

History and Spirit of C and C++

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In the second half we backtrack into the history again, now including Simula, Algol 68, Ada, ML, Clu into the equation. We will discuss the motivation for creating C++, and with live coding we will demonstrate by example how it has evolved from the rather primitive “C with Classes” into a supermodern and capable programming language as we now have with C++11/14 and soon with C++17.

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At Bell Labs.



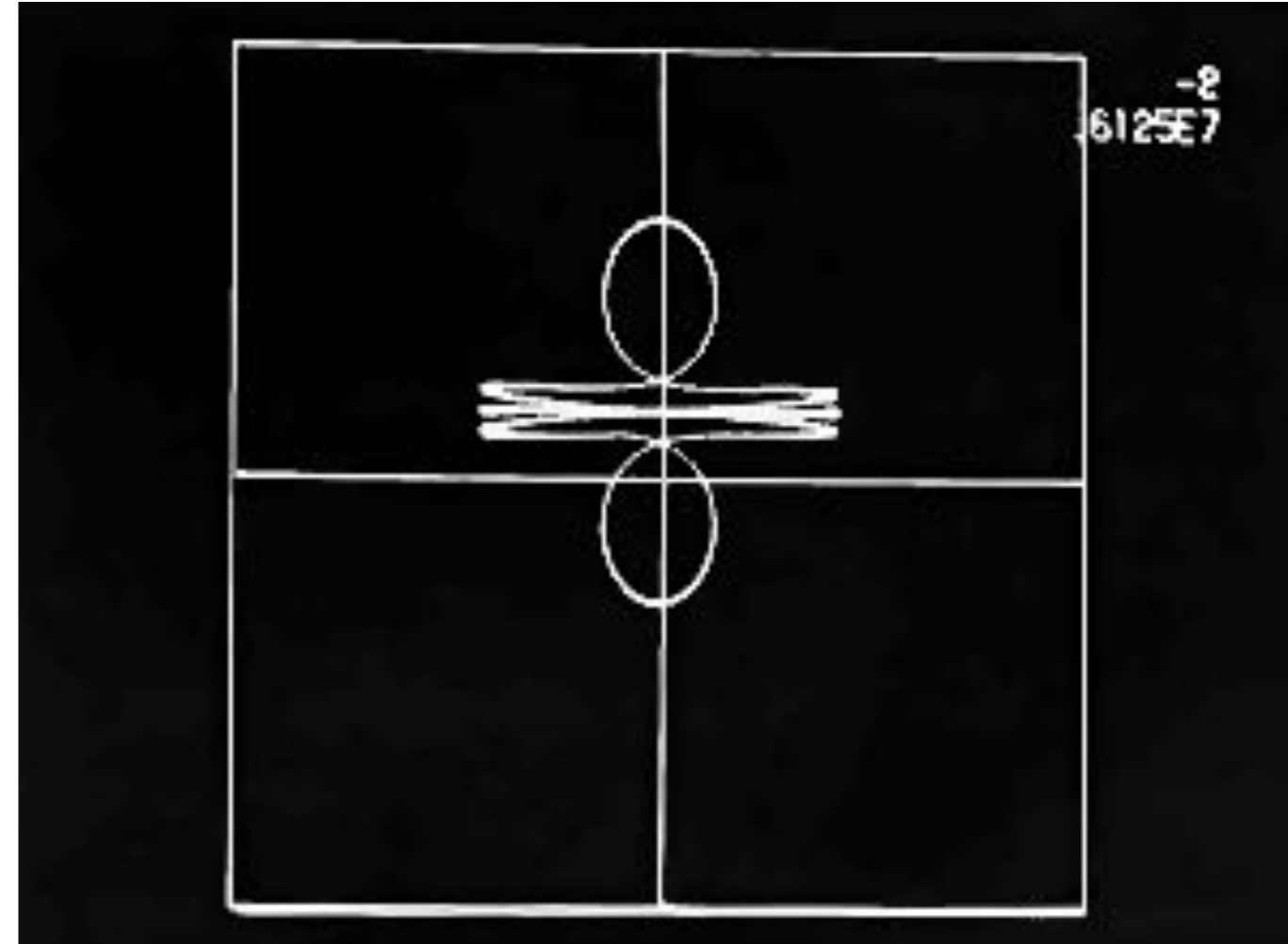
Back in 1969.



Ken Thompson wanted to play.



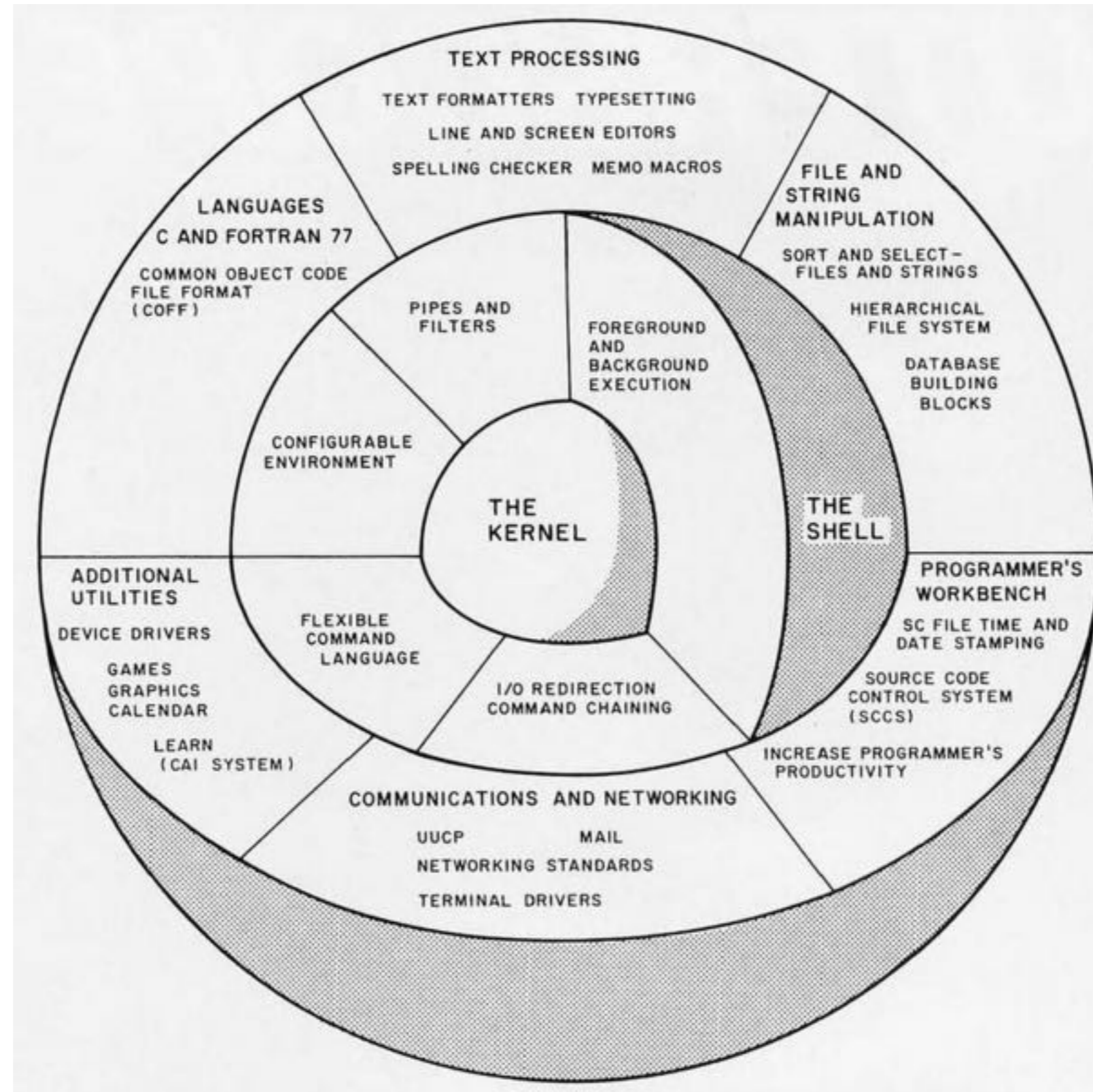
Ken Thompson wanted to play.



He found a little used PDP-7.



Ended up writing a nearly complete operating system from scratch.



In about 4 weeks.

“Essentially one person for a month, it was just my self.”
(Ken Thompson, 1989 Interview)

In pure assembler of course.

```
GO,      LAS
          SPA!CMA      /EXAMINE AC SWITCHES
          JMP GO        /WAIT UNTIL ACS0=0
          DAC CNTSET
          LAC ONE       /1 IS A CONSTANT
          DAC BIT
          CLL           /CLEAR THE LINK

LOOP,    LAC CNTSET
          DAC CNT
          LAC BIT

LOOP1,   ISZ CNT        /LOOP UNTIL CNT GOES TO ZERO
          JMP LOOP1     /JUMP TO PRECEDING LOCATION
          RAL
          DAC BIT       /ROTATE BIT
          LAS
          SMA           /IF ACS0=1, RESET TIME CONSTANT
          JMP LOOP
          JMP GO

/STORAGE FOR PROGRAM DATA
CNT,     0
BIT,     0
CNTSET,  0
ONE,     1

START GO
```

Dennis Ritchie soon joined the effort.



While porting Unix to a PDP-11



While porting Unix to a PDP-11



Ken

While porting Unix to a PDP-11

Dennis



Ken

they invented C,

```
main( ) {  
    printf("hello, world");  
}
```

heavily inspired by Martin Richards' portable
systems programming language BCPL.



Martin Richards, Dec 2014

```
GET "LIBHDR"  
LET START( ) BE WRITES("Hello, World")
```


In 1972 Unix was rewritten in C,

```
137 printf(fmt,x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9)
138 char fmt[]; {
139     extern printn, putchar, namsiz, ncpw;
140     char s[];
141     auto adx[], x, c, i[];
142
143     adx = &x1; /* argument pointer */
144 loop:
145     while((c = *fmt++) != '%') {
146         if(c == '\\0')
147             return;
148         putchar(c);
149     }
150     x = *adx++;
151     switch (c = *fmt++) {
152
153     case 'd': /* decimal */
154     case 'o': /* octal */
155         if(x < 0) {
156             x = -x;
157             if(x<0) { /* - infinity */
158                 if(c=='o')
159                     printf("100000");
160                 else
161                     printf("-32767");
162                 goto loop;
163             }
164             putchar('-');
165 }
```

```
166     printn(x, c=='o'?8:10);
167     goto loop;
168
169     case 's': /* string */
170         s = x;
171         while(c = *s++)
172             putchar(c);
173         goto loop;
174
175     case 'p':
176         s = x;
177         putchar('_');
178         c = namsiz;
179         while(c--)
180             if(*s)
181                 putchar(*s++);
182         goto loop;
183     }
184     putchar('%');
185     fmt--;
186     adx--;
187     goto loop;
188 }
189 }
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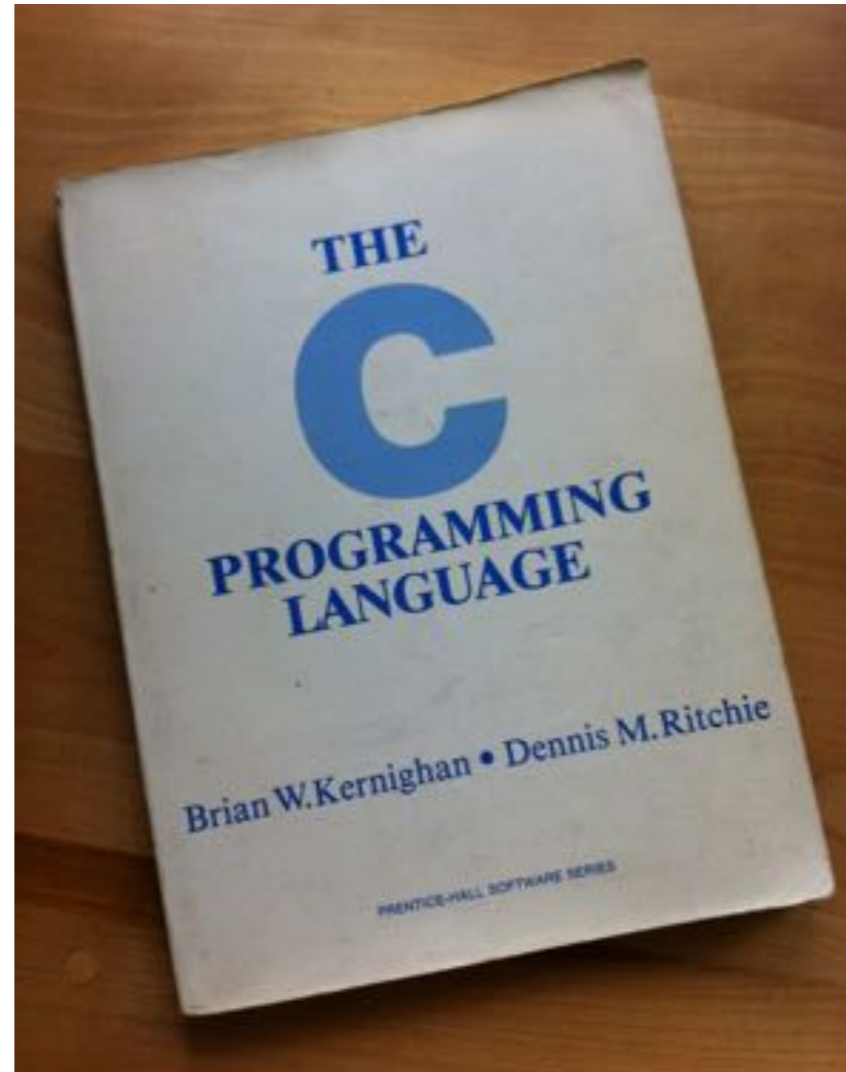
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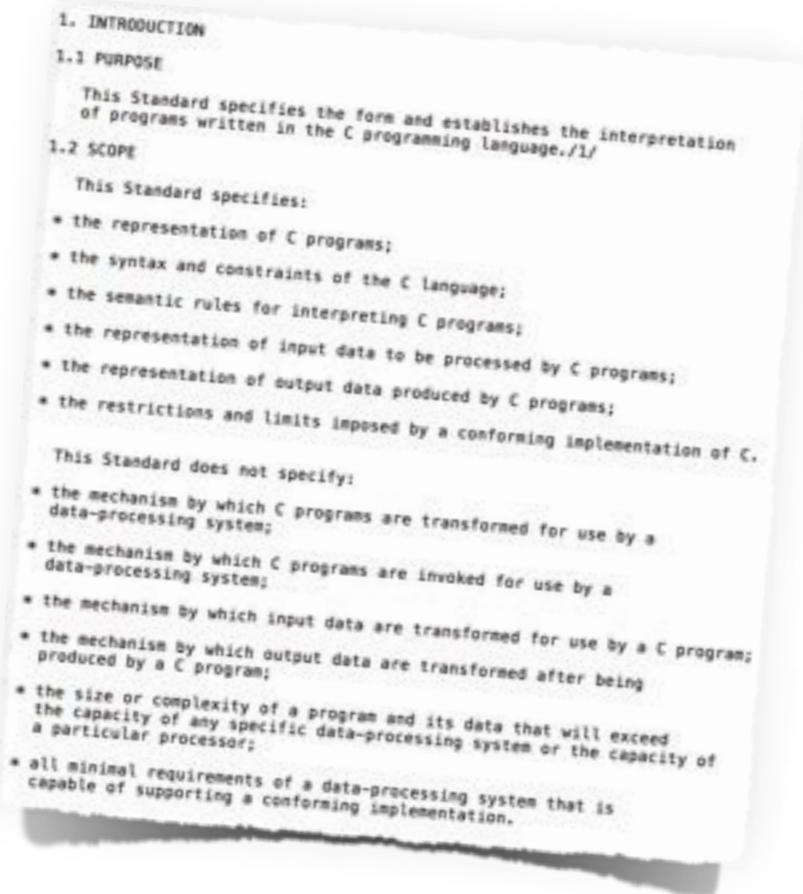


C also gained popularity outside the realm of PDP-11 and Unix.



K&R (1978)

Initially K&R was the definitive reference until the language was standardized by ANSI and ISO in 1989/1990, and thereafter updated in 1999 and 2011.



ANSI/ISO C (C89/C90)



C99



C11

The End

At Bell Labs. Back In 1969. Ken Thompson wanted to play. He found a little used PDP-7. Ended up writing a nearly complete operating system from scratch. In about 4 weeks. In pure assembler of course. Dennis Ritchie soon joined the effort. While porting Unix to a PDP-11 they invented C, heavily inspired by Martin Richards' portable systems programming language BCPL. In 1972 Unix was rewritten in C, and later ported to many other machines aided by Steve Johnsons Portable C Compiler. C gained popularity outside the realm of PDP-11 and Unix. Initially the K&R was the definitive reference until the language was standardized by ANSI and ISO in 1989/1990 and thereafter updated in 1999 and 2011.

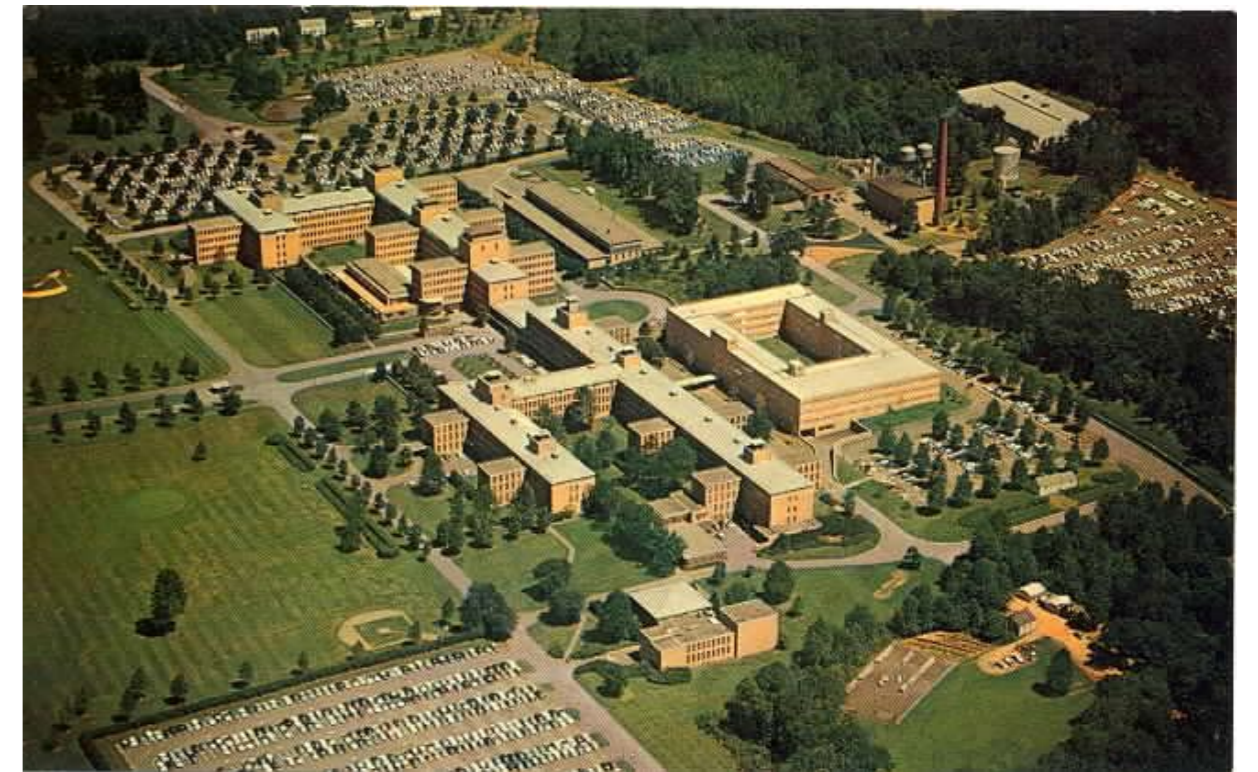


Ken Thompson, Dennis Ritchie and 20+ more technical staff from Bell Labs had been working on the very innovative Multics project for several years.



The MULTICS ("Multiplexed Information and Computing Service) was started in 1964, as a cooperative project led by MIT's Project MAC (Multiple Access Computing), General Electric and Bell Labs.

Bell Labs pulled out of the project in 1969.



Multics was a huge project, with great ambitions. It was a secure time-sharing system with lots of advanced features, and it was one of the few operating systems at the time written in a high level language, PL/I.

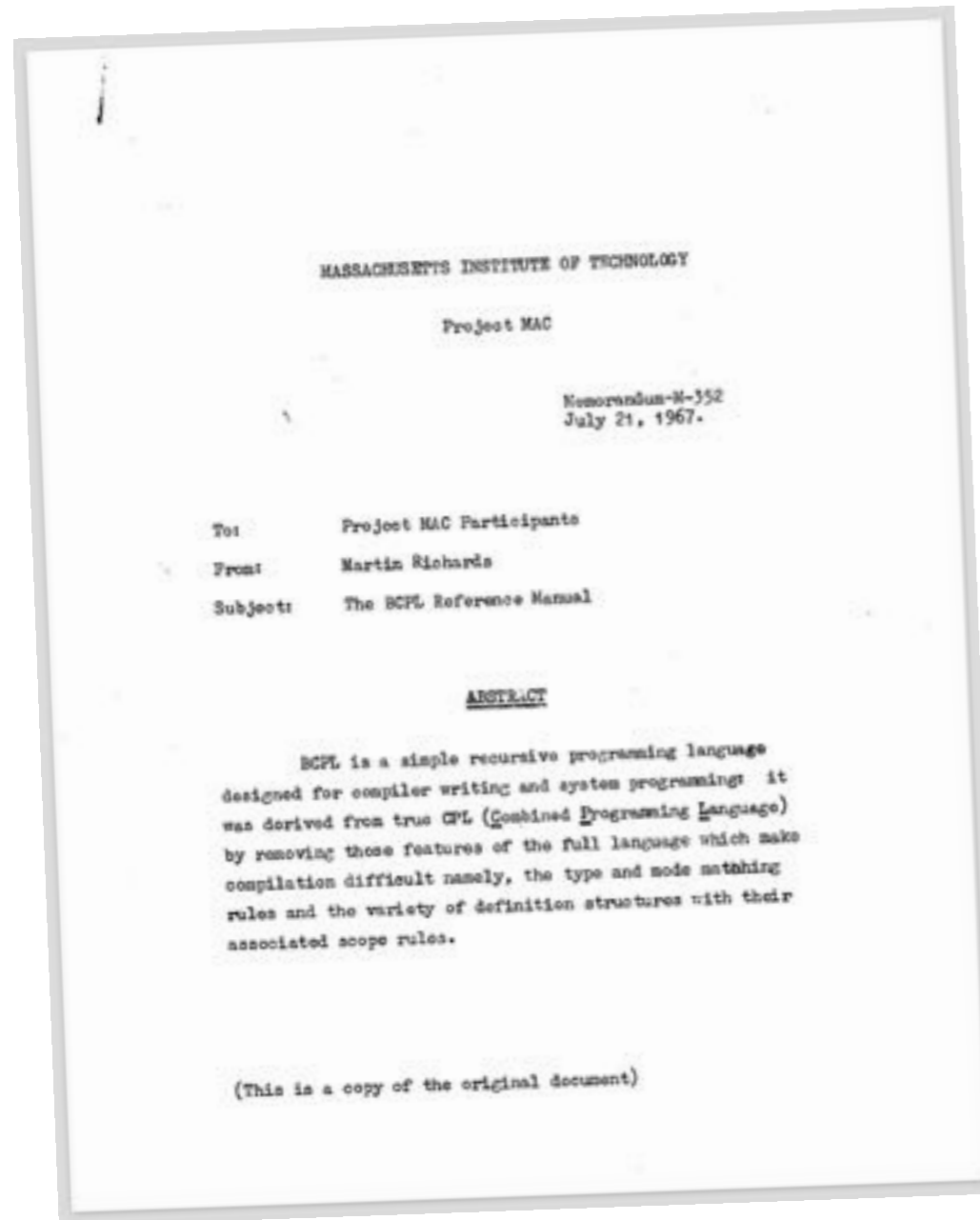
```
FACT: PROC;  
DCL I FIXED, PRINT ENTRY, F ENTRY RETURNS(FIXED), N INT;  
DO I = 1 TO 10;  
CALL PRINT("Factorial is", F(I));  
END;  
F: PROC (N) FIXED;  
DCL N FIXED;  
IF N = 0 THEN RETURN(1);  
RETURN(N*F(N-1));  
END F;  
END FACT;
```

While working on the Multics projects, Dennis and Ken had also been exposed to the very portable language systems programming language BCPL.

```
GET "LIBHDR"  
LET START() BE WRITES("Hello, World")
```

"Both of us were really taken by the language and did a lot of work with it." (Ken Thompson, 1989 interview)

BCPL, Basic CPL, had been described and implemented for the Project MAC in 1967 by a visiting researcher, Martin Richards from Cambridge University.



BCPL is a simple recursive programming language designed for compiler writing and system programming: it was derived from true CPL (Combined Programming Language) by removing those features of the full language which make compilation difficult namely, the type and mode matching rules and the variety of definition structures with their associated scope rules.

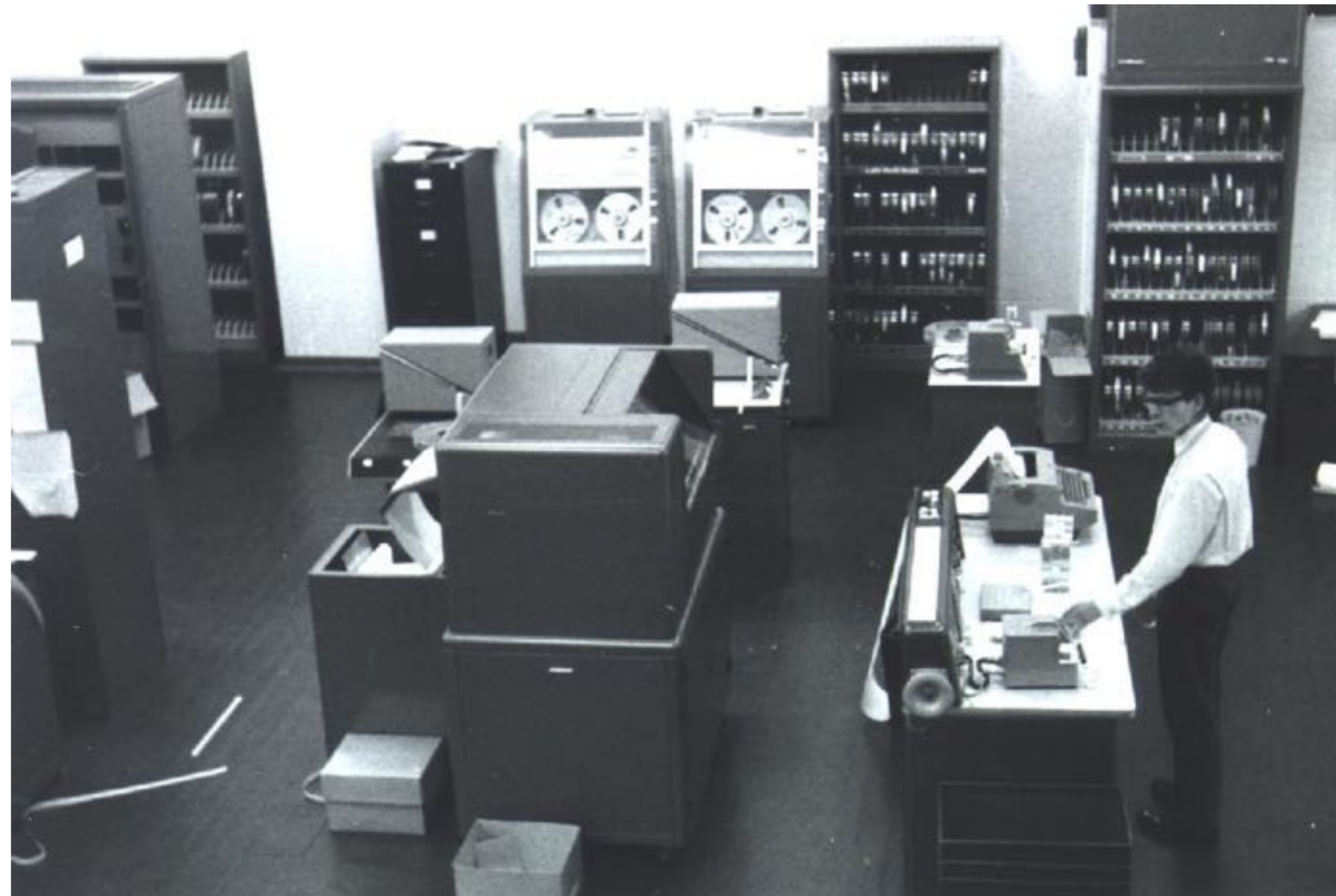
Before visiting MIT, Martin Richards had been actively involved in developing a compiler for a very ambitious programming language - CPL.

```
function Euler [function Fct, real Eps; integer Tim]= result of  
  §1 dec §1.1 real Mn, Ds, Sum  
    integer i, t  
    index n=0  
    m = Array [real, (0, 15)] §1.1  
i, t, m[0] := 0, 0, Fct[0]  
Sum := m[0]/2  
§1.2 i := i + 1  
  Mn := Fct[i]  
  for k = step 0, 1, n do  
    m[k], Mn := Mn, (Mn + m[k])/2  
  test Mod[Mn] < Mod[m[n]] ∧ n < 15  
    then do Ds, n, m[n+1] := Mn/2, n+1, Mn  
    or do Ds := Mn  
  Sum := Sum + Ds  
  t := (Mod[Ds] < Eps) → t + 1, 0 §1.2  
repeat while t < Tim  
result := Sum §1.
```

Designed jointly by the Mathematical Laboratory at the University of Cambridge and the University of London Computer Unit



for the Atlas computer (ordered in 1961, operational in 1964)



CPL was designed and partly implemented before the Atlas computer was operational. Martin Richard and the others had to work on the EDSAC 2 computer.



EDSAC 2 users in 1960

Which was an upgrade of the EDSAC computer. Arguably, the first electronic digital stored-program computer. It ran its first program May 6, 1949



Maurice Wilkes and Bill Renwick in front of the complete EDSAC

Maurice Wilkes' himself commenting on the 1951 film about how EDSAC was used in practice:

<https://youtu.be/x-vS0WcjyNM>

The EDSAC 1951 film
abridged version

Commentary by
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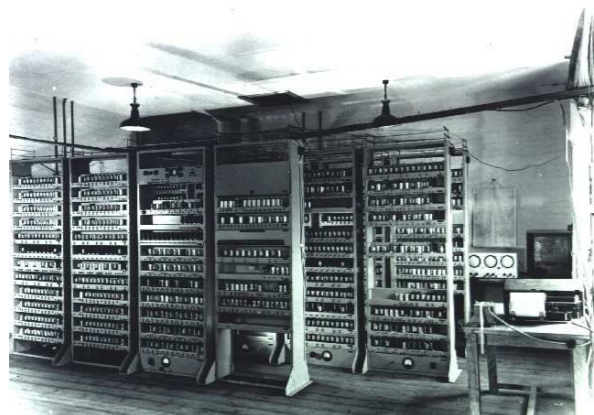
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EDSAC Initial Orders and Squares Program

Martin Richards

EDSAC

EDSAC (Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Computer), pictured below, was the world's first stored-program computer to operate a regular computing service. Maurice Wilkes lead the team responsible for its design and construction. It ran its first program successfully on May 6, 1949.

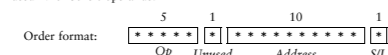


EDSAC's main memory used mercury delay lines to hold 512 words of 35 bits. We will use the notation: $w[0]$, $w[2]$, ..., $w[1022]$ to refer to these words of memory. Each word could be split into two 17-bit halves, separated by a padding bit. We will use the notation $m[n]$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, 1023$ to represent these 17-bit memory locations. The word at address $2n$, namely $w[2n]$, consisted of the concatenation of $m[2n + 1]$, a padding bit, and $m[2n]$. Note that $m[1]$ is the senior half of $w[0]$.



The machine had two central registers visible to the user: the 71-bit accumulator and the 35-bit multiplier register. We will use the notation ABC to represent the whole accumulator, and A and AB to represent its senior 17 and 35 bits, respectively. We will use RS to represent the whole multiplier register and R to represent its senior 17 bits. The leftmost bit of each register was the sign bit and the remaining bits form a binary fraction.

EDSAC's machine instructions (also called orders) occupied 17 bits. The leftmost 5 bits was the operation code, the next bit was unused, the following 10 bits was the address field and the last bit specified (where appropriate) whether the order used 17 or 35-bit operands.



Orders were punched on paper tape and consisted of: a character that directly gave the 5-bit operation code, followed by zero or more decimal digits giving the address, and terminated by S or T specifying the operand length bit. For example, R16S assembled to 00100 0 0000010000 0 and T11L to 00101 0 000001011 1. Note that the characters R and T had codes 4 and 5, respectively.

The Character Set

EDSAC used 5-bit integers (0 to 31) to represent characters using two shifts: letters and figures. In letter shift the codes 0 to 31 respectively represented: P, Q, W, E, R, T, Y, U, I, O, J, figs, S, Z, K, lets, null, F, cr, D, sp, H, N, M, lf, L, X, G, A, B, C and V. In figure shift the encoding was as follows: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ?, figs, *, +, C, lets, null, S, cr, ;, sp, L, ., ., lf,), /, #, =, ? , : and =. In these tables, figs, cr, sp and lf denote figure shift, carriage return, space and line feed, and on the paper tape perforator their keys were labelled π , θ , ϕ and Δ , respectively. In this document, these codes correspond to the ASCII characters #, 0, 1 and &. The paper tape reader complemented the high order bit of each 5-bit character, so the rows 0-9, #, * and + are read as codes (P), 7(U) and 27(O), respectively. The machine could read paper tape at a rate of 50 characters per second and output to a Creed teleprinter at nearly 7 characters per second.

The 1949 Instruction set

EDSAC's instructions in 1949 was very simple and were executed at a rate of about 600 per second. They were as follows:

Table of EDSAC instructions and their operations, including A+, A-, R+, R-, V+, V-, N+, N-, T+, T-, U+, U-, C+, C-, R+S, R-L, L+S, L-L, E+, E-, G+, G-, I+, I-, X+, X-, Y+, Y-, and Z+.

The numerical values in the accumulator and multiplier registers are normally thought of as signed binary fractions, but integer operations could also be done easily. For example, the order Y1S can be interpreted as adding the product of the 17-bit signed integer in m[1] and to the 17-bit integer in BS and adding the result into bits 0 to 32 of the ABC. With a suitable shift, the integer result can be placed in the senior 17 bits of A ready for storing in memory.



Computer Laboratory

Initial Orders

The four glass panels on your right contain 20 segments of 5 track paper tape. Reading from right to left and from top to bottom, the first five segments correspond to the initial orders, and the remaining 15 to a program to compute squares. The glass panels contain errors so a corrected version of the panels are given below.

The initial orders were written by David Wheeler in May 1949 to load and enter a paper tape representation of a program. When EDSAC was started, these initial orders were placed in memory locations 0 to 30 by a mechanism involving unselectors before execution started from location 0.

The glass panels give a paper tape representation of these orders even though no such paper tape ever existed. The following is an annotated listing of this program.

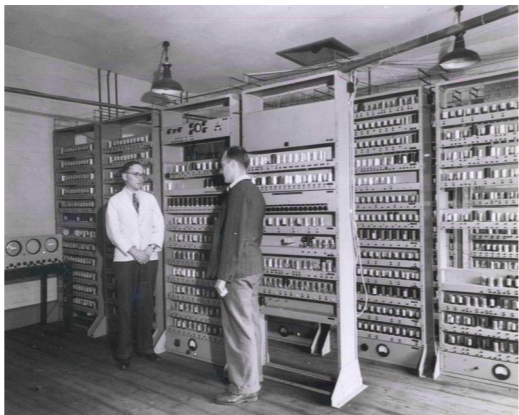
Annotated listing of the initial orders and the squares program, showing order bit patterns, locations, order codes, meanings, and comments.

The instruction at location 0 does nothing useful, but the instruction at 1 loads the multiplier register R with a 17-bit pattern 0010100000000000 which is also 10 shifted left 11 places. The instruction instruction at 2 (T0S) assembles into exactly this bit pattern, so is used both as data and as an instruction to clear m[0]. The instruction at 3 skips to location 6 over the instructions at 4 and 5 that assemble as the 17-bit constants 2 and 10, respectively.

The main assembly loop starts at 6, leaving locations m[0] to m[5] available as variables and constants in the program. They are used as follows:

- m[0] uses include holding the first character of an order,
m[1] used to hold the address field of the current order,
m[2] initially 001010...0 as discussed above but also used for characters other than the first of an order,
m[3] used as a junk register when the instruction at 15 clears ABC,
m[4] the constant 2 used at 27 to add one to an address field,
m[5] the constant 10 used to check for the end of address digits.

The order at 25 is of the form Tr+S, initially T31S. It is used to store an order at location n. This instruction is modified by the code in locations 26 to 28 which adds one to its address field, so the next time it is executed it will update the next location. Location 31 is the first order to be loaded and must be of the form Tr+S where n-1 is the address of last instruction of the program. It is used by the code in locations 29 and 30 which compares it with the current version of Tr+S in 25. If loading is not yet complete execution jumps to 11, otherwise it fall through to 31. Note that the instruction at 31 will do no damage, since it just writes a value to the first location following the loaded program. The first real instruction of the program is in m[32].



M.V Wilkes and W.A. Renwick

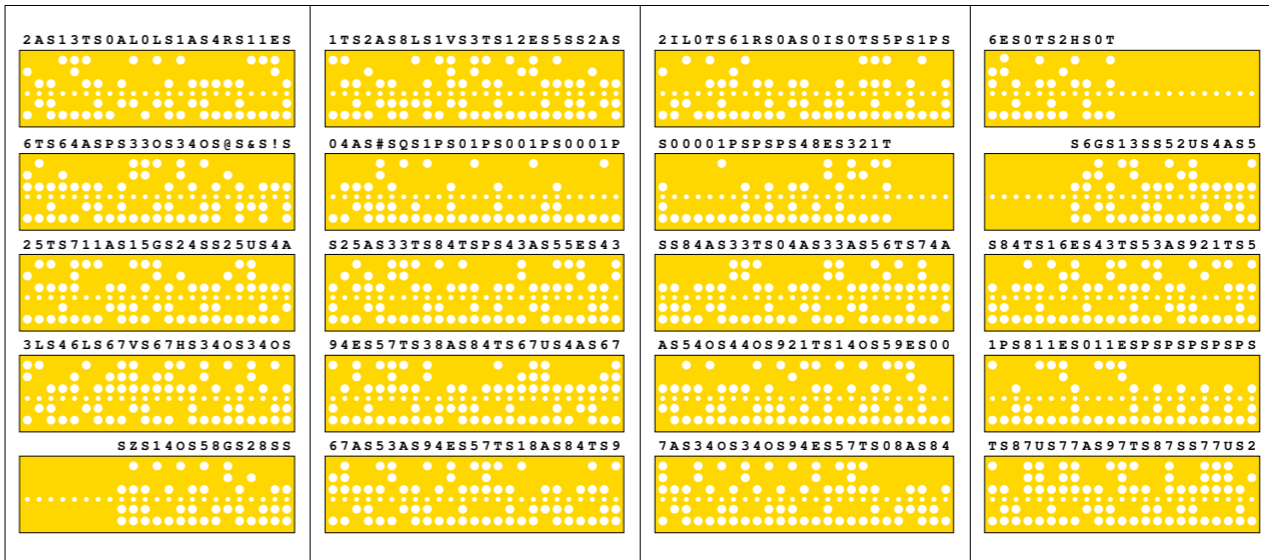
The Squares Program

This program, written by Maurice Wilkes in June 1949, outputs the following table of squares and differences of the numbers 1 to 100.

Table of squares and differences of numbers 1 to 100, showing columns for the number, its square, and the difference between consecutive squares.

The following is an annotated listing of the program.

Annotated listing of the Squares Program, showing order bit patterns, locations, order codes, meanings, and comments.



The corrected tape segments etched on the Tea Room glass panels

Table of the corrected tape segments, showing order bit patterns, locations, order codes, meanings, and comments.

The Green Door

The green door on your left was the Corn Exchange Street entrance to the Mathematical Laboratory where EDSAC was built. By convention, the brass plaque on this door holds the engraved names of those retired members of the Laboratory who used the door in its original location.

Links

- http://www.dcs.warwick.ac.uk/~edsac/ This links to Martin Campbell-Kelly's excellent EDSAC simulator and related documents.
http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/UCOCL/misc/EDSAC99 This links to pages relating to the celebration, held in Cambridge in April 1999, of the 50th anniversary of the EDSAC 1 Computer.
http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mr/Edsac.html This links to a shell based EDSAC simulator that runs on Pentium based Linux systems. It was designed to be educational having a built-in interactive debugger allowing single step execution, the setting of breakpoints and convenient inspection and setting of memory and register values. It can be used to explore the execution of the programs described in this poster. This simulator also appears as a demonstration program in the Citmcode BCPL system (http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mr/BCPL.html).
http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mr/edsacposter.pdf This is a PDF version of this poster on two A4 pages.

“Hi” on the EDSAC / Initial Orders I

T44S	31		T	_end+1	mark end of program
E38S	32		E	_start	jump to beginning of program
*S	33	lshift	*		letter shift
HS	34	_H	H		letter H
IS	35	_I	I		letter I
&S	36	lf	&		LF - line feed character
@S	37	cr	@		CR - carriage return character
033S	38	_start	0	lshift	prepare for printing lettersn
034S	39		0	_H	print H
035S	40		0	_I	print I
036S	41		0	lf	print lf
037S	42		0	cr	print cr
ZS	43	_end	Z		end of program

T44SE38S*SHSIS&S@S033S034S035S036S037SZS

“Count to 10” on the EDSAC / Initial Orders I

T62S	31	T _end+1	mark end of program
E43S	32	E _start	jump to beginning of program
#S	33 fshift	#	figure shift
&S	34 lf	&	LF - line feed character
@S	35 cr	@	CR - carriage return character
PS	36 dummy	P	dummy (used to reset Acc)
P0S	37 first	P 0	first value
P9S	38 last	P 9	last value
P1S	39 incr	P 1	increment
PS	40 cur	P	current value
PS	41 d	P	d - digit to be printed
XS	42 _start	X	nop
O33S	43	O fshift	prepare for printing digits
T36S	44	T dummy	reset Acc
A37S	45	A first	load first
T40S	46	T cur	store to cur
XS	47 _loop	X	nop
T36S	48	T dummy	reset Acc
A40S	49	A cur	load current value
L512S	50	L 2^(11-2)	Acc << 11, create a digit
T41S	51	T d	store digit to be printed
O41S	52	O d	print digit
A40S	53	A cur	load current value
A39S	54	A incr	acc += 1
T40S	55	T cur	store current value
A38S	56	A last	load last value
S40S	57	S cur	last - cur < 0, should we break?
E48S	58	E _loop	if no, jump to loop
O34S	59	O lf	print line feed
O35S	60	O cr	print carriage return
ZS	61 _end	Z	stop program

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written in a “primitive” 1949-like style
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I pretended I was a student, who had won a **single** chance to run my program
on this precious computer.

The program did actually ran on the very first attempt!

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T123S	31	T L_end	mark end of program
E60S	32	E L_start	jump to the beginning of program
#S	33 _FS	#	figure shift
*S	34 _LS	*	letter shift
&S	35 _LF	&	linefeed character
@S	36 _CR	@	carriage return character
P100S	37 _100	P 100	constant 100
P10S	38 _10	P 10	constant 10
P5S	39 _5	P 5	constant 5
P3S	40 _3	P 3	constant 3
P1S	41 _1	P 1	constant 1
QS	42 _'1'	Q	constant figure 1
PS	43 _'0'	P	constant figure 0
BS	44 _B	B	constant letter B
FS	45 _F	F	constant letter F
IS	46 _I	I	constant letter I
US	47 _U	U	constant letter U
ZS	48 _Z	Z	constant letter Z
PS	49 _dummy	P	used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S	50 _cnt	P 1	counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS	51 _num	P	number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS	52 _d	P	digit to be printed

O34S	53 L_next	O _LS	output LS, prepare for printing letters
O35S	54	O _LF	output LF, linefeed
O36S	55	O _CR	output CR, carriage return
T49S	56	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	57	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
A41S	58	A _1	increase Acc
T50S	59	T _cnt	store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S	60 L_start	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S	61	U _num	tentatively set number to be printed
S40S	62 L_tryFizz	S _3	subtract 3
E62S	63	E L_tryFizz	loop until Acc < 0
A40S	64	A _3	add 3, restore previous value
S41S	65	S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S	66	E L_notFizz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisable by 3
T51S	67	T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
O34S	68	O _LS	prepare printing letters
O45S	69	O _F	output F
O46S	70	O _I	output I
O48S	71	O _Z	output Z
O48S	72	O _Z	output Z
T49S	73 L_notFizz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	74	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
S39S	75 L_Buzz	S _5	subtract 5
E75S	76	E L_Buzz	loop until Acc < 0
A39S	77	A _5	add 5, restore previous value
S41S	78	S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S	79	E L_notBuzz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisable by 5
T51S	80	T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
O34S	81	O _LS	prepare printing letters
O44S	82	O _B	output B
O47S	83	O _U	output U
O48S	84	O _Z	output Z
O48S	85	O _Z	output Z
T49S	86 L_notBuzz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	87	A _num	load _num to check number to be printed
G53S	88	G L_next	goto next iteration if _num is negative
O33S	89 L_printNum	O _FS	prepare for printing numbers
T49S	90	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	91	A _cnt	load counter
S37S	92	S _100	subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S	93	G L_not100	jump if not 100 yet
O42S	94	O _'1'	output 1
O43S	95	O _'0'	output 0
O43S	96	O _'0'	output 0
ZS	97	Z	end the program
T49S	98 L_not100	T _dummy	reset Acc
T52S	99	T _d	reset digit
A50S	100	A _cnt	load counter
S38S	101 L_count10s	S _10	subtract 10
G109S	102	G L_print10s	goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S	103	T _num	store number
A52S	104	A _d	load digit
A41S	105	A _1	increase digit
T52S	106	T _d	store digit
A51S	107	A _num	load number
E101S	108	E L_count10s	loop unconditionally
T49S	109 L_print10s	T _dummy	reset Acc
A52S	110	A _d	load digit
S41S	111	S _1	decrease digit by 1
G117S	112	G L_1	if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S	113	A _1	restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S	114	L 2^(11-2)	Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S	115	T _d	save printable figure
O52S	116	O _d	print figure / digit
T49S	117 L_1:	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	118	A _num	load number
L512S	119	L 2^(11-2)	Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S	120	T _d	save printable figure
O52S	121	O _d	print figure / digit
E53S	122	E L_next	unconditional jump
XS	123 L_end	X	

T123S	31	T L_end	mark end of program
E60S	32	E L_start	jump to the beginning of program
#S	33 _FS	#	figure shift
*S	34 _LS	*	letter shift
&S	35 _LF	&	linefeed character
@S	36 _CR	@	carriage return character
P100S	37 _100	P 100	constant 100
P10S	38 _10	P 10	constant 10
P5S	39 _5	P 5	constant 5
P3S	40 _3	P 3	constant 3
P1S	41 _1	P 1	constant 1
QS	42 _'1'	Q	constant figure 1
PS	43 _'0'	P	constant figure 0
BS	44 _B	B	constant letter B
FS	45 _F	F	constant letter F
IS	46 _I	I	constant letter I
US	47 _U	U	constant letter U
ZS	48 _Z	Z	constant letter Z
PS	49 _dummy	P	used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S	50 _cnt	P 1	counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS	51 _num	P	number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS	52 _d	P	digit to be printed

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T123S	31	T L_end	mark end of program
E60S	32	E L_start	jump to the beginning of program
#S	33 _FS	#	figure shift
*S	34 _LS	*	letter shift
&S	35 _LF	&	linefeed character
@S	36 _CR	@	carriage return character
P100S	37 _100	P 100	constant 100
P10S	38 _10	P 10	constant 10
P5S	39 _5	P 5	constant 5
P3S	40 _3	P 3	constant 3
P1S	41 _1	P 1	constant 1
QS	42 _'1'	Q	constant figure 1
PS	43 _'0'	P	constant figure 0
BS	44 _B	B	constant letter B
FS	45 _F	F	constant letter F
IS	46 _I	I	constant letter I
US	47 _U	U	constant letter U
ZS	48 _Z	Z	constant letter Z
PS	49 _dummy	P	used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S	50 _cnt	P 1	counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS	51 _num	P	number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS	52 _d	P	digit to be printed
034S	53 L_next	O _LS	output LS, prepare for printing letters
035S	54	O _LF	output LF, linefeed
036S	55	O _CR	output CR, carriage return
T49S	56	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	57	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
A41S	58	A _1	increase Acc
T50S	59	T _cnt	store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S	60 L_start	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S	61	U _num	tentatively set number to be printed
S40S	62 L_tryFizz	S _3	subtract 3
E62S	63	E L_tryFizz	loop until Acc < 0
A40S	64	A _3	add 3, restore previous value
S41S	65	S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S	66	E L_notFizz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisable by 3
T51S	67	T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S	68	O _LS	prepare printing letters
045S	69	O _F	output F
046S	70	O _I	output I
048S	71	O _Z	output Z
048S	72	O _Z	output Z
T49S	73 L_notFizz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	74	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
S39S	75 L_Buzz	S _5	subtract 5
E75S	76	E L_Buzz	loop until Acc < 0
A39S	77	A _5	add 5, restore previous value
S41S	78	S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S	79	E L_notBuzz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisable by 5
T51S	80	T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S	81	O _LS	prepare printing letters
044S	82	O _B	output B
047S	83	O _U	output U
048S	84	O _Z	output Z
048S	85	O _Z	output Z
T49S	86 L_notBuzz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	87	A _num	load _num to check number to be printed
G53S	88	G L_next	goto next iteration if _num is negative
033S	89 L_printNum	O _FS	prepare for printing numbers
T49S	90	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	91	A _cnt	load counter
S37S	92	S _100	subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S	93	G L_not100	jump if not 100 yet
042S	94	O _'1'	output 1
043S	95	O _'0'	output 0
043S	96	O _'0'	output 0
ZS	97	Z	end the program
T49S	98 L_not100	T _dummy	reset Acc
T52S	99	T _d	reset digit
A50S	100	A _cnt	load counter
S38S	101 L_count10s	S _10	subtract 10
G109S	102	G L_print10s	goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S	103	T _num	store number
A52S	104	A _d	load digit
A41S	105	A _1	increase digit
T52S	106	T _d	store digit
A51S	107	A _num	load number
E101S	108	E L_count10s	loop unconditionally
T49S	109 L_print10s	T _dummy	reset Acc
A52S	110	A _d	load digit
S41S	111	S _1	decrease digit by 1
G117S	112	G L_1	if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S	113	A _1	restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S	114	L 2^(11-2)	Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S	115	T _d	save printable figure
O52S	116	O _d	print figure / digit
T49S	117 L_1:	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	118	A _num	load number
L512S	119	L 2^(11-2)	Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S	120	T _d	save printable figure
O52S	121	O _d	print figure / digit
E53S	122	E L_next	unconditional jump
XS	123 L_end	X	

034S	53	L_next	0	_LS	output LS, prepare for printing letters
035S	54		0	_LF	output LF, linefeed
036S	55		0	_CR	output CR, carriage return
T49S	56		T	_dummy	reset Acc
A50S	57		A	_cnt	load Acc with _cnt
A41S	58		A	_1	increase Acc
T50S	59		T	_cnt	store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S	60	L_start	A	_cnt	load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S	61		U	_num	tentatively set number to be printed
S40S	62	L_tryFizz	S	_3	subtract 3
E62S	63		E	L_tryFizz	loop until Acc < 0
A40S	64		A	_3	add 3, restore previous value
S41S	65		S	_1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S	66		E	L_notFizz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisable by 3
T51S	67		T	_num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
034S	68		O	_LS	prepare printing letters
045S	69		O	_F	output F
046S	70		O	_I	output I
048S	71		O	_Z	output Z
048S	72		O	_Z	output Z

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E60S	32	E L_start	jump to the beginning of program
#S	33 _FS	#	figure shift
*S	34 _LS	*	letter shift
&S	35 _LF	&	linefeed character
@S	36 _CR	@	carriage return character
P100S	37 _100	P 100	constant 100
P10S	38 _10	P 10	constant 10
P5S	39 _5	P 5	constant 5
P3S	40 _3	P 3	constant 3
P1S	41 _1	P 1	constant 1
QS	42 _'1'	Q	constant figure 1
PS	43 _'0'	P	constant figure 0
BS	44 _B	B	constant letter B
FS	45 _F	F	constant letter F
IS	46 _I	I	constant letter I
US	47 _U	U	constant letter U
ZS	48 _Z	Z	constant letter Z
PS	49 _dummy	P	used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S	50 _cnt	P 1	counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS	51 _num	P	number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS	52 _d	P	digit to be printed
O34S	53 L_next	O _LS	output LS, prepare for printing letters
O35S	54	O _LF	output LF, linefeed
O36S	55	O _CR	output CR, carriage return
T49S	56	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	57	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
A41S	58	A _1	increase Acc
T50S	59	T _cnt	store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S	60 L_start	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S	61	U _num	tentatively set number to be printed
S40S	62 L_tryFizz	S _3	subtract 3
E62S	63	E L_tryFizz	loop until Acc < 0
A40S	64	A _3	add 3, restore previous value
S41S	65	S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S	66	E L_notFizz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 3
T51S	67	T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
O34S	68	O _LS	prepare printing letters
O45S	69	O _F	output F
O46S	70	O _I	output I
O48S	71	O _Z	output Z
O48S	72	O _Z	output Z
T49S	73 L_notFizz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	74	A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
S39S	75 L_Buzz	S _5	subtract 5
E75S	76	E L_Buzz	loop until Acc < 0
A39S	77	A _5	add 5, restore previous value
S41S	78	S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S	79	E L_notBuzz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 5
T51S	80	T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
O34S	81	O _LS	prepare printing letters
O44S	82	O _B	output B
O47S	83	O _U	output U
O48S	84	O _Z	output Z
O48S	85	O _Z	output Z
T49S	86 L_notBuzz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	87	A _num	load _num to check number to be printed
G53S	88	G L_next	goto next iteration if _num is negative
O33S	89 L_printNum	O _FS	prepare for printing numbers
T49S	90	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	91	A _cnt	load counter
S37S	92	S _100	subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S	93	G L_not100	jump if not 100 yet
O42S	94	O _'1'	output 1
O43S	95	O _'0'	output 0
O43S	96	O _'0'	output 0
ZS	97	Z	end the program
T49S	98 L_not100	T _dummy	reset Acc
T52S	99	T _d	reset digit
A50S	100	A _cnt	load counter
S38S	101 L_count10s	S _10	subtract 10
G109S	102	G L_print10s	goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S	103	T _num	store number
A52S	104	A _d	load digit
A41S	105	A _1	increase digit
T52S	106	T _d	store digit
A51S	107	A _num	load number
E101S	108	E L_count10s	loop unconditionally
T49S	109 L_print10s	T _dummy	reset Acc
A52S	110	A _d	load digit
S41S	111	S _1	decrease digit by 1
G117S	112	G L_1	if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S	113	A _1	restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S	114	L 2^(11-2)	Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S	115	T _d	save printable figure
O52S	116	O _d	print figure / digit
T49S	117 L_1:	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	118	A _num	load number
L512S	119	L 2^(11-2)	Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S	120	T _d	save printable figure
O52S	121	O _d	print figure / digit
E53S	122	E L_next	unconditional jump
XS	123 L_end	X	

T49S	73	L_notFizz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	74		A _cnt	load Acc with _cnt
S39S	75	L_Buzz	S _5	subtract 5
E75S	76		E L_Buzz	loop until Acc < 0
A39S	77		A _5	add 5, restore previous value
S41S	78		S _1	subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S	79		E L_notBuzz	jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisible by 5
T51S	80		T _num	set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
O34S	81		O _LS	prepare printing letters
O44S	82		O _B	output B
O47S	83		O _U	output U
O48S	84		O _Z	output Z
O48S	85		O _Z	output Z
T49S	86	L_notBuzz	T _dummy	reset Acc
A51S	87		A _num	load _num to check number to be printed
G53S	88		G L_next	goto next iteration if _num is negative
O33S	89	L_printNum	O _FS	prepare for printing numbers
T49S	90		T _dummy	reset Acc
A50S	91		A _cnt	load counter
S37S	92		S _100	subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S	93		G L_not100	jump if not 100 yet
O42S	94		O _'1'	output 1
O43S	95		O _'0'	output 0
O43S	96		O _'0'	output 0
ZS	97		Z	end the program

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T123S 31 T L_end mark end of program
E60S 32 E L_start jump to the beginning of program
#S 33 _FS # figure shift
+S 34 _LS * letter shift
&S 35 _LF & linefeed character
@S 36 _CR @ carriage return character
P100S 37 _100 P 100 constant 100
P10S 38 _10 P 10 constant 10
P5S 39 _5 P 5 constant 5
P3S 40 _3 P 3 constant 3
P1S 41 _1 P 1 constant 1
QS 42 _'1' Q constant figure 1
PS 43 _'0' P constant figure 0
BS 44 _B B constant letter B
FS 45 _F F constant letter F
IS 46 _I I constant letter I
US 47 _U U constant letter U
ZS 48 _Z Z constant letter Z
PS 49 _dummy P used to flush and reset the accumulator
P1S 50 _cnt P 1 counter, current number to be considered, will be increased
PS 51 _num P number to be printed, negative if counter is mod 3 or mod 5
PS 52 _d P digit to be printed
O34S 53 L_next O _LS output LS, prepare for printing letters
O35S 54 O _LF output LF, linefeed
O36S 55 O _CR output CR, carriage return
T49S 56 T _dummy reset Acc
A50S 57 A _cnt load Acc with _cnt
A41S 58 A _1 increase Acc
T50S 59 T _cnt store Acc into _cnt, reset Acc
A50S 60 L_start A _cnt load Acc with _cnt (we know that Acc initially is 0)
U51S 61 U _num tentatively set number to be printed
S40S 62 L_tryFizz S _3 subtract 3
E62S 63 E L_tryFizz loop until Acc < 0
A40S 64 A _3 add 3, restore previous value
S41S 65 S _1 subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E73S 66 E L_notFizz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisable by 3
T51S 67 T _num set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
O34S 68 O _LS prepare printing letters
O45S 69 O _F output F
O46S 70 O _I output I
O48S 71 O _Z output Z
O48S 72 O _Z output Z
T49S 73 L_notFizz T _dummy reset Acc
A50S 74 A _cnt load Acc with _cnt
S39S 75 L_Buzz S _5 subtract 5
E75S 76 E L_Buzz loop until Acc < 0
A39S 77 A _5 add 5, restore previous value
S41S 78 S _1 subtract 1, to check if Acc was 0
E86S 79 E L_notBuzz jump if Acc was not 0, ie number was not divisable by 5
T51S 80 T _num set _num to negative value, flag that no value should be printed
O34S 81 O _LS prepare printing letters
O44S 82 O _B output B
O47S 83 O _U output U
O48S 84 O _Z output Z
O48S 85 O _Z output Z
T49S 86 L_notBuzz T _dummy reset Acc
A51S 87 A _num load _num to check number to be printed
G53S 88 G L_next goto next iteration if _num is negative
O33S 89 L_printNum O _FS prepare for printing numbers
T49S 90 T _dummy reset Acc
A50S 91 A _cnt load counter
S37S 92 S _100 subtract 100, check if we should stop
G98S 93 G L_not100 jump if not 100 yet
O42S 94 O _'1' output 1
O43S 95 O _'0' output 0
O43S 96 O _'0' output 0
ZS 97 Z end the program
T49S 98 L_not100 T _dummy reset Acc
T52S 99 T _d reset digit
A50S 100 A _cnt load counter
S38S 101 L_count10s S _10 subtract 10
G109S 102 G L_print10s goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S 103 T _num store number
A52S 104 A _d load digit
A41S 105 A _1 increase digit
T52S 106 T _d store digit
A51S 107 A _num load number
E101S 108 E L_count10s loop unconditionally
T49S 109 L_print10s T _dummy reset Acc
A52S 110 A _d load digit
S41S 111 S _1 decrease digit by 1
G117S 112 G L_1 if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S 113 A _1 restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S 114 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 115 T _d save printable figure
O52S 116 O _d print figure / digit
T49S 117 L_1: T _dummy reset Acc
A51S 118 A _num load number
L512S 119 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 120 T _d save printable figure
O52S 121 O _d print figure / digit
E53S 122 E L_next unconditional jump
XS 123 L_end X

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T49S 98 L_not100 T _dummy reset Acc
T52S 99 T _d reset digit
A50S 100 A _cnt load counter
S38S 101 L_count10s S _10 subtract 10
G109S 102 G L_print10s goto print 10s if Acc < 0
T51S 103 T _num store number
A52S 104 A _d load digit
A41S 105 A _1 increase digit
T52S 106 T _d store digit
A51S 107 A _num load number
E101S 108 E L_count10s loop unconditionally
T49S 109 L_print10s T _dummy reset Acc
A52S 110 A _d load digit
S41S 111 S _1 decrease digit by 1
G117S 112 G L_1 if negative (digit was 0), skip printing of tens digits
A41S 113 A _1 restore digit, by increasing with 1
L512S 114 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 115 T _d save printable figure
O52S 116 O _d print figure / digit
T49S 117 L_1: T _dummy reset Acc
A51S 118 A _num load number
L512S 119 L 2^(11-2) Acc << 11, create a printable figure
T52S 120 T _d save printable figure
O52S 121 O _d print figure / digit
E53S 122 E L_next unconditional jump
XS 123 L_end X

```

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Speedcoding, John Backus, 1953 on the IBM 701



IBM 701 operator's console



IBM 701 processor frame

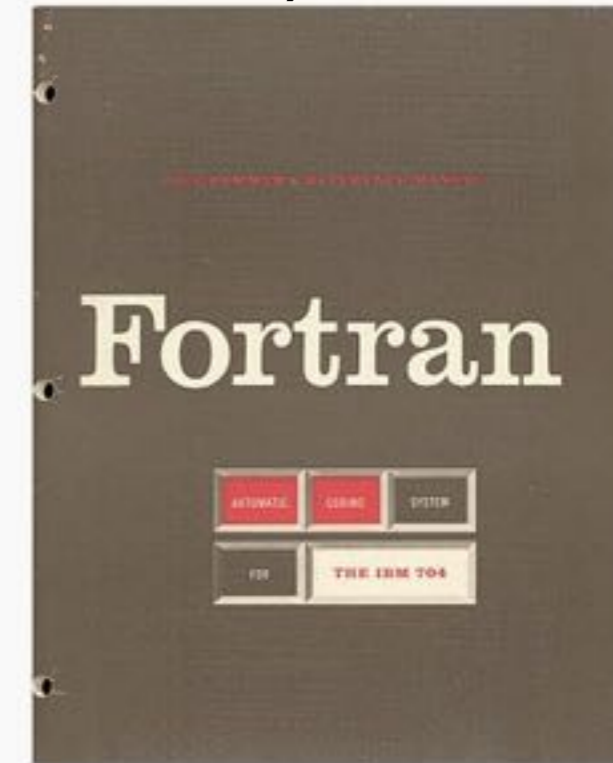
Backus later did work on the IBM 704



Fortran (appeared 1957, designed by John Backus)

The initial release of FORTRAN for the IBM 704 contained 32 [statements](#), including:

- `DIMENSION` and `EQUIVALENCE` statements
- Assignment statements
- Three-way *arithmetic* `IF` statement, which passed control to one of three locations in the program depending on whether the result of the arithmetic statement was negative, zero, or positive
- `IF` statements for checking exceptions (`ACCUMULATOR OVERFLOW`, `QUOTIENT OVERFLOW`, and `DIVIDE CHECK`); and `IF` statements for manipulating [sense switches and sense lights](#)
- `GOTO`, computed `GOTO`, `ASSIGN`, and assigned `GOTO`
- `DO` loops
- Formatted I/O: `FORMAT`, `READ`, `READ INPUT TAPE`, `WRITE`, `WRITE OUTPUT TAPE`, `PRINT`, and `PUNCH`
- Unformatted I/O: `READ TAPE`, `READ DRUM`, `WRITE TAPE`, and `WRITE DRUM`
- Other I/O: `END FILE`, `REWIND`, and `BACKSPACE`
- `PAUSE`, `STOP`, and `CONTINUE`
- `FREQUENCY` statement (for providing [optimization](#) hints to the compiler).



The Fortran Automatic Coding System for the
IBM 704 (15 October 1956), the first
Programmer's Reference Manual for Fortran

FORTRAN II [\[edit\]](#)

IBM's *FORTRAN II* appeared in 1958. The main enhancement was to support [procedural programming](#) by allowing user-written subroutines and functions which returned values, with parameters passed by [reference](#). The `COMMON` statement provided a way for subroutines to access common (or [global](#)) variables. Six new statements were introduced:

- `SUBROUTINE`, `FUNCTION`, and `END`
- `CALL` and `RETURN`
- `COMMON`

```

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C INPUT - CARD READER UNIT 5, INTEGER INPUT
C OUTPUT - LINE PRINTER UNIT 6, REAL OUTPUT
C INPUT ERROR DISPLAY ERROR OUTPUT CODE 1 IN JOB CONTROL LISTING
      READ INPUT TAPE 5, 501, IA, IB, IC
501  FORMAT (3I5)
C IA, IB, AND IC MAY NOT BE NEGATIVE
C FURTHERMORE, THE SUM OF TWO SIDES OF A TRIANGLE
C IS GREATER THAN THE THIRD SIDE, SO WE CHECK FOR THAT, TOO
      IF (IA) 777, 777, 701
701  IF (IB) 777, 777, 702
702  IF (IC) 777, 777, 703
703  IF (IA+IB-IC) 777,777,704
704  IF (IA+IC-IB) 777,777,705
705  IF (IB+IC-IA) 777,777,799
777  STOP 1
C USING HERON'S FORMULA WE CALCULATE THE
C AREA OF THE TRIANGLE
799  S = FLOATF (IA + IB + IC) / 2.0
      AREA = SQRT( S * (S - FLOATF(IA)) * (S - FLOATF(IB)) *
+          (S - FLOATF(IC)))
      WRITE OUTPUT TAPE 6, 601, IA, IB, IC, AREA
601  FORMAT (4H A= ,I5,5H B= ,I5,5H C= ,I5,8H AREA= ,F10.2,
+          13H SQUARE UNITS)
      STOP
      END

```

Simple FORTRAN II program

IAL (aka Algol 58) (designed by Friedrich L. Bauer, Hermann Bottenbruch, Heinz Rutishauser, Klaus Samelson, John Backus, Charles Katz, Alan Perlis, Joseph Henry Wegstein

```
procedure      Simps (F( ), a, b, delta, V);
comment      a, b are the min and max, resp. of the points def. interval of integ. F( ) is the function to
              integrated.
              delta is the permissible difference between two successive Simpson sums V is greater than
              the maximum absolute value of F on a, b;

begin
Simps:      Ibar: = V × (b - a)
            n   : = 1
            h   : = (b - a) / 2
            J   : = h × (F(a) + F(b) )
J1:         S   : = 0;
for         k   : = 1 (1) n
            S   : = S + F (a + (2 × k - 1) × h)
            I   : = J + 4 × h × S
if         (delta < abs ( I - Ibar) ) (7)
begin      Ibar: = I
            J   := (I + J) / 4
            n   := 2 × n; h := h / 2
go to     J1 end
Simps := I / 3

return
integer   (k, n)
end       Simps
```

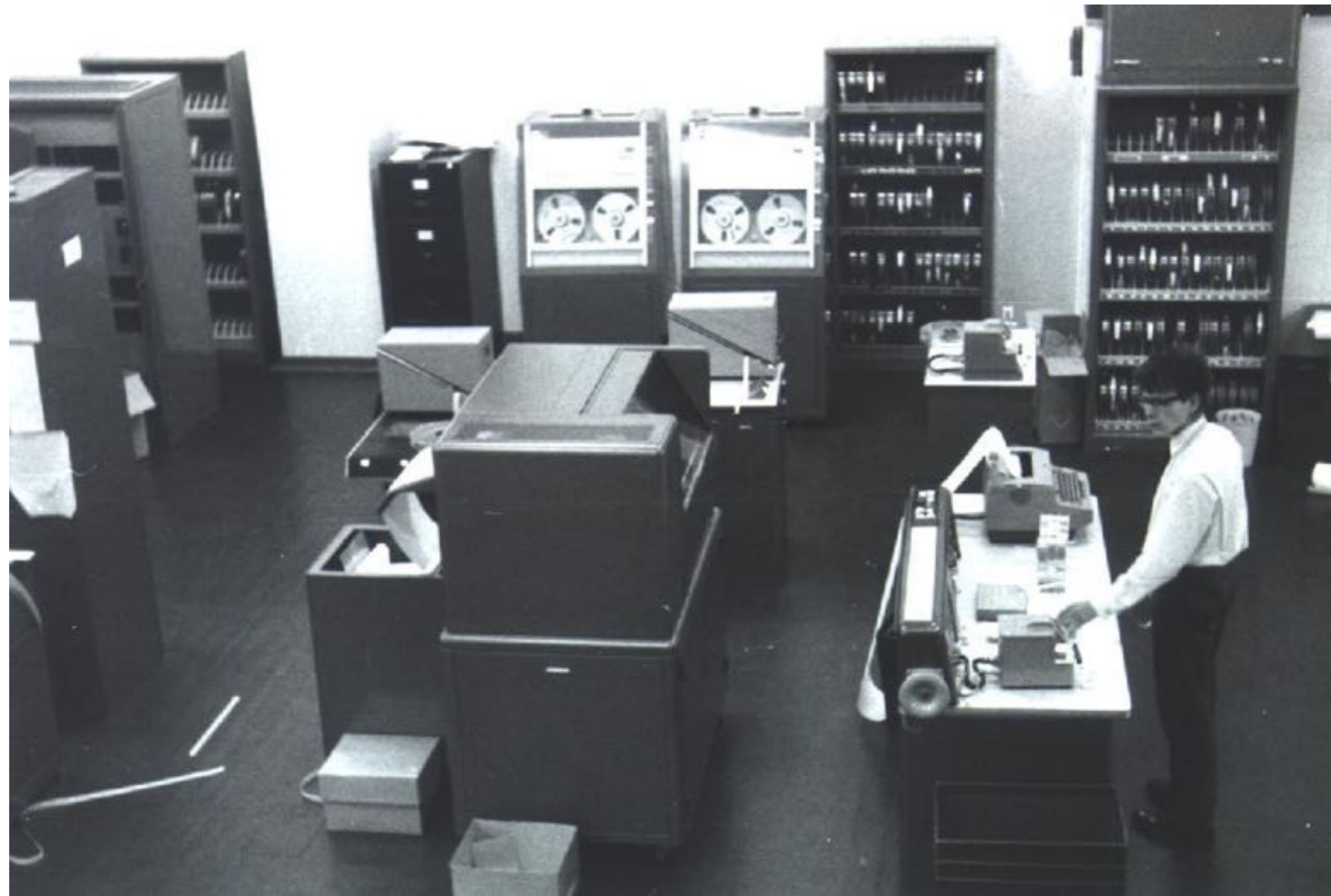
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EDSAC 2 users in 1960

A scaled down version of Atlas (called Titan / Atlas2) was ordered in 1961, delivered to Cambridge in 1963, but not usable until early 1964



a programming language was needed!

Many existing programming languages was concidered, but....

ALGOL 60 was just “a language, not a programming system”

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begin
  integer p, q;
  y := 0; i := k := 1;
  for p := 1 step 1 until n do
    for q := 1 step 1 until m do
      if abs(a[p, q]) > y then
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        end
    end
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```
C      THE TPK ALGORITHM
C      FORTRAN IV STYLE
      DIMENSION A(11)
      FUN(T) = SQRT (ABS (T)) + 5.) * T ** 3
      READ (5, 1) A
1      FORMAT (5F10.2)
      DO 10 J = 1, 11
          I = 11 - J
          Y = FUN (A (I+1))
          IF (400.0 - Y) 4, 8, 8
4          WRITE (6, 5) I
5          FORMAT (I10, 10H TOO LARGE)
          GO TO 10
8          WRITE (6, 9) I, Y
          FORMAT (I10, F12.6)
10     CONTINUE
      STOP
      END
```


Example of Atlas Autocode (designed by Tony Brooker and Derrick Morris)

```
begin
real    a, b, c, Sx, Sy, Sxx, Sxy, Syy, nextx, nexty
integer n
read (nextx)
2:  Sx = 0; Sy = 0; Sxx = 0; Sxy = 0; Syy = 0
    n = 0
1:  read (nexty) ; n = n + 1
    Sx = Sx + nextx; Sy = Sy + nexty
    Sxx = Sxx + nextx2 ; Syy = Syy + nexty2
    Sxy = Sxy + nextx*nexty
3:  read (nextx) ; ->1 unless nextx = 999 999
    a = (n*Sxy - Sx*Sy)/(n*Sxx - Sx2)
    b = (Sy - a*Sx)/n
    c = Syy - 2(a*Sxy + b*Sy) + a2*Sxx - 2a*b*Sx + n*b2
    newline
    print fl(a,3) ; space ; print fl(b,3) ; space ; print fl(c,3)
    read (nextx) ; ->2 unless nextx = 999 999
stop
end of program
```

“the use of compiler-compiler technology frightened us”

But, hey....

In the early 1960's, it was common to think "we are building a new computer, so we need a new programming language."

(David Hartley, in 2013 article)

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CPL as described in 1963

The main features of CPL

By D. W. Barron, J. N. Buxton, D. F. Hartley, E. Nixon and C. Strachey

The paper provides an informal account of CPL, a new programming language currently being implemented for the Titan at Cambridge and the Atlas at London University. CPL is based on, and contains the concepts of, ALGOL 60. In addition there are extended data descriptions, command and expression structures, provision for manipulating non-numerical objects, and comprehensive input-output facilities. However, CPL is not just another proposal for the extension of ALGOL 60, but has been designed from first principles and has a logically coherent structure.

Example of CPL from 1963

```
function Euler [function Fct, real Eps; integer Tim]= result of  
  §1 dec §1.1 real Mn, Ds, Sum  
    integer i, t  
    index n=0  
    m = Array [real, (0, 15)] §1.1  
i, t, m[0] := 0, 0, Fct[0]  
Sum := m[0]/2  
§1.2 i := i + 1  
    Mn := Fct[i]  
    for k = step 0, 1, n do  
      m[k], Mn := Mn, (Mn + m[k])/2  
    test Mod[Mn] < Mod[m[n]] ∧ n < 15  
      then do Ds, n, m[n+1] := Mn/2, n+1, Mn  
      or do Ds := Mn  
    Sum := Sum + Ds  
    t := (Mod[Ds] < Eps) → t + 1, 0 §1.2  
repeat while t < Tim  
result := Sum §1.
```

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Thompson: I did B.

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From the HOPL article by Dennis Ritchie in 1993

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This paper is about the development of the C programming language, the influences on it, and the conditions under which it was created. For the sake of brevity, I omit full descriptions of C itself, its parent B [Johnson 73] and its grandparent BCPL [Richards 79], and instead concentrate on characteristic elements of each language and how they evolved.

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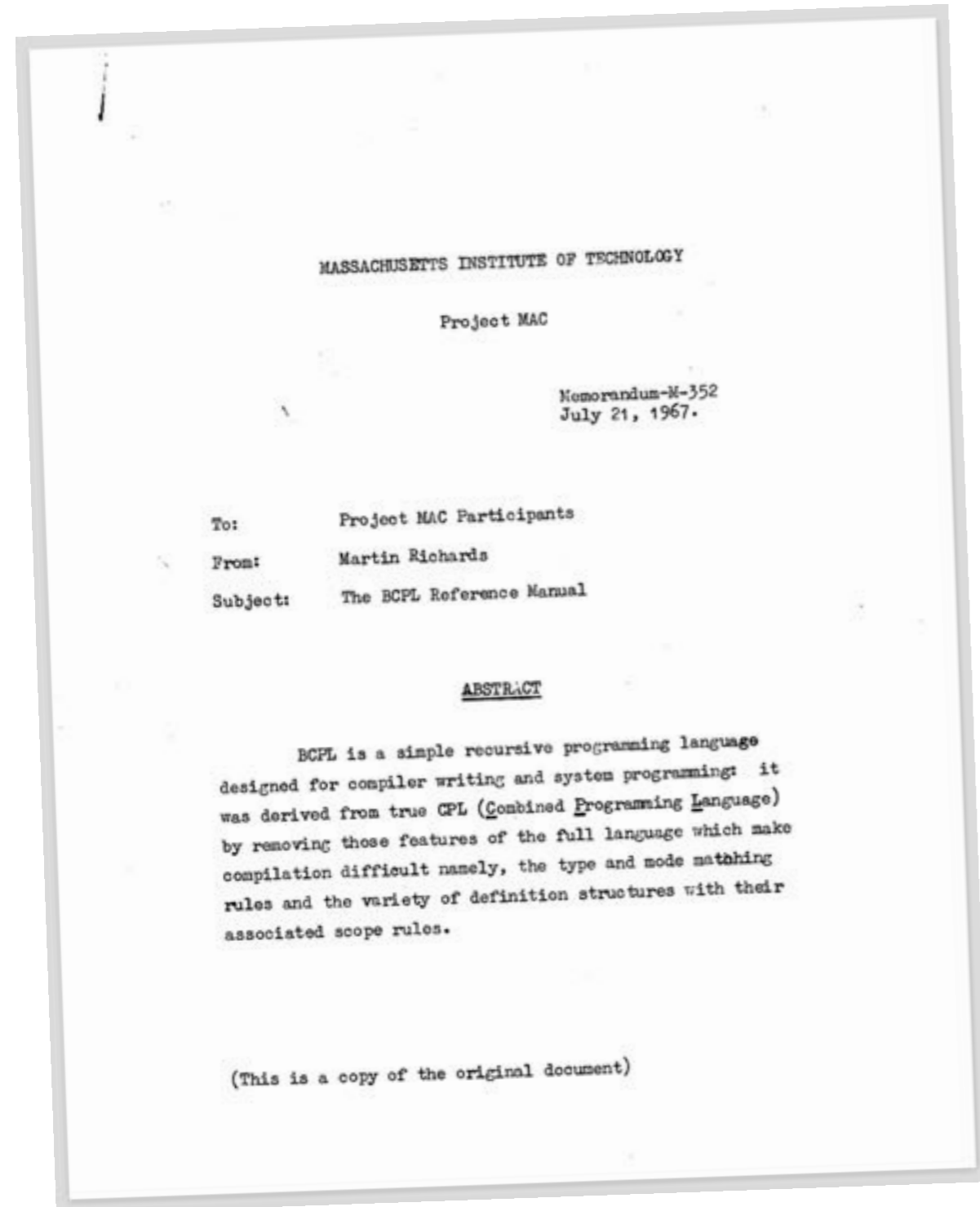
This manual contains a concise definition of the language, sample programs, and instructions for using the PDP-11 version of B.

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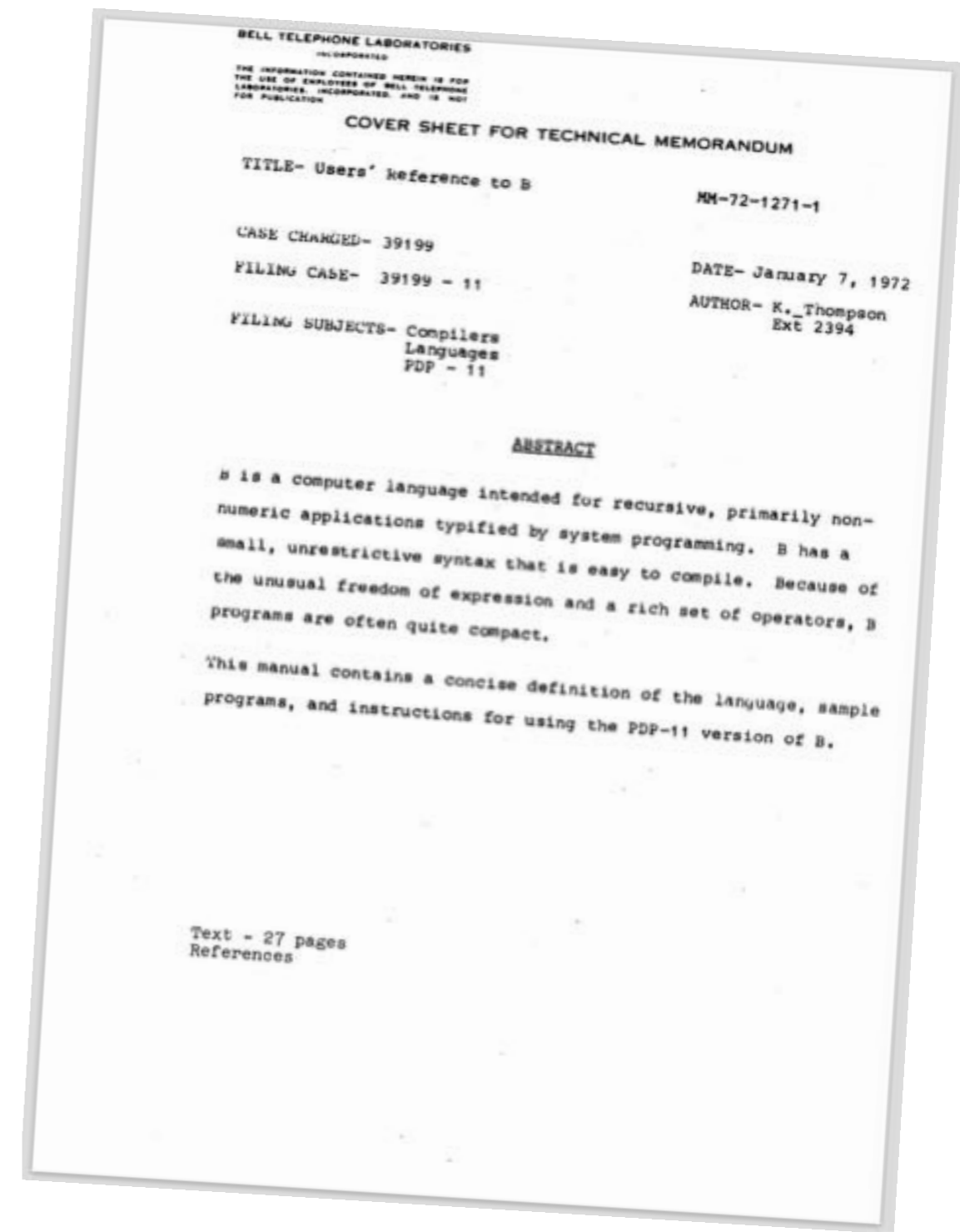
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$$(b?f:g[i])(1, x > 1)$$

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An LVALUE is a bit pattern representing a storage location containing an Rvalue. An Lvalue is the same size as an Rvalue and is a type in BCPL. There is one context where an Rvalue is interpreted as an Lvalue and that is as the operand of the monadic operator rv. For example, in the expression

rv f[i]

the expression f[i] is evaluated to yield an Rvalue which is then

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An lvalue is a bit pattern representing a storage location containing an rvalue. An lvalue is a type in B. The unary operator * can be used to interpret an rvalue as an lvalue. Thus

*x

evaluates the expression x to yield an rvalue, which is then

The C Reference Manual, Dennis Ritchie, Jan 1974 (aka C74)



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“Good artists copy. Great artists steal.”

Picasso?

```
good_research_labs(knowledge k);  
great_research_labs(knowledge && k);  
  
/* Bell Labs? */
```

BCPL

- Designed by Martin Richards, appeared in 1966, typeless (everything is a word)
- Influenced by Fortran and Algol
- Intended for writing compilers for other languages
- Simplified version of CPL by "removing those features of the full language which make compilation difficult"

```
GET "LIBHDR"

GLOBAL $(
    COUNT: 200
    ALL: 201
$)

LET TRY(LD, ROW, RD) BE
    TEST ROW = ALL THEN
        COUNT := COUNT + 1
    ELSE $(
        LET POSS = ALL & ~(LD | ROW | RD)
        UNTIL POSS = 0 DO $(
            LET P = POSS & -POSS
            POSS := POSS - P
            TRY(LD + P << 1, ROW + P, RD + P >> 1)
        $)
    $)

LET START() = VALOF $(
    ALL := 1
    FOR I = 1 TO 12 DO $(
        COUNT := 0
        TRY(0, 0, 0)
        WRITEF("%I2-QUEENS PROBLEM HAS %I5 SOLUTIONS*N", I, COUNT)
        ALL := 2 * ALL + 1
    $)
    RESULTIS 0
$)
```

PDP-7

(18-bit computer, introduced 1965)



THIS IS A SAMPLE PROGRAM

```
GO,      LAS
          SPA!CMA
          JMP GO
          DAC #CNTSET
          LAC (1
          DAC #BIT
          CLL

LOOP,    LAC CNTSET
          DAC CNT
          LAC BIT
          ISZ #CNT
          JMP .-1
          RAL
          DAC BIT
          LAS
          SMA
          JMP LOOP
          JMP GO
```

START GO

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    while(i<n)
        v[i++] = 1;
    while(col<2*n) {
        a = n+1 ;
        c = i = 0;
        while (i<n) {
            c =+ v[i] *10;
            v[i++] = c%a;
            c =/ a--;
        }

        putchar(c+'0');
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PDP-11

- 16-bit computer
- introduced 1970
- orthogonal instruction set
- byte-oriented

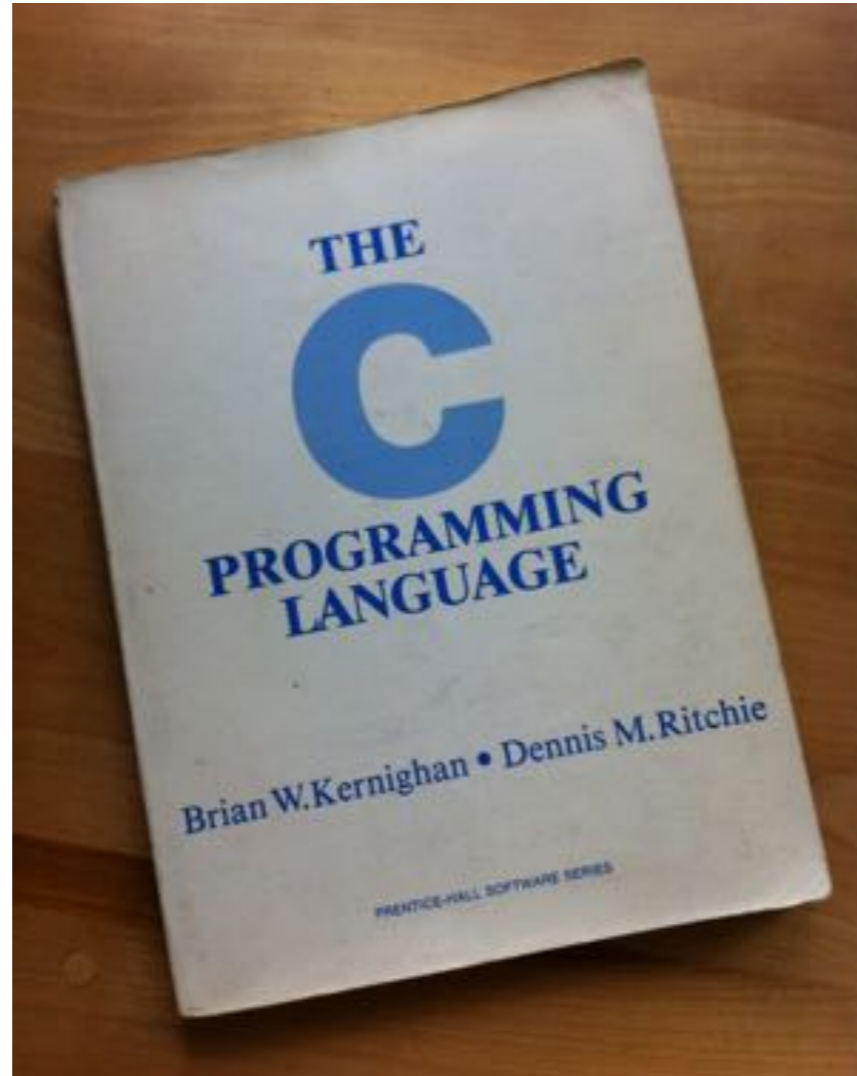


Early C

- Designed by Dennis Ritchie and Ken Thompson
- Developed during 1969-1972 in parallel with Unix
- Developed because of the PDP-11, a 16-bit, byte-oriented machine
- C introduced more types: integer types, characters and floating point types
- A key design principle was to make C amenable to translation by simple compilers
- Storage limitations often demanded a one-pass technique in which output was generated as soon as possible.
- While C had been ported to other architectures, until about 1977 Unix itself had only been running on DEC architectures.
- The PCC (Portable C Compiler, Stephen C. Johnson) was an important reference implementation
- It was not until 1977-1979 that the portability of Unix was demonstrated
- very productive time 1977-1979 for C as Unix was ported to new platforms

K&R C

The seminal book "The C Programming Language" (1978) acted for a long time as the only formal definition of the language.



```
/* C78 example, K&R C */

mystrcpy(s,t)
char *s;
char *t;
{
    int i;

    for (i = 0; (*s++ = *t++) != '\0'; i++)
        ;
    return(i);
}

main()
{
    char str1[10];
    char str2[] = "Hello, C78!";
    int len = mystrcpy(str1, str2);
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        putchar(str1[i]);
    exit(0);
}
```

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Standardization of C

- Dennis Ritchie not involved(except for the “noalias must go” article)
- Committee met four times a year, from 83 til publication
- All meetings in the US (due to political issues between ANSI and ISO)
- The committee avoided inventing features
- All features had to be demonstrated by one or more existing compilers
- Hot topic: value preserving vs unsigned preserving (value preserving won)
- The idea of text files vs binary files (due to Microsofts CR/NL vs Unix NL)
- The standard was delayed about 2 years due to a US protest

ANSI C / C89 / C90

ANSI published in 1989. ISO adopted in 1990 (but changed the chapter numbers).
Soon after it was all ISO/IEC

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

This Standard specifies the form and establishes the interpretation of programs written in the C programming language./1/

1.2 SCOPE

This Standard specifies:

- * the representation of C programs;
- * the syntax and constraints of the C language;
- * the semantic rules for interpreting C programs;
- * the representation of input data to be processed by C programs;
- * the representation of output data produced by C programs;
- * the restrictions and limits imposed by a conforming implementation of C.

This Standard does not specify:

- * the mechanism by which C programs are transformed for use by a data-processing system;
- * the mechanism by which C programs are invoked for use by a data-processing system;
- * the mechanism by which input data are transformed for use by a C program;
- * the mechanism by which output data are transformed after being produced by a C program;
- * the size or complexity of a program and its data that will exceed the capacity of any specific data-processing system or the capacity of a particular processor;
- * all minimal requirements of a data-processing system that is capable of supporting a conforming implementation.

```
/* C89 example, ANSI C */
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int mystrcpy(char *s, const char *t)
```

```
{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    for (i = 0; (*s++ = *t++) != '\0'; i++)
```

```
        ;
```

```
    return i;
```

```
}
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    char str1[10];
```

```
    char str2[] = "Hello, C89!";
```

```
    size_t len = mystrcpy(str1, str2);
```

```
    size_t i;
```

```
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
```

```
        putchar(str1[i]);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```


ISO/IEC 9899/AMD1:1995, aka “C95”

- Add more extensive support for international character sets (mostly done by Japan)
- Corrected some details

C99

C99 added a lot of stuff to C89, perhaps too much. Especially a lot of features for scientific computing was added, but also a few things that made life easier for programmers.



```
// C99 example, ISO/IEC 9899:1999

#include <stdio.h>

size_t mystrcpy(char *restrict s, const char *restrict t)
{
    size_t i;

    for (i = 0; (*s++ = *t++) != '\0'; i++)
        ;
    return i;
}

int main(void)
{
    char str1[10];
    char str2[] = "Hello, C99!";
    size_t len = mystrcpy(str1, str2);
    for (size_t i = 0; i < len; i++)
        putchar(str1[i]);
}
```

C11

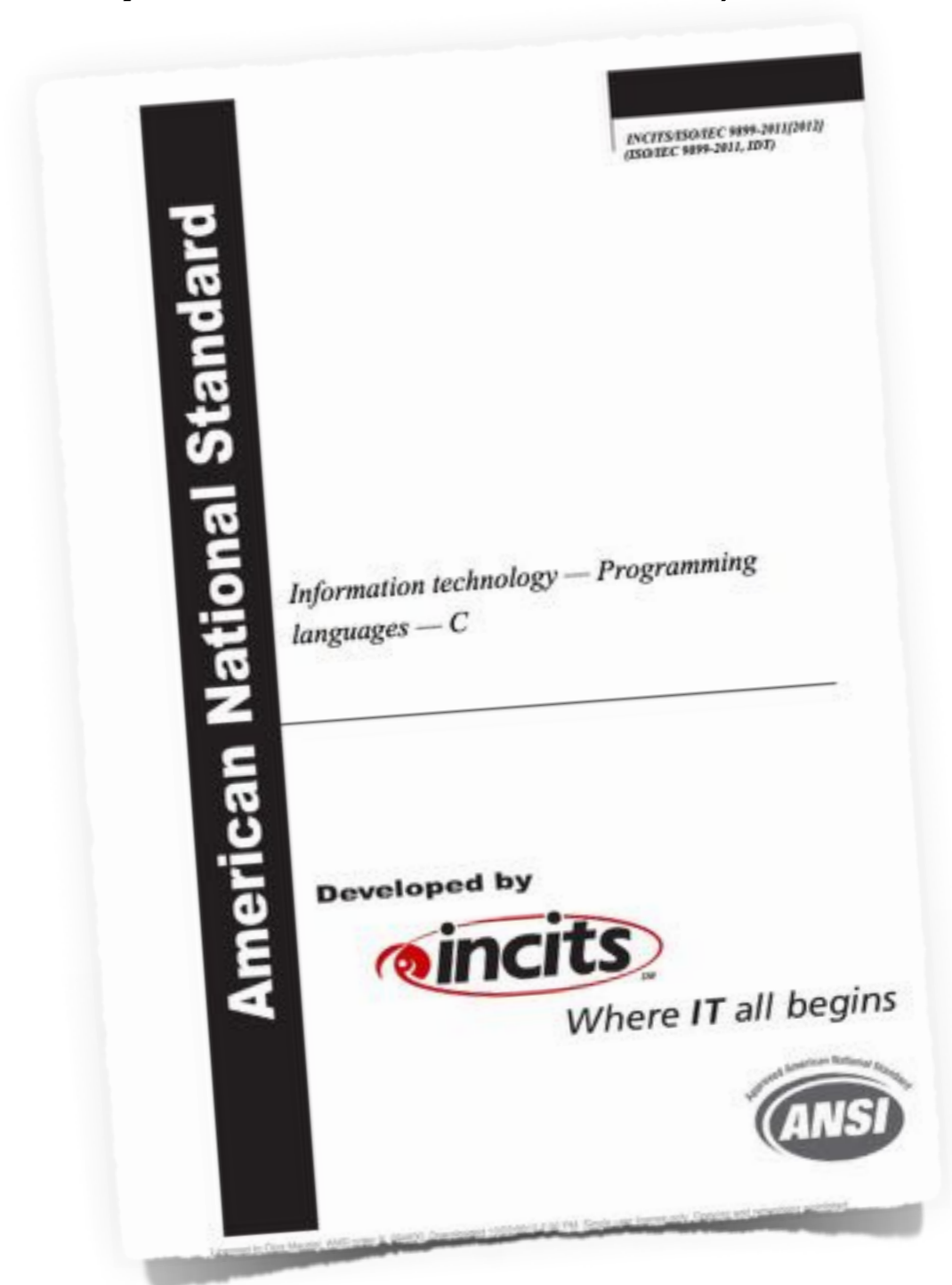
The main focus:

- security, eg Annex K (the bounds checking library, contributed by Microsoft)
- support for multicore systems (threads from WG14, memory model from WG21)

The most interesting features:

- Type-generic expressions using the `_Generic` keyword.
- Multi-threading support
- Improved Unicode support
- Removal of the `gets()` function
- Bounds-checking interfaces
- Anonymous structures and unions
- Static assertions
- Misc library improvements

Made a few C99 features optional.



WGI4 meeting at Lysaker, April 2015



Next version of C - C2x?

- Currently working on defect reports
- There are some nasty/interesting differences between C11 and C++11
- IEEE 754 floating point standard updated in 2008
- CPLEX - C parallel language extensions (started after C11)

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        putchar(str1[i]);
    exit(0);
}
```

C89/C90

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/* C89 example, ANSI C */

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int mystrcpy(char *s, const char *t)
{
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        ;
    return i;
}

int main(void)
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    char str1[10];
    char str2[] = "Hello, C89!";
    size_t len = mystrcpy(str1, str2);
    size_t i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
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}
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}
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Evolution of Keywords in C (1972-2011)

B (1972)

auto
extrn

goto
return

if
else
while
switch
case

from B to C (1972-1974)

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int

char

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default

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for

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float

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return

break

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from B to C (1972-1974)

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from Early C to K&R C (1974-1978)

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The entry keyword came from PL/I and allowed multiple entry points into a function. The keyword was implemented by some compilers but was never standardized. (stackoverflow.com/questions/254395)

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<code>struct</code>	<code>volatile</code>		<code>case</code>	
<code>short</code>	<code>const</code>		<code>default</code>	
<code>long</code>	<code>restrict</code>		<code>do</code>	
<code>union</code>	<code>inline</code>		<code>for</code>	
<code>unsigned</code>				
<code>signed</code>				
<code>enum</code>				
<code>void</code>				

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The spirit of C

trust the programmer

- let them do what needs to be done
- the programmer is in charge not the compiler

keep the language small and simple

- small amount of code → small amount of assembler
- provide only one way to do an operation
- new inventions are not entertained

make it fast, even if its not portable

- target efficient code generation
- int preference, int promotion rules
- sequence points, maximum leeway to compiler

rich expression support

- lots of operators
- expressions combine into larger expressions





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The history of ©

At Bell Labs. Back In 1969. Ken Thompson wanted to play. He found a little used PDP-7. Ended up writing a nearly complete operating system from scratch. In pure assembler of course. In about 4 weeks! Dennis Ritchie soon joined the effort. While porting Unix to a PDP-11 they invented C, heavily inspired by Martin Richards' portable systems programming language BCPL. In 1972 Unix was rewritten in C, and later ported to many other machines aided by Steve Johnsons Portable C Compiler. C gained popularity outside the realm of PDP-11 and Unix. Initially the K&R was the definitive reference until the language was standardized by ANSI and ISO in 1989/1990 and thereafter updated in 1999 and 2011.

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C++

History and Spirit of C++

Olve Maudal



To get a deep understanding of C++, it is useful to know the history of this wonderful programming language. It is perhaps even more important to appreciate the driving forces, motivation and the spirit that has shaped this languages into what we have today.

We assume you know the history and spirit of C. We will now include Simula, Algol 68, Ada, ML, Clu into the equation. We will discuss the motivation for creating C++, and with live coding we will demonstrate by example how it has evolved from the rather primitive “C with Classes” into a supermodern and capable programming language as we now have with C++11/14 and soon with C++17.

A lightning talk at ACCU 2015, April 23, Bristol, UK



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*The history of C++
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Before C++

with approximately the words of Bjarne Stroustrup himself as copied from
"The Design and Evolution of C++", Bjarne Stroustrup, 1994

I was working on my PhD thesis

Bjarne



in the Computing Laboratory at

in the Computing Laboratory at University of Cambridge.



I was working on a simulator to study alternatives for the organization of system software for distributed systems.

The initial version of this simulator was written in Simula

```
Begin
  Class Glyph;
    Virtual: Procedure print Is Procedure print;
  Begin
  End;

  Glyph Class Char (c);
    Character c;
  Begin
    Procedure print;
      OutChar(c);
  End;

  Glyph Class Line (elements);
    Ref (Glyph) Array elements;
  Begin
    Procedure print;
      Begin
        Integer i;
        For i:= 1 Step 1 Until UpperBound (elements, 1) Do
          elements (i).print;
        OutImage;
      End;
  End;

  Ref (Glyph) rg;
  Ref (Glyph) Array rgs (1 : 4);

  / Main program;
  rgs (1):- New Char ('A');
  rgs (2):- New Char ('b');
  rgs (3):- New Char ('b');
  rgs (4):- New Char ('a');
  rg:- New Line (rgs);
  rg.print;
End;
```

and ran on the IBM 360/165 mainframe.



System/370 model 165

The concepts of Simula and object orientation became increasingly helpful as the size of the program increased. Unfortunately, the implementation of Simula did not scale the same way.



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Upon leaving Cambridge, I swore never again to attack a problem with tools as unsuitable as those I had suffered while designing and implementing the simulator.

A good tool should:

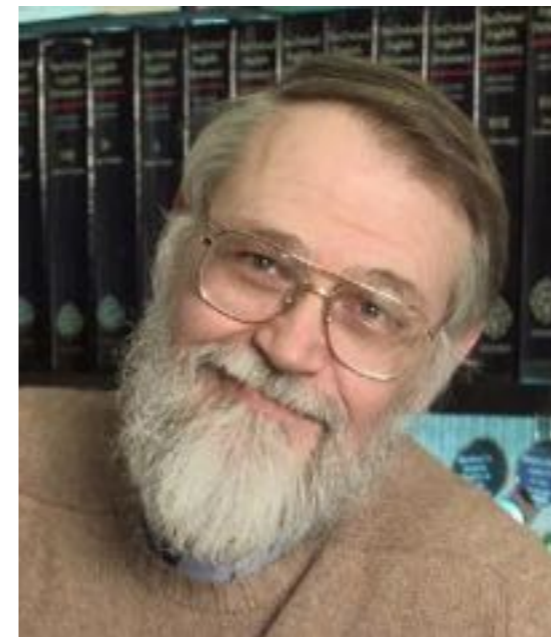
- have support for program organization, eg classes, concurrency, strong type checking
- produce programs that run as fast as the BCPL programs
- support separately compiled units into a program
- allow for highly portable implementations

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Where I learned C properly from people like Stu Feldman, Steve Johnson, Brian Kernighan, and Dennis Ritchie.



Developing the initial version of C++ (pre-1985)

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Development of C++ (post-1985)

ML (Robin Milner, 1973) influenced exceptions

```
fun factorial n = let  
  fun fac (0, acc) = acc  
    | fac (n, acc) = fac (n - 1, n * acc)  
in  
  if (n < 0) then raise Fail "negative argument"  
  else fac (n, 1)  
end
```

CLU (Barbara Liskov, 1974) also influenced exception

```
sum_stream = proc (s: stream) returns (int) signals (overflow,  
                                             unrepresentable_integer(string),  
                                             bad_format(string))  
  
  sum: int := 0  
  num: string  
  while true do  
    % skip over spaces between values; sum is valid, num is meaningless  
    c: char := stream$getc(s)  
    while c = ' ' do  
      c := stream$getc(s)  
    end  
    % read a value; num accumulates new number, sum becomes previous sum  
    num := ""  
    while c ~= ' ' do  
      num := string$append(num, c)  
      c := stream$getc(s)  
    end  
    except when end_of_file: end  
    % restore sum to validity  
    sum := sum + s2i(num)  
  end  
except when end_of_file: return(sum)  
  when unrepresentable_integer: signal unrepresentable_integer(num)  
  when bad_format, invalid_character (*): signal bad_format(num)  
  when overflow: signal overflow  
end  
end sum_stream
```


Ada (Jean Ichbiah++, 1980) influenced templates, namespaces and exceptions

```
with Ada.Text_IO;
package body Example is

    i : Number := Number'First;

    procedure Print_and_Increment (j: in out Number) is

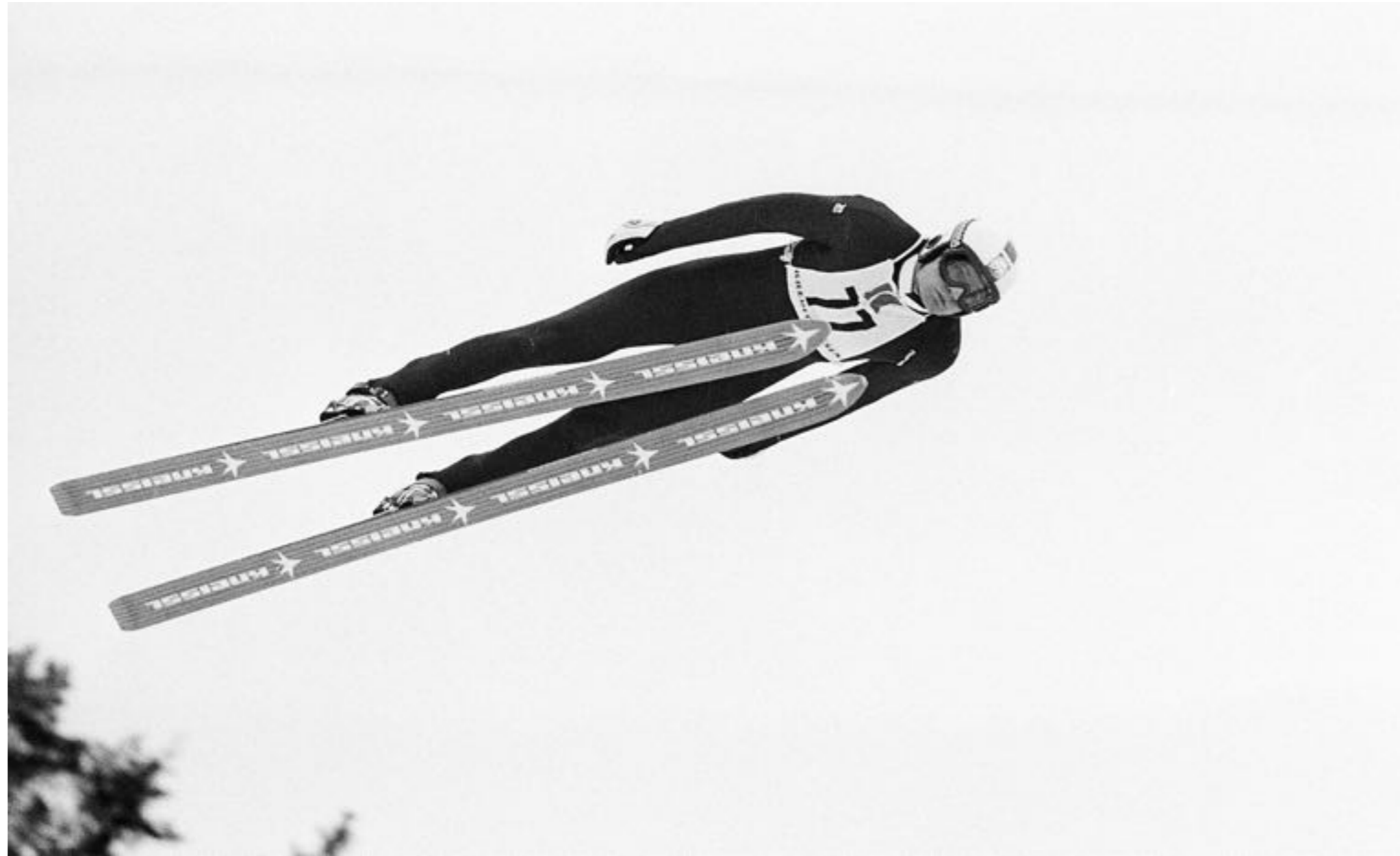
        function Next (k: in Number) return Number is
        begin
            return k + 1;
        end Next;

    begin
        Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ( "The total is: " & Number'Image(j) );
        j := Next (j);
    end Print_and_Increment;

    -- package initialization executed when the package is elaborated
begin
    while i < Number'Last loop
        Print_and_Increment (i);
    end loop;
end Example;
```

80's

C with classes, C++/CFront, ARM



C++ was improved and became standardized

90's

X3J16, C++arm, WG21, C++98, STL



Ouch...Template Metaprogramming



C++03, TR1, Boost and other external libraries



While the language itself saw some minor improvements after C++98, Boost and other external libraries acted like laboratories for experimenting with potential new C++ features. Resulting in...

C++11/C++14



With the latest version C++ feels like a new language

The future of C++?



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