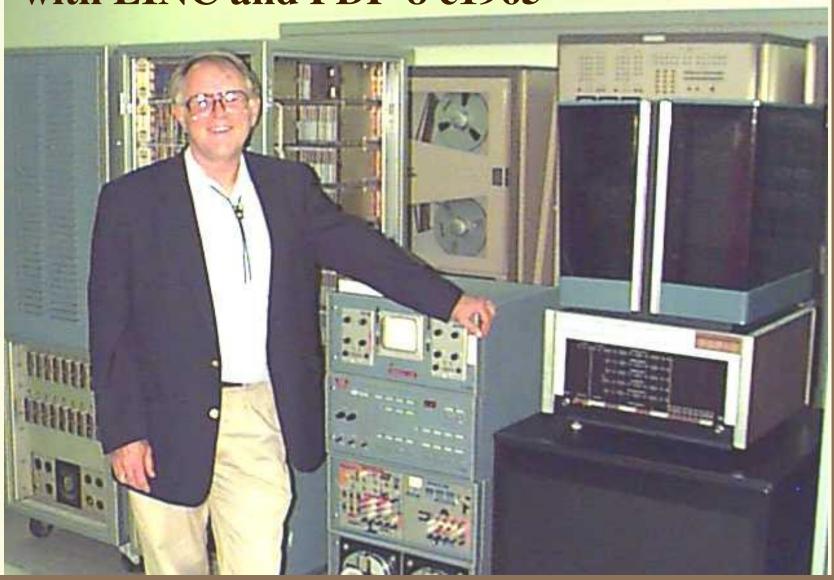




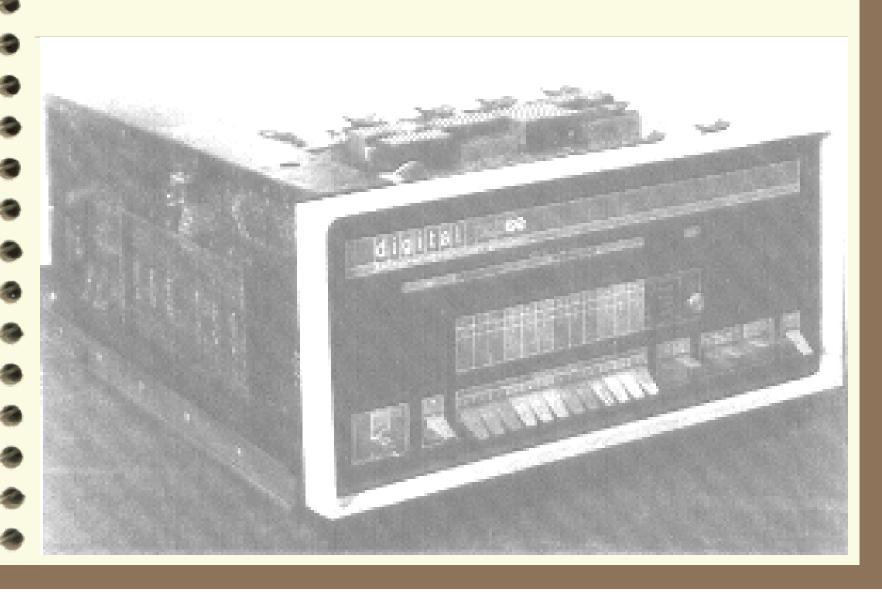
PDP-8: first mini

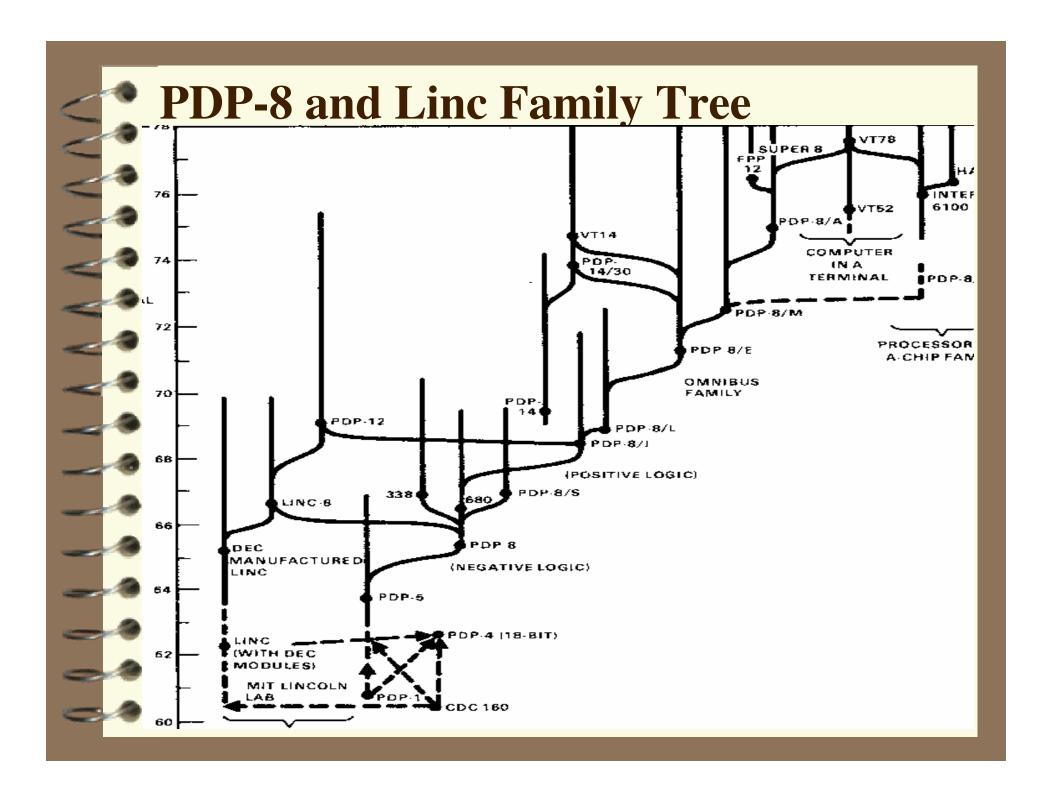
First OEM computer.
OS/8 (from timesharing) begot RT-11 begot CPM



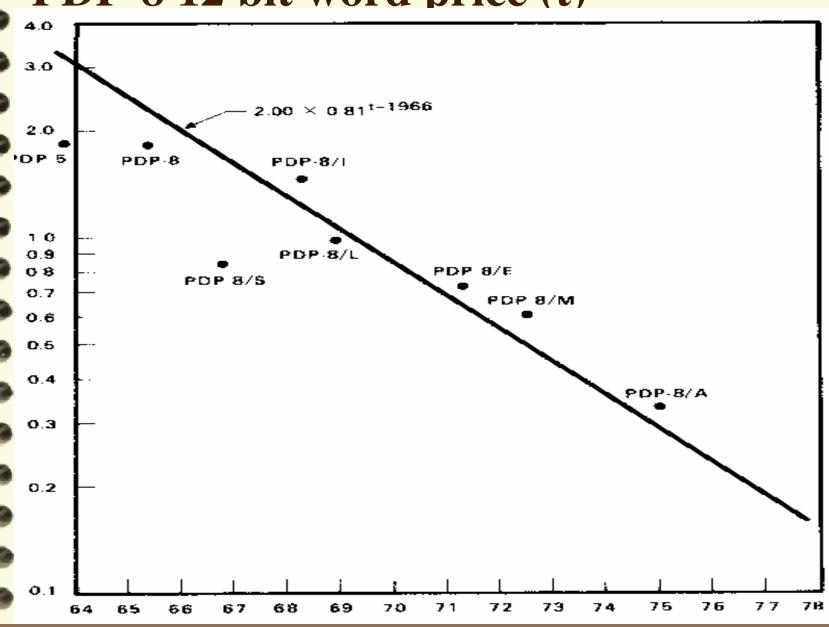


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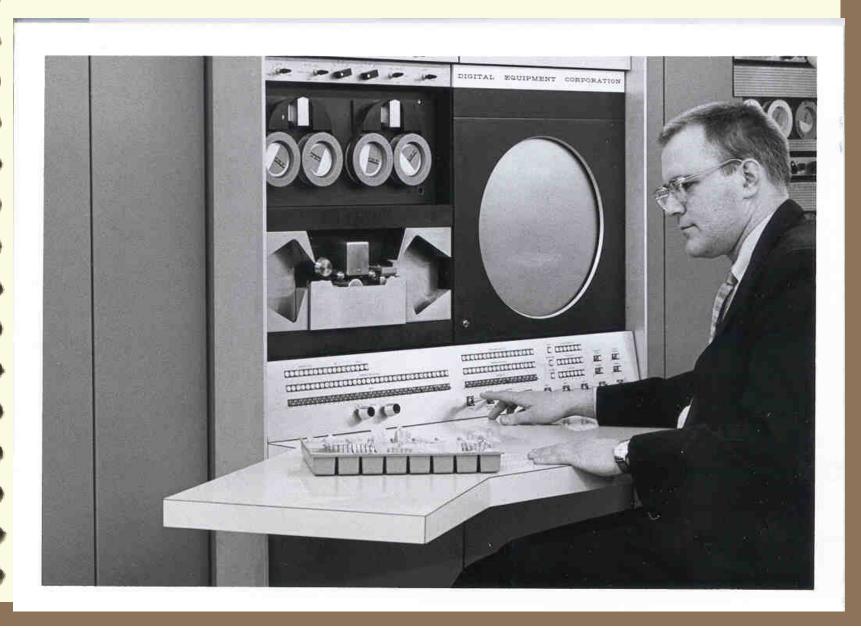






Timesharing: giving everyone their own, low cost, personal computer

PDP-6 with GB at the console

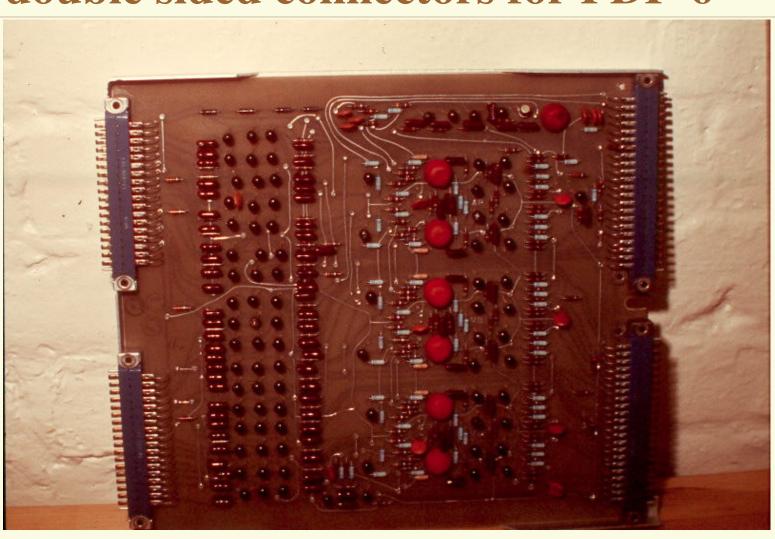


PDP-6 c1965: First commercial time shared computer. Gbell & Alan Kotok

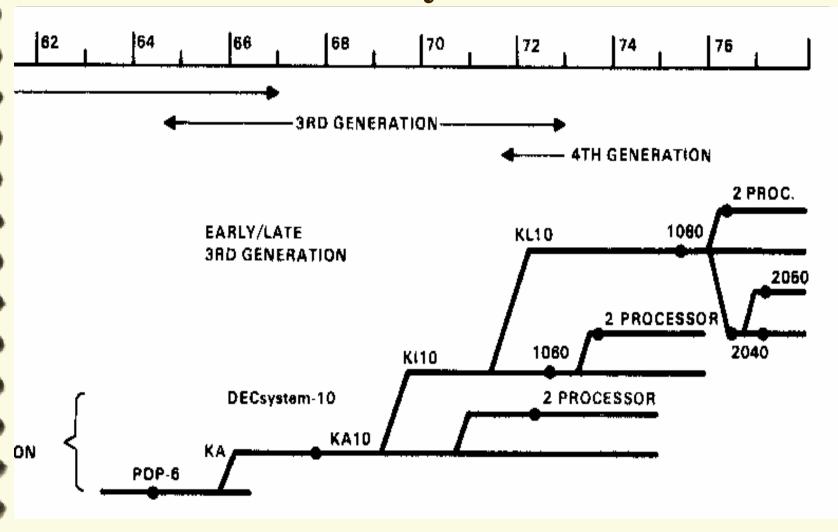




Gordon's Packaging Folly: double sided connectors for PDP-6



PDP-6/10/ DECsystem 10/20 family tree



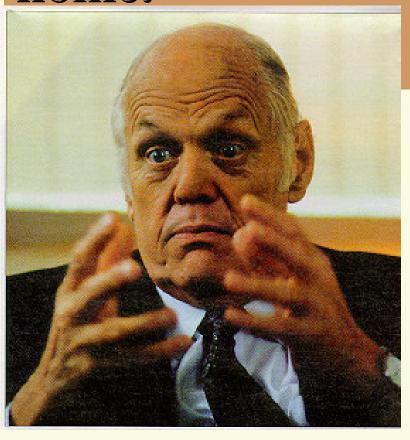
Minis and timesharing contributions

- Editors, calculators, interactive debuggers, interpreters, including mail and chat from timesharing
- Minis established embedded computers, importance of I/O to interconnect anything
- SpaceWar demonstrated interactive graphics and settled lots of later law suits
- OEM Distribution and marketing model...
 Harlan Anderson, after Tecumseh
- SCO's all-in-one module and computer handbooks...

Why didn't Digital lead personal computers?

That's another story...

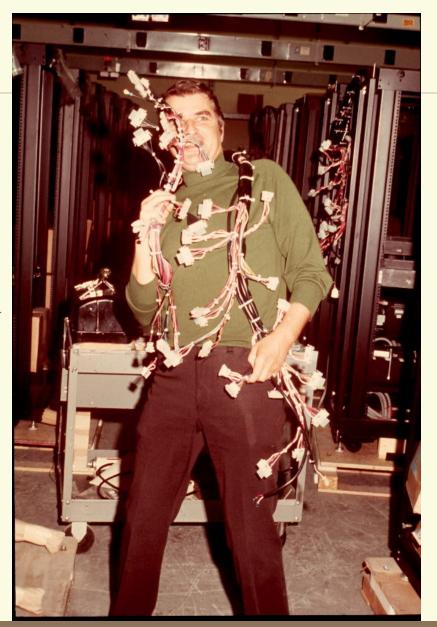
There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.



Ken Olsen President, Chairman and founder of Digital, 1977



Jack Smith
head of
Final Assembly
and Test Plant,
Westminster, MA
c1977



Stories

 Pdp 6 console with kho, harris hyman, dit morse, alan kotok, peter sampson,