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THE HISTORY OF COMPUTER

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Abstract: This article explores at the development of computing from its early beginnings to the major breakthroughs that have shaped today's technology. It covers key moments in the history of computing, such as the creation of the abacus, the Pascaline, and Charles Babbage's engines, as well as recent innovations in areas like AI and quantum computing. By examining the work of key figures and significant advancements, the article offers a detailed overview of how the field of computing has progressed and how it continues to influence the modern world.

INTRODUCTION

The history of computers goes back a long way, with early inventions laying the groundwork for today's technology. In ancient times, cultures like the Egyptians and Greeks created tools for counting, such as the abacus around 2400 BCE and the Antikythera mechanism around 100 BCE. These early devices were some of the first to perform simple calculations. In the 17th century, Blaise Pascal invented the Pascaline, a machine that could do basic math, which was a big step forward. However, it wasn't until the 19th century that Charles Babbage designed the Difference Engine and Analytical Engine, which were the first machines that could be programmed, setting the stage for modern computers.

Early Beginnings of Computing:

The history of computer is rich and multifaced. With roots its extending back to the ancient civilization. Early devices and concepts created the groundwork to advanced technologies that we use nowadays. The journey from simple mechanical devise to advanced electronic computers stretched centuries and

involved many pivotal moments. The ancient civilizations, including the Egyptians, Babylonians, and Greeks developed the counting and calculating tool. 1) the abacus(c.2400 BCE): one of the first calculating tools that was used for subtractions, additions, divisions and multiplications. Even it is still used in some parts of Asia and middle east. 2) The Antikythera Mechanism (c. 100 BCE) is another earliest example of mechanical devise that was used for speculating astronomical positions and eclipses. It is created in ancient Greek.

The renaissance and early modern development in this era the developments have become more sophisticated with mechanical calculators and people have developed device that could automate calculations. In 1642 Blaise Pascal have invented the Pascaline device this considered the mechanical calculator that could perfon addition and subtraction this device with the help of gears and wheel could illustrate numbers and perform operation.

The birth of modern computing by Charles Babbage. Charles abbage is a man who was considered father of music. He was the first person who created modern computing system and he created two computing system. 1) his first major creaton was difference engine he created it in 1822,it is create to avoid errors by humans and it could automatedly calculate and print mathematical tables. It made a significant step in the development of automatic computation despite the fact that he could not finish it because of his financial and technical problems. The second one is analytical engine it was created in 1837 which surpassed difference engine in advancement.

It was designed to be completely programmable and it could solve any mathematical calculations since it featured modern key elements: CPU – central processing unit, memory unit, punch card system and conditional branching.

THE birth of modern computing:

The innovations such as ENIAC, transistor and high level of programing marked the birth of modern computing and it created today's digital revolution. 1) the full name of ENIAC Is the eloctonic numerical integrator and computer it was made by John Presper Eckert and it was the first completely electronic digital computer it was so fast that it could calculate thousands of copulations per second. Invention of the transistor the transistor was invited on December 23 in, 1947 by Walter Brattain, John Bardeen and William Shockley this creation won the Nobel prize in physic for the breakthrough. The bell laborites in the USA which was the world's leading telephone companies recognized that transistors could be really beneficial for applications far removed from telecommunication. Another development is that high level programing launguages. Before that early computers were programed by using machine code which

was extremely difficult since there was a set of binary instructions. So three creations in development of high-level programming in the 1950 make it more accessible.. 1) Fortran which refers to formula transition that was created in 1957 and one of the first high-level programming languages and it was created by IBM in order to help scientists and engineers to write programs for both mathematical and scientific calculations. Also it helped programmers to use symbolic names for operations, making codes more easier to write and readable compared to raw machine. Second creation is that LISP developed in 1958 by John McCarthy, it refers to list processing was the first language programming language recursion and symbolic expression and it was specially designed for artificial intelligence. There is chance that. The Final invention was COBOL, which stands for Common Business-Oriented Language, emerged in 1959 to cater to the specific demands of business data processing. Its syntax is notably similar to English, making it much easier for individuals without a programming background to grasp. This was a significant factor in encouraging businesses to adopt computing technology.

Modern Advancements in Computing:

Modern advancements in computing, including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and cloud technologies, are transforming industries and redefining the limits of technology in unprecedented ways. To begin with the invention of AI. Artificial intelligence is another transformative technology that is driving modern advancements. Three people including Goodfellow, Bengio, and Courville often stated that AI can get done various tasks typically requiring human intelligence. For instance, ChatGPT has showcased the potential of AI has really proven itself in taking on complicated tasks and making precise predictions. You can especially see this in fields like healthcare and self-driving cars (Russell & Norvig, 2021). Furthermore, nowadays many companies such as IBM, Google, and Microsoft are creating quantum computers that can use quantum bits (qubits) because it solves complex problems faster than means they try to avoid classical computers. Moreover, Companies like Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud have changed how businesses work with data. Cloud computing helps companies save money and easily grow when they need to. I've learned that using these services makes it easier for teams to work together, even if they are far apart

CONCLUSION

Overall, this article gives information about the journey of computers from simple mechanical devices to the advanced ones that we use today. The inventions such as the abacus, Pascaline, and Babbage's machines helped to create modern calculation. Innovations like the transistor, ENIAC, and high-level programming languages made computers faster and more accessible. Advancement developments like

artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and cloud technology show that computing will continue to grow, impacting our lives in new and exciting ways

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