

User Experience Design I

History

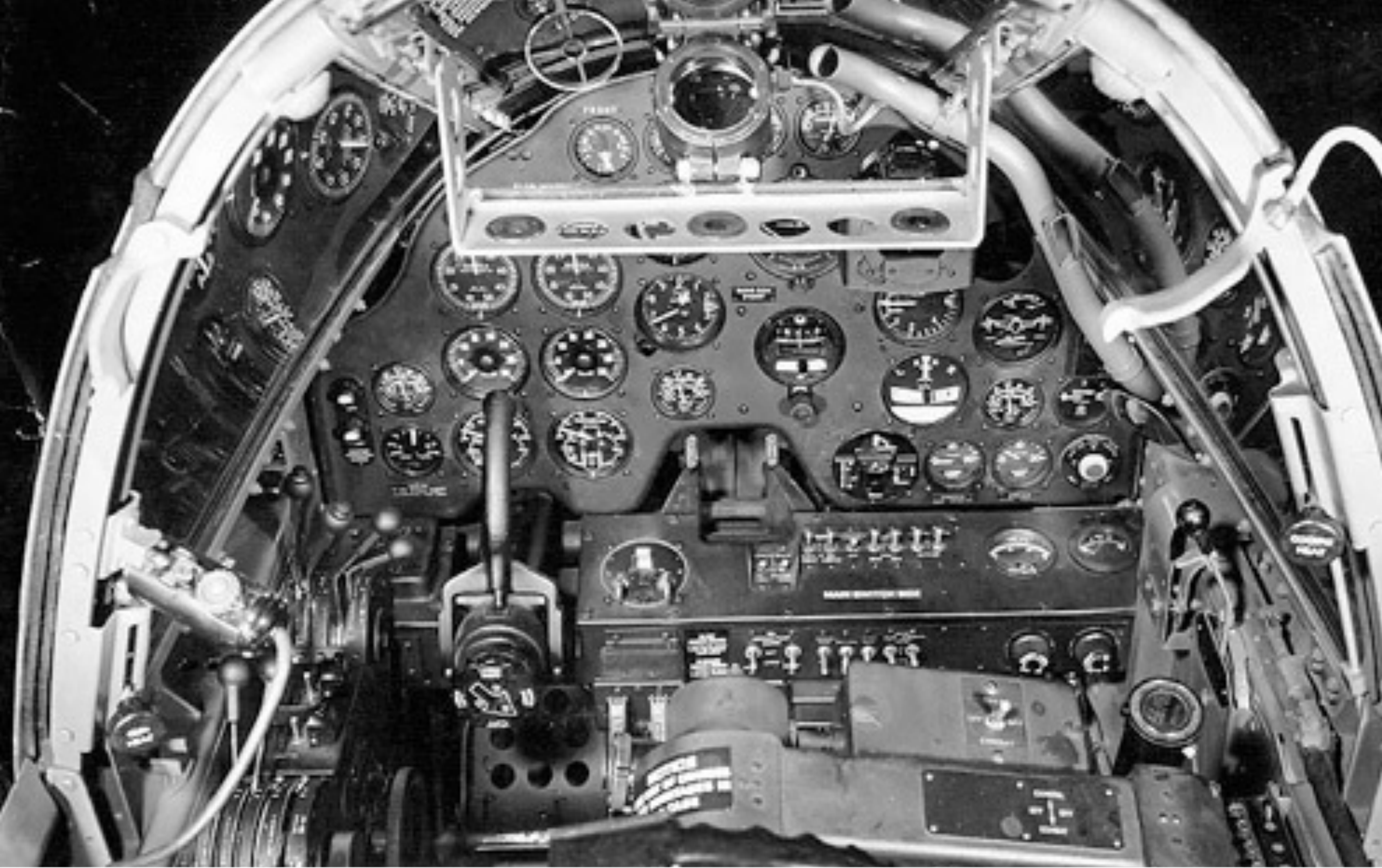
"Great design is as much about prospecting in the past as it is about inventing the future."

Bill Buxton

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The **Beginnings**...(let's jump back to 1943)



P 38 Lightning Cockpit (1943)

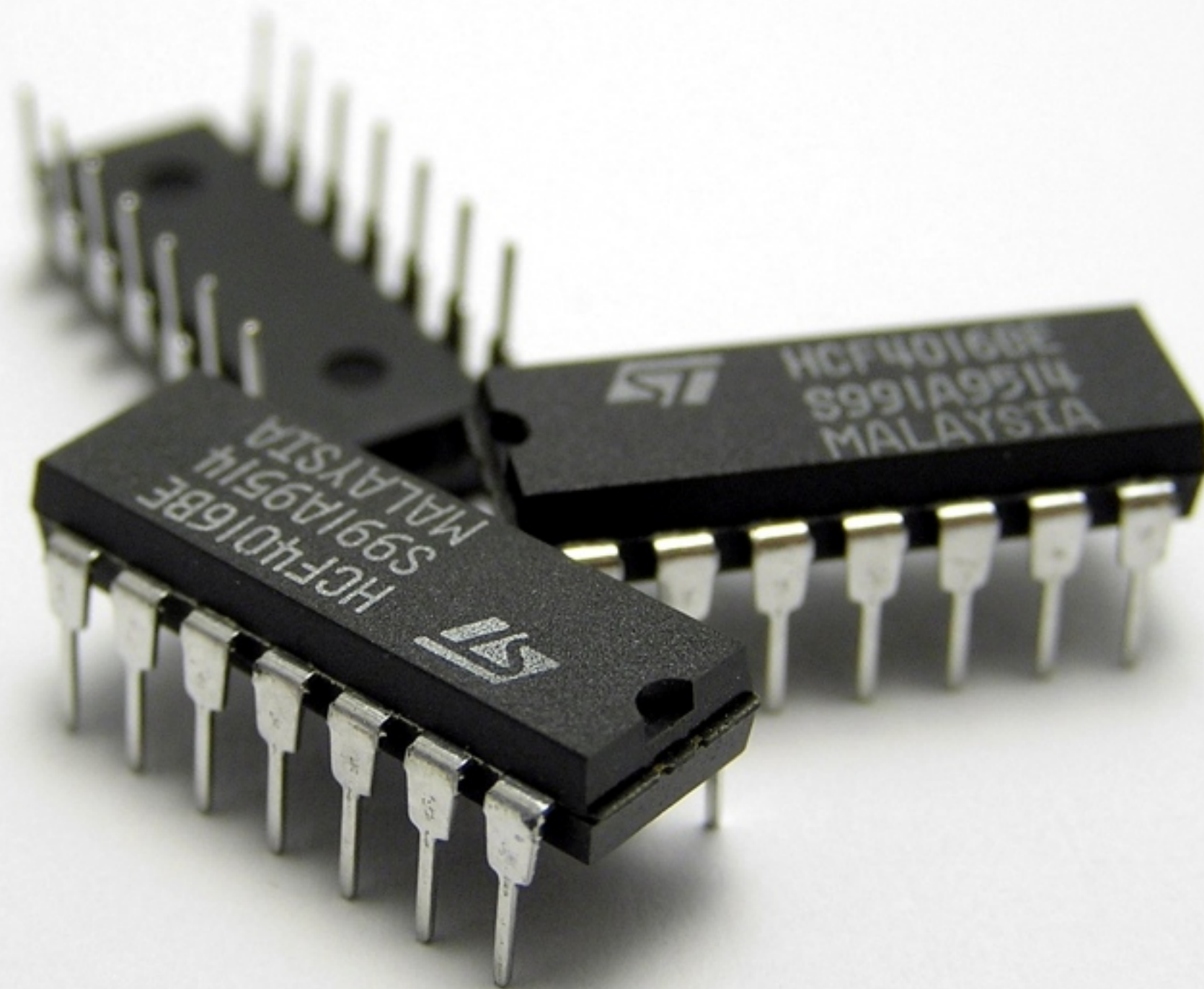


EDSAC computer (1949)

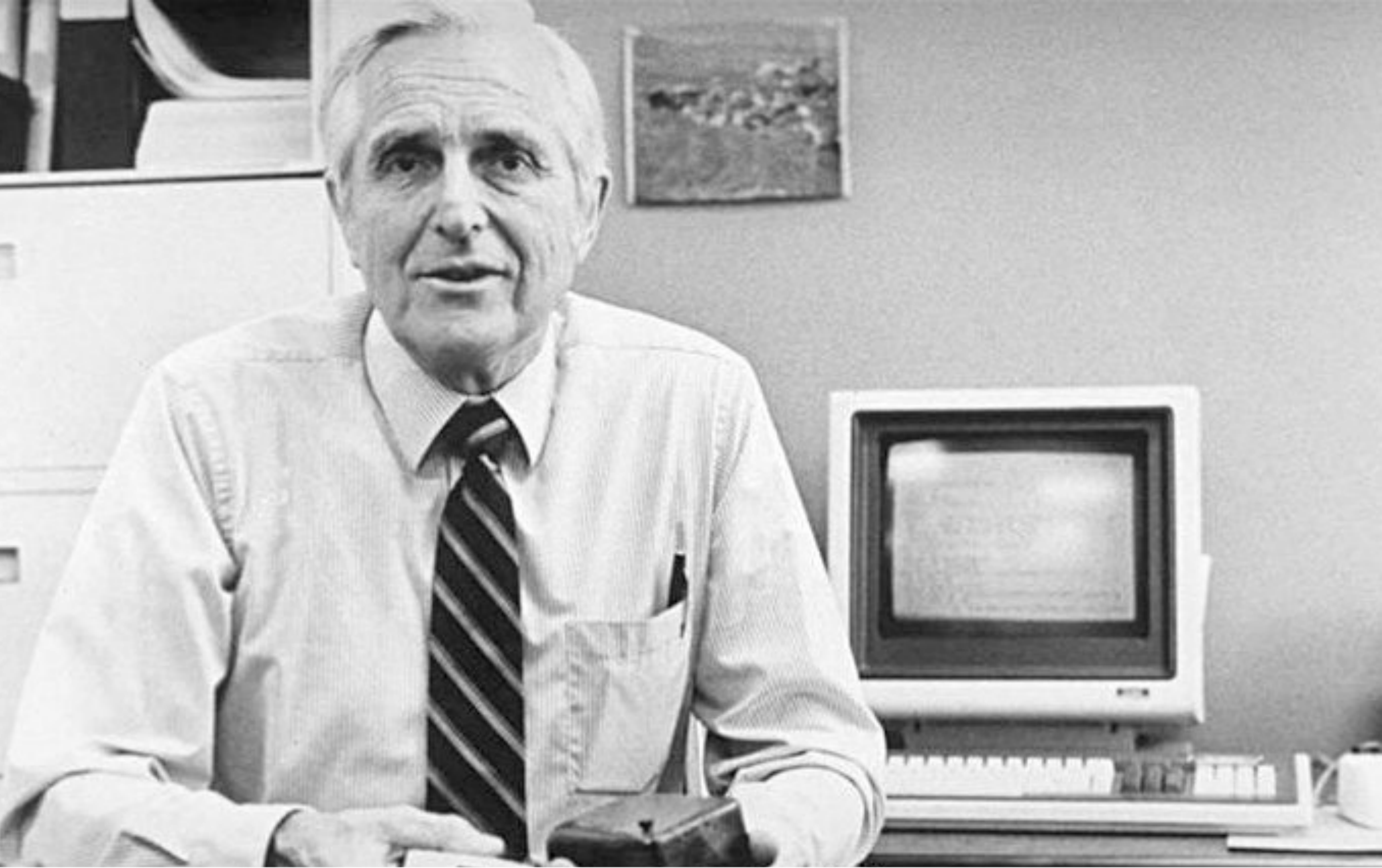
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"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

**Thomas Watson,
chairman of IBM, 1943**



Mid sized ICs



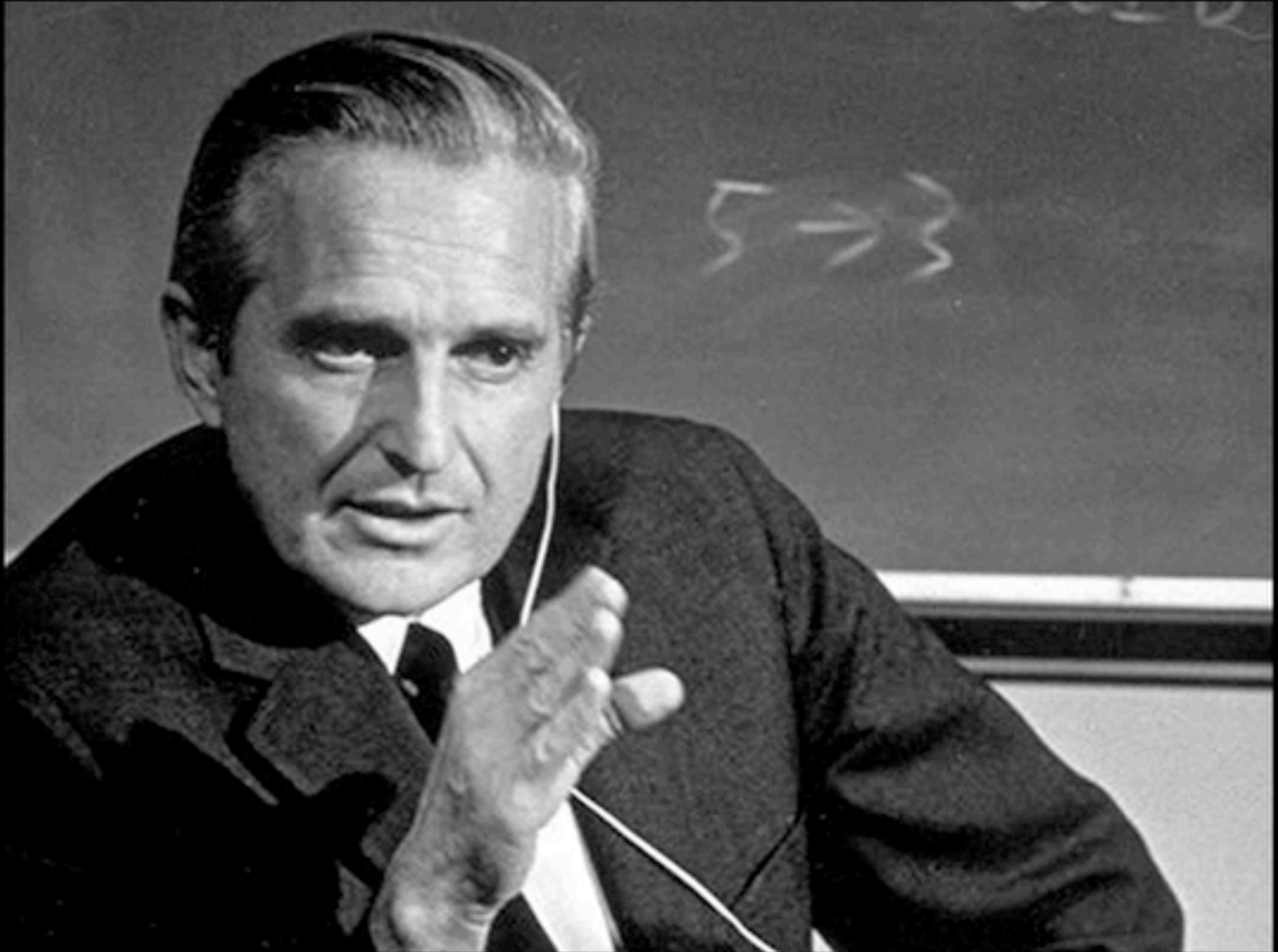
Douglas Engelbart

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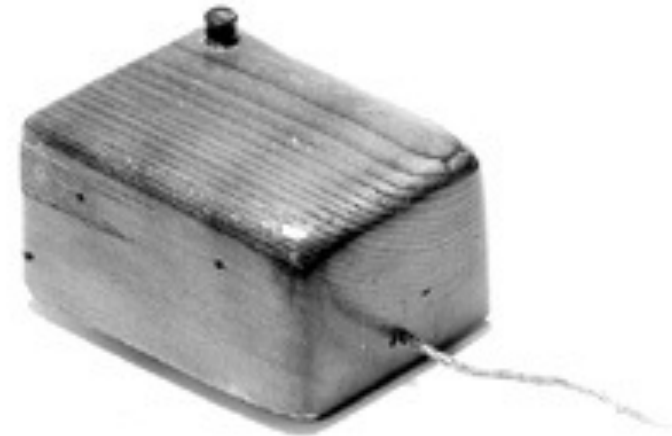
“When you were interacting considerably with the screen, you needed some sort of device to select objects on the screen, to tell the computer that you wanted to do something with them.”

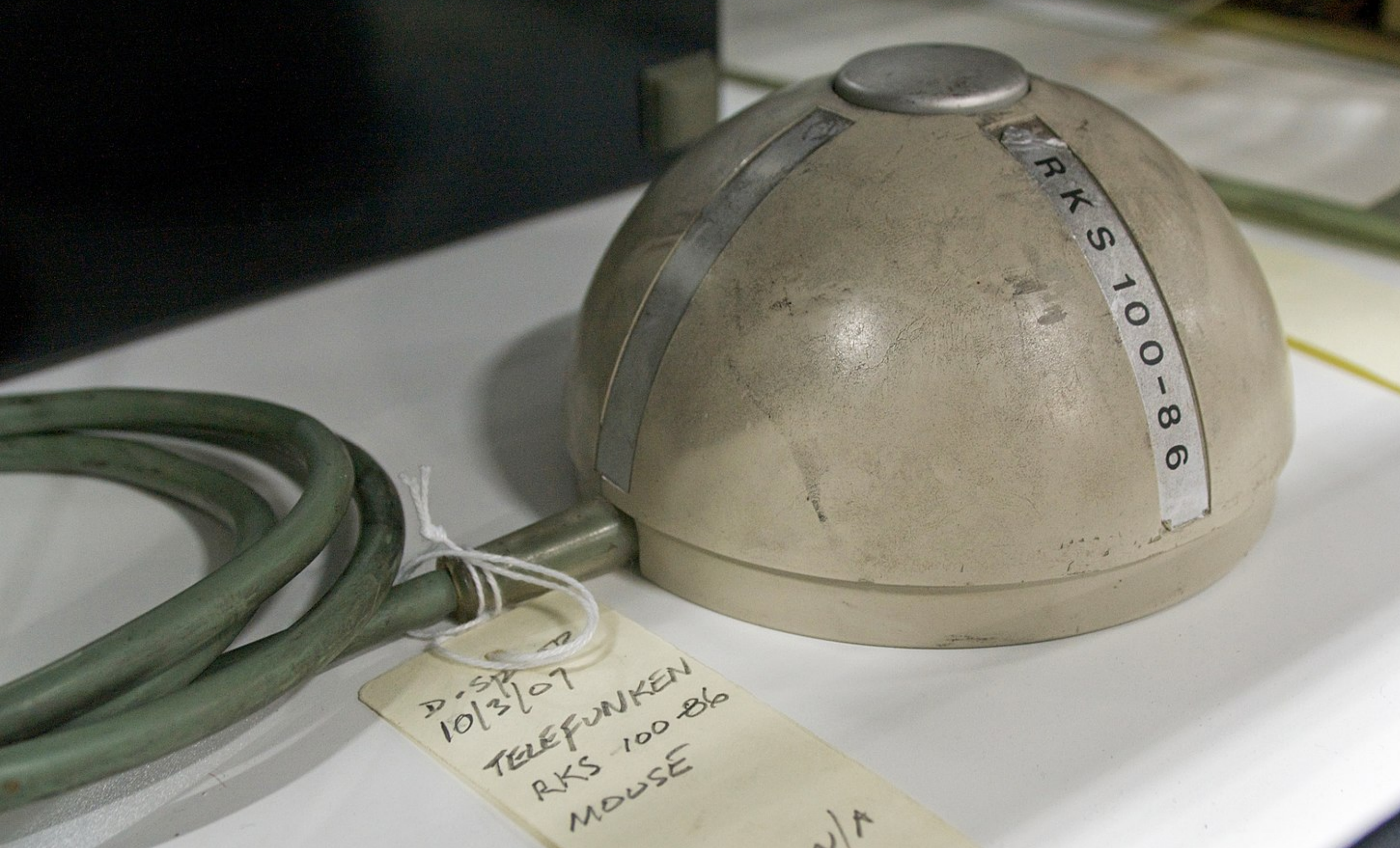
Douglas C. Engelbart, 2003, referring to 1964





Looking back... (Discussion)





Telefunken RKS-100

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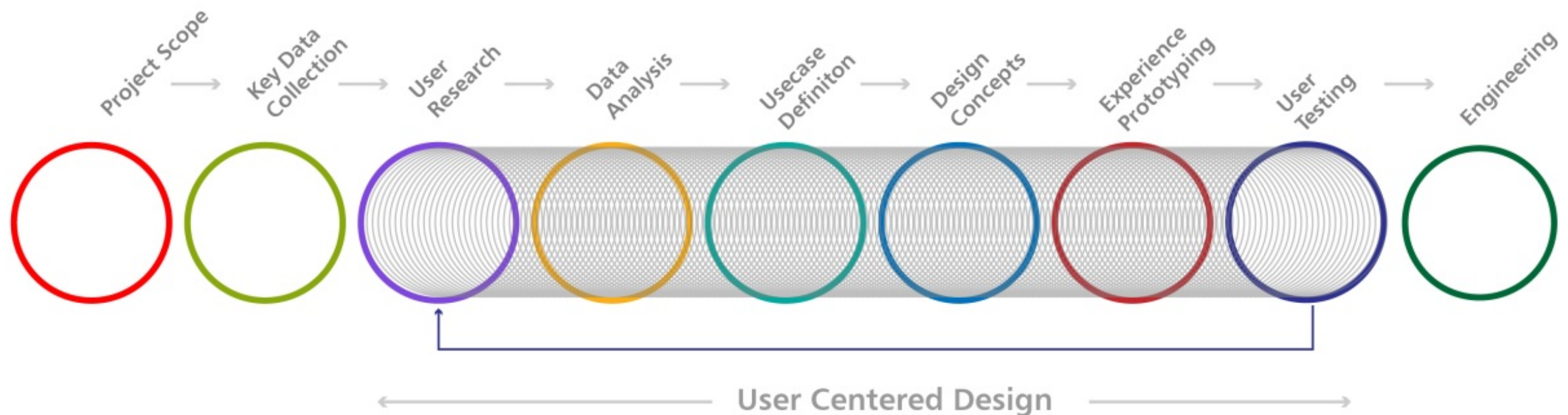
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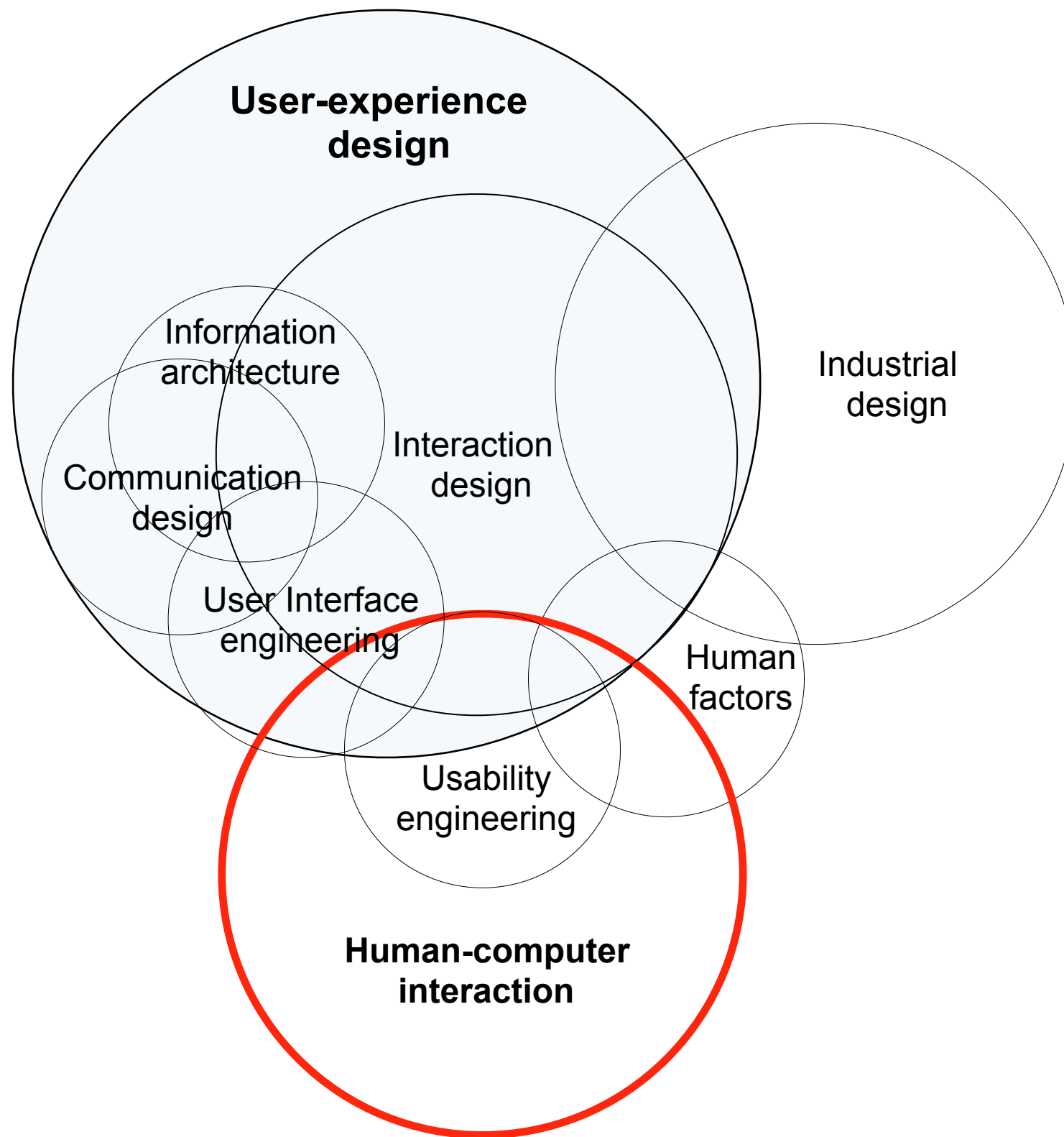
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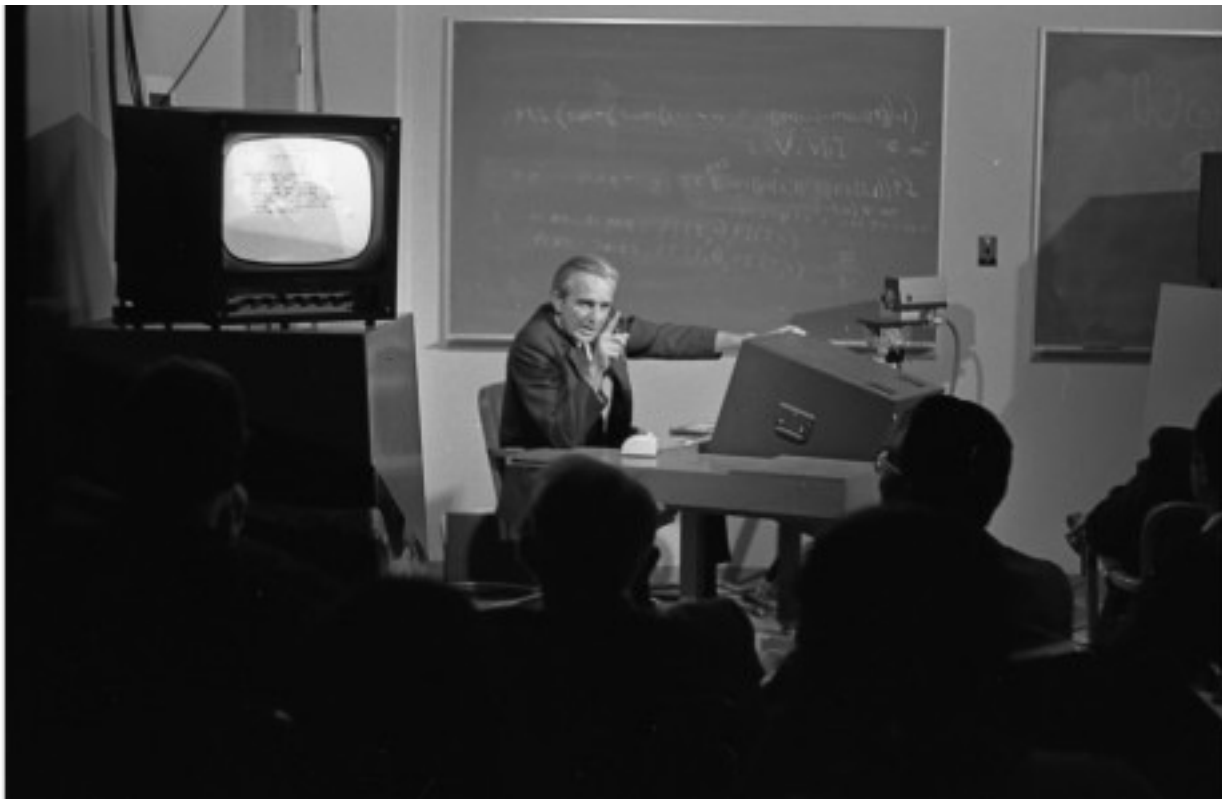
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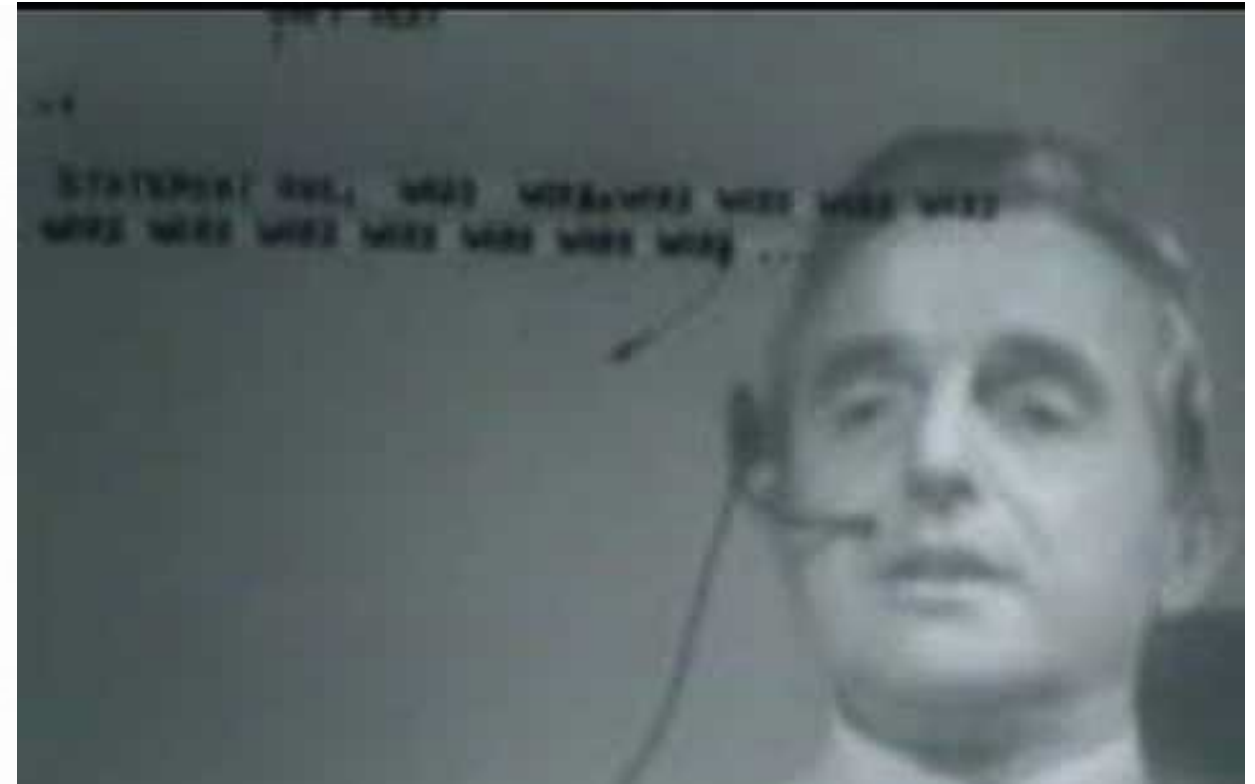


The Mother of all Demos

**Computer Society's Fall Joint Computer
Conference in San Francisco, which was
presented by Douglas Engelbart on
December 9, 1968**



<http://images.gizmag.com/inline/engelbart-arc-10.jpg>



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http://www.w2vr.com/timeline/15_Engelbart_demo1.jpg



http://www.mprove.de/diplom/_media/fig3.2_NLSWorkstation.jpg

Douglas C. Engelbart : **Augmenting human
intellect: A Conceptual Framework**
Stanford Research Institute (SRI), 1962.

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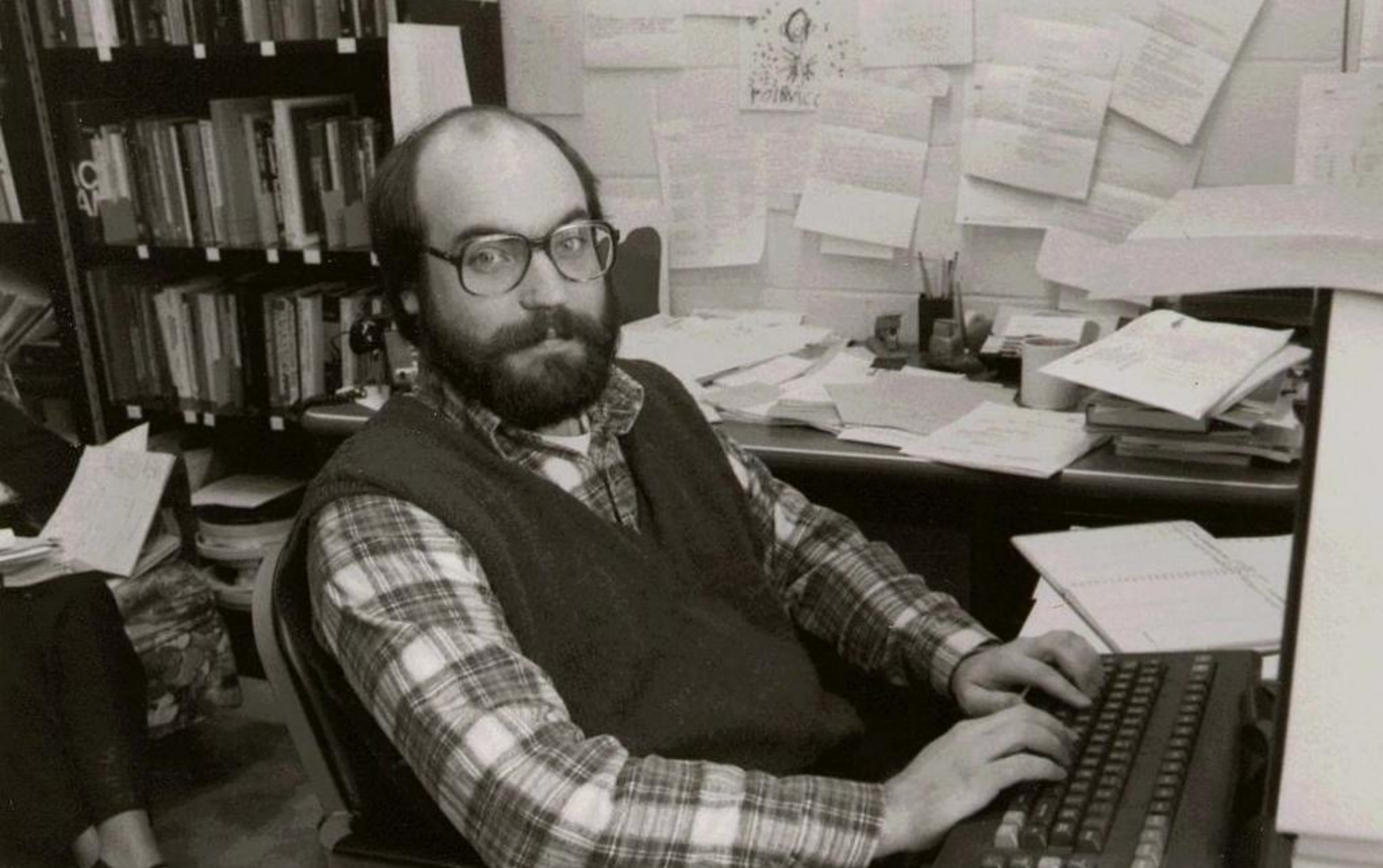
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Marc Weiser

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The Computer for the 21st Century

Specialized elements of hardware and software, connected by wires, radio waves and infrared, will be so ubiquitous that no one will notice their presence

by Mark Weiser

The most profound technologies are those that disappear. They weave themselves into the fabric of everyday life until they are indistinguishable from it.

Consider writing, perhaps the first information technology. The ability to represent spoken language symbolically for long-term storage freed information from the limits of individual memory. Today this technology is ubiquitous in industrialized countries. Not only do books, magazines and newspapers convey written information, but so do street signs, billboards, shop signs and even graffiti. Candy wrappers are covered in writing. The constant background presence of these products of "literacy technology" does not require active attention, but the information to be transmitted is ready for use at a glance. It is difficult to imagine modern life otherwise.

Silicon-based information technology, in contrast, is far from having become part of the environment. More than 50 million personal computers have been sold, and the computer nonetheless remains largely in a world of its own. It

is approachable only through complex jargon that has nothing to do with the tasks for which people use computers. The state of the art is perhaps analogous to the period when scribes had to know as much about making ink or baking clay as they did about writing.

The arcane aura that surrounds personal computers is not just a "user interface" problem. My colleagues and I at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center think that the idea of a "personal" computer itself is misplaced and that the vision of laptop machines, dynabooks and "knowledge navigators" is only a transitional step toward achieving the real potential of information technology. Such machines cannot truly make computing an integral, invisible part of people's lives. We are therefore trying to conceive a new way of thinking about computers, one that takes into account the human world and allows the computers themselves to vanish into the background.

Such a disappearance is a fundamental consequence not of technology but of human psychology. Whenever people learn something sufficiently well, they cease to be aware of it. When you look at a street sign, for example, you absorb its information without consciously performing the act of reading. Computer scientist, economist and Nobelist Herbert A. Simon calls this phenomenon "compiling"; philosopher Michael Polanyi calls it the "tacit dimension"; psychologist J. J. Gibson calls it "visual invariants"; philosophers Hans Georg Gadamer and Martin Heidegger call it the "horizon" and the "ready-to-hand"; John Seely Brown of PARC calls it the "periphery." All say, in essence, that only when things disappear in this way are we freed to use them without thinking and so to focus beyond them on new goals.

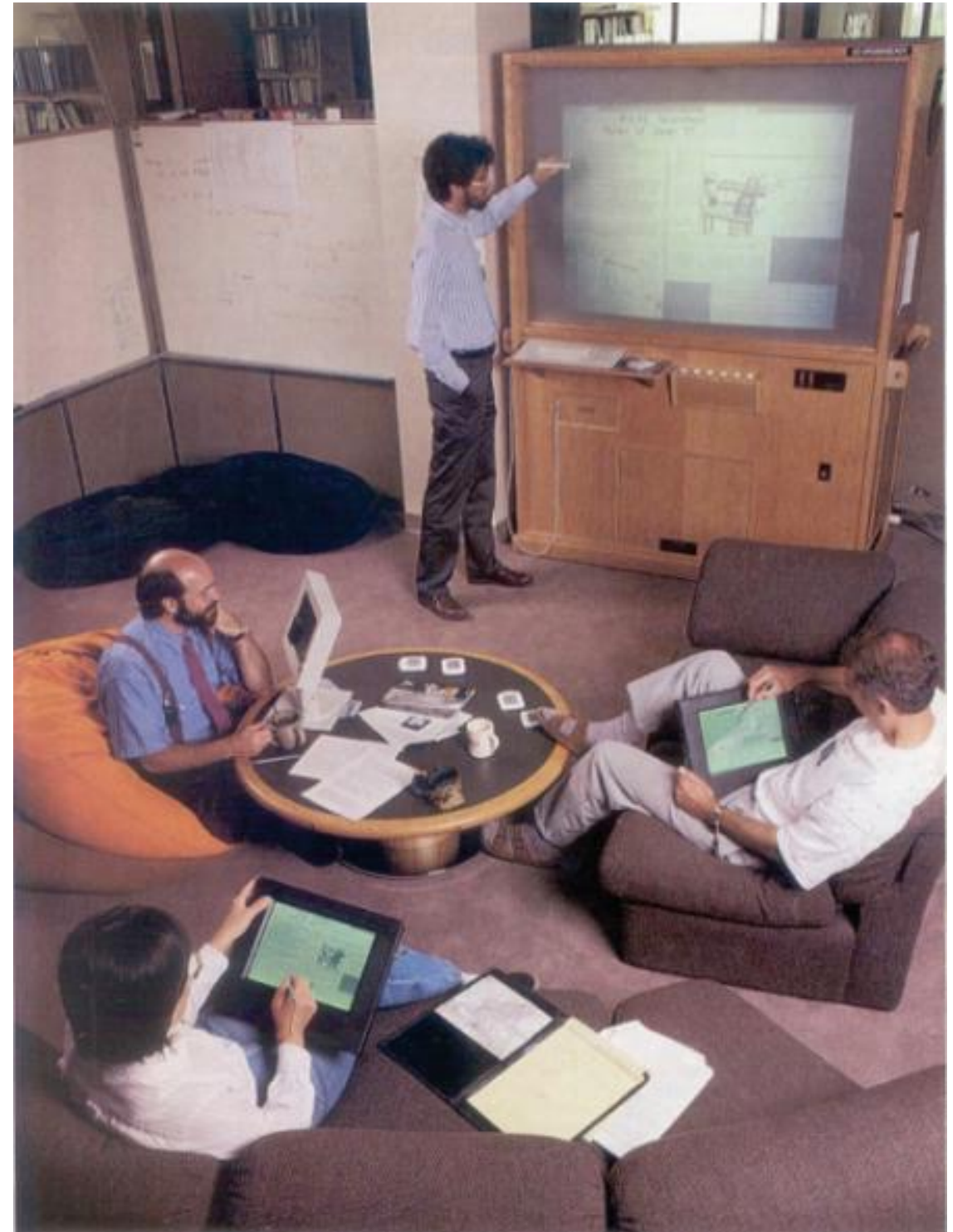
The idea of integrating computers seamlessly into the world at large runs counter to a number of present-day trends. "Ubiquitous computing" in this context does not mean just computers that can be carried to the beach, jungle or airport. Even the most powerful notebook computer, with access to a worldwide information network, still focuses attention on a single box. By analogy with writing, carrying a superlaptop is like owning just one very important book. Customizing this book, even writing millions of other books, does not begin to capture the real power of literacy.

Furthermore, although ubiquitous computers may use sound and video in addition to text and graphics, that does not make them "multimedia computers." Today's multimedia machine makes the computer screen into a demanding focus of attention rather than allowing it to fade into the background.

Perhaps most diametrically opposed to our vision is the notion of virtual reality, which attempts to make a world inside the computer. Users don special goggles that project an artificial scene onto their eyes; they wear gloves or even bodysuits that sense their motions and gestures so that they can move about and manipulate virtual objects. Although it may have its purpose in allowing people to explore realms otherwise inaccessible—the insides of cells, the surfaces of distant planets, the information web of data bases—virtual reality is only a map, not a territory. It excludes desks, offices, other people not wearing goggles and bodysuits, weather, trees, walks, chance encounters and, in general, the infinite richness of the universe. Virtual reality focuses an enormous apparatus on simulating the world rather than on invisibly enhancing the world that already exists. Indeed, the opposition between the

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<https://www.ics.uci.edu/~corps/phaseii/Weiser-Computer21stCentury-SciAm.pdf>

The Computer for the 21st Century, 1991

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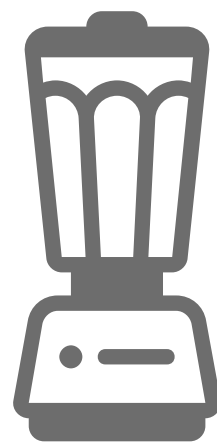
- joined Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) in 1974
- aimed at perfecting scientific methods to integrate with creative design
- developed a process to predict the behaviour of a proposed design, using task analysis, approximation, and calculation
- proposed a partnership between designers and scientists, by providing a science that supports design.





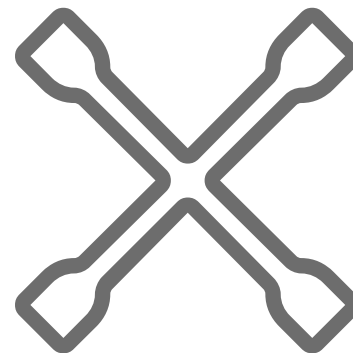
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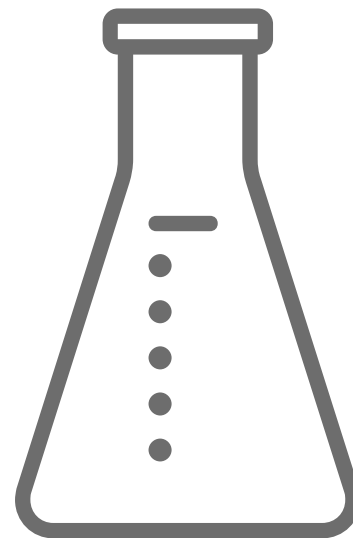
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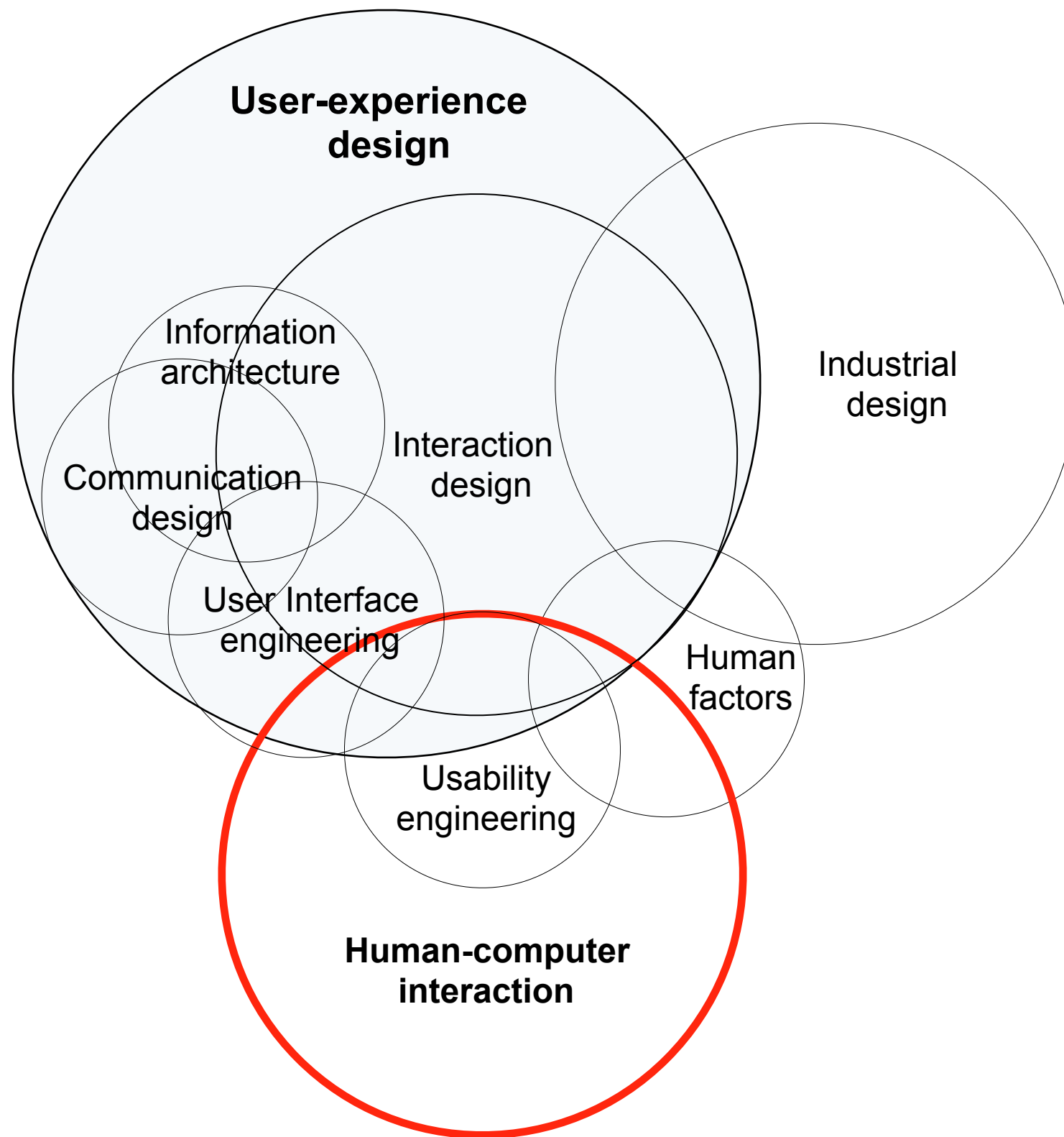
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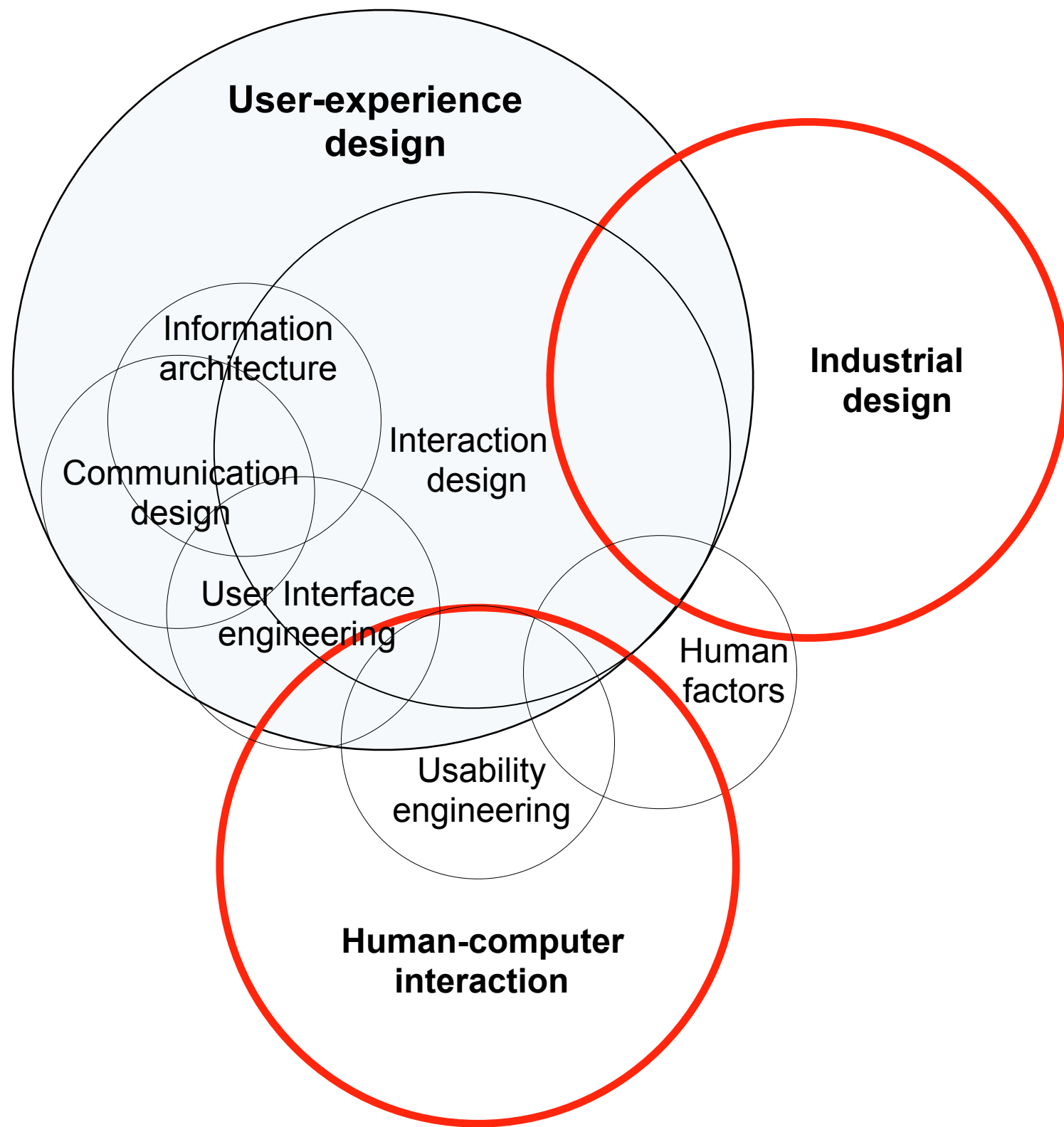


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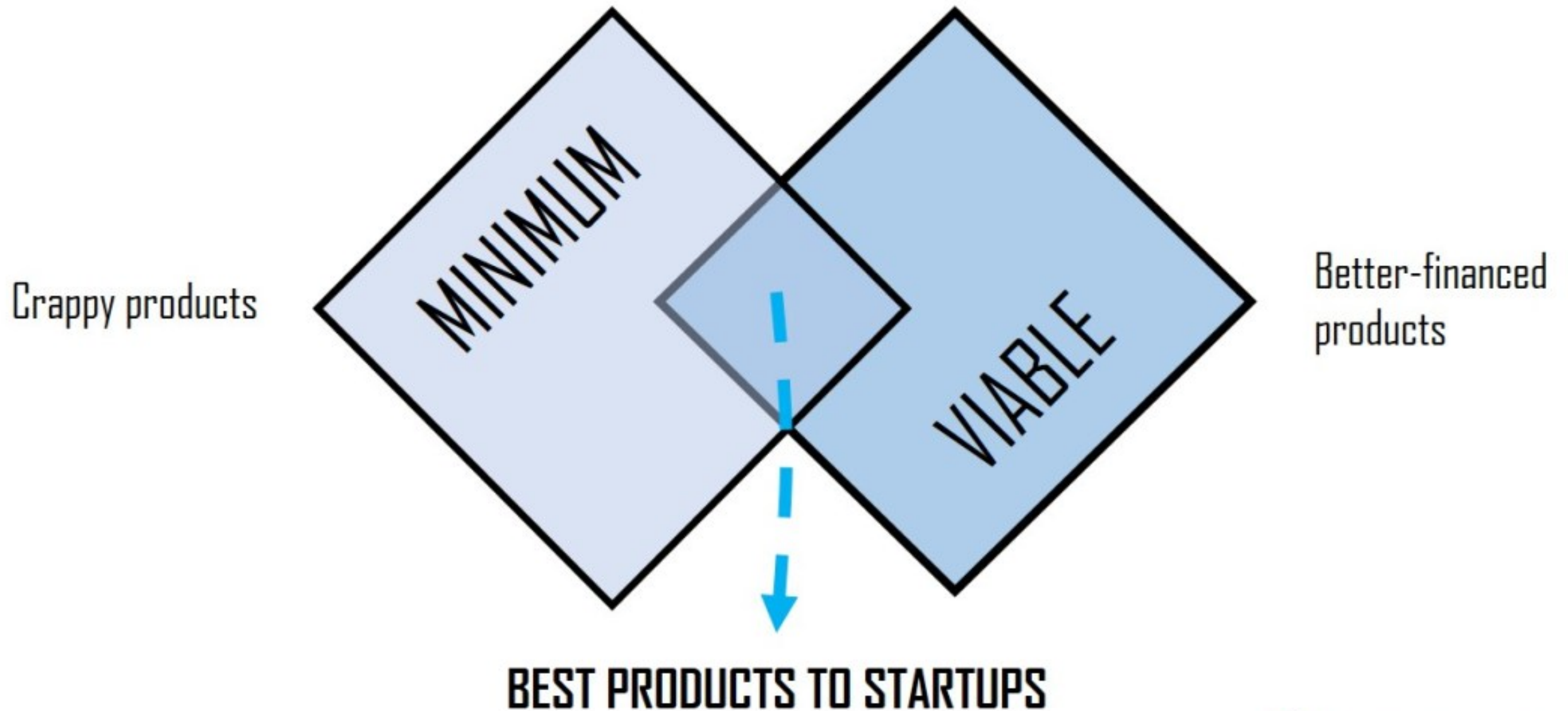
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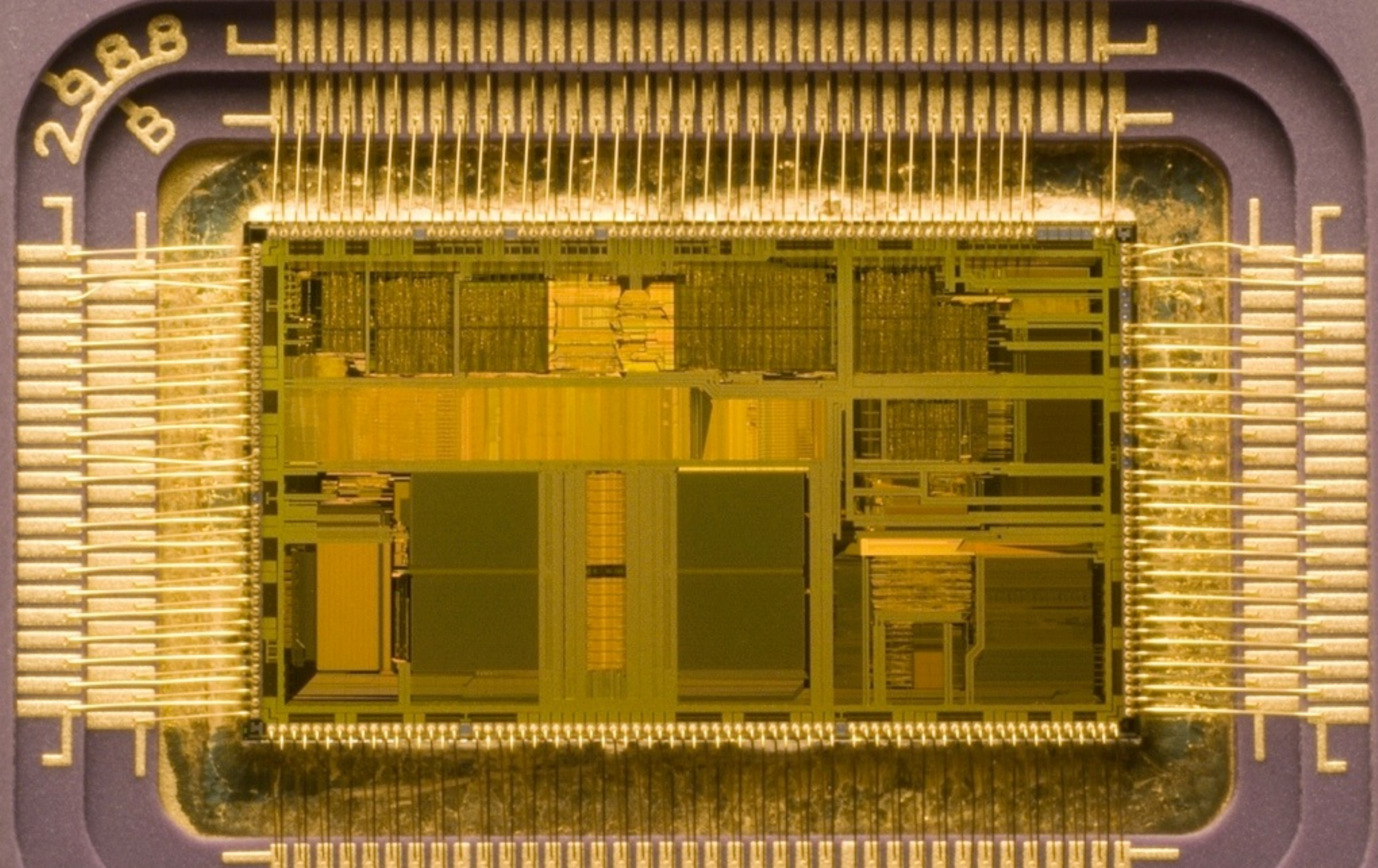






MINIMUM VIABLE PRODUCT





Microprocessor early 1970s

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Tim Mott

- collaborated remotely with Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) and Larry Tesler
- worked on a new publishing system that included a “desktop metaphor”
- invented a “user centred design process” with Larry Tesler
- later co founded Electronic Arts (EA)



Indent for paragraph

The injured were taken to MeritCare Hospital,

Begin new paragraph

where they were treated. According to Sheriff

Eliminate paragraph

Larry Costello, none were seriously hurt.

Transpose (letters, words)

The driver of the southbound vehicle
the spokesperson MeritCare said

Use figures (or words)

about seventeen workers attended 7 sessions

Spell out (or abbrev.)

the delegate from N.D. came to Moorhead, Minn.

Uppercase

major in english literature at Msum

Lowercase

Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications

Remove space

extra effort will be required

Insert space

according to sources close to the president

Retain original

will be completed in ~~early~~ January

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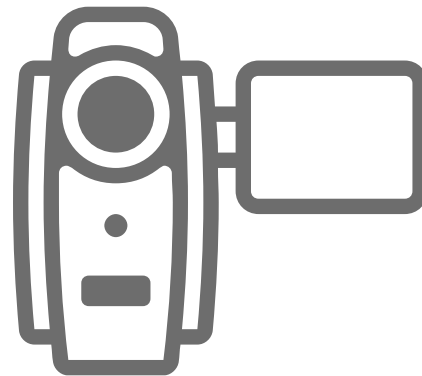
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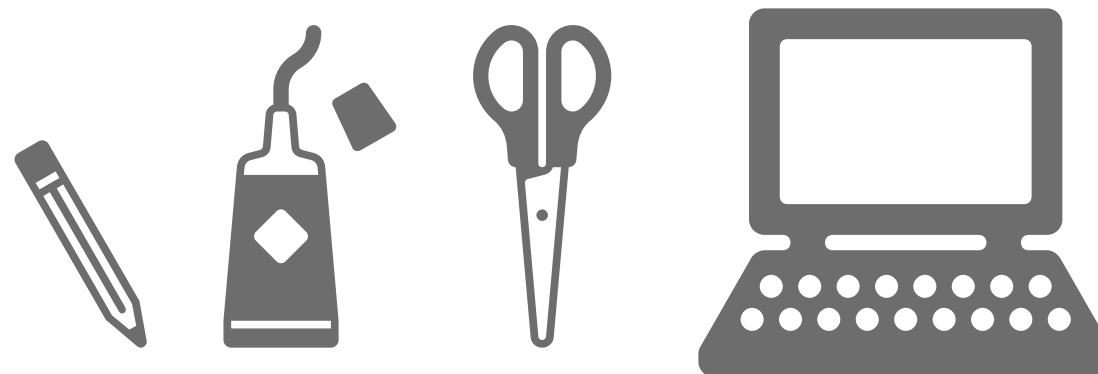
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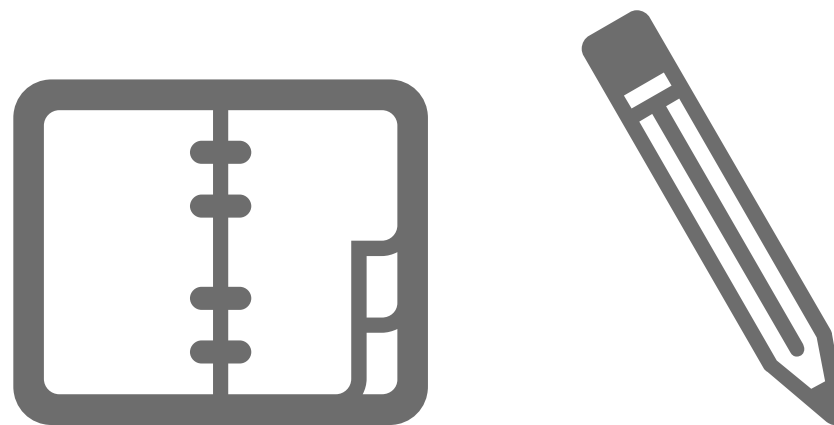
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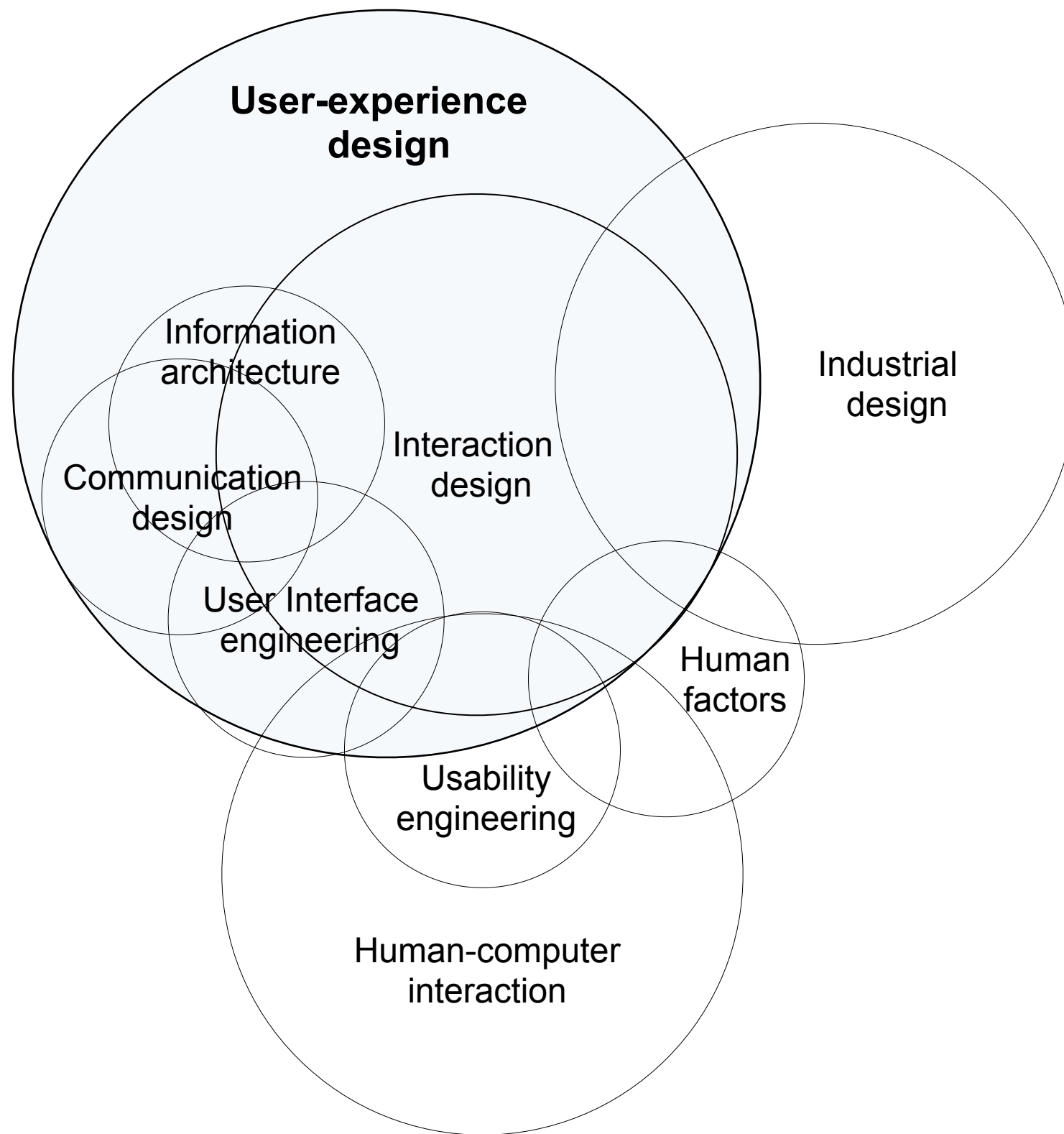
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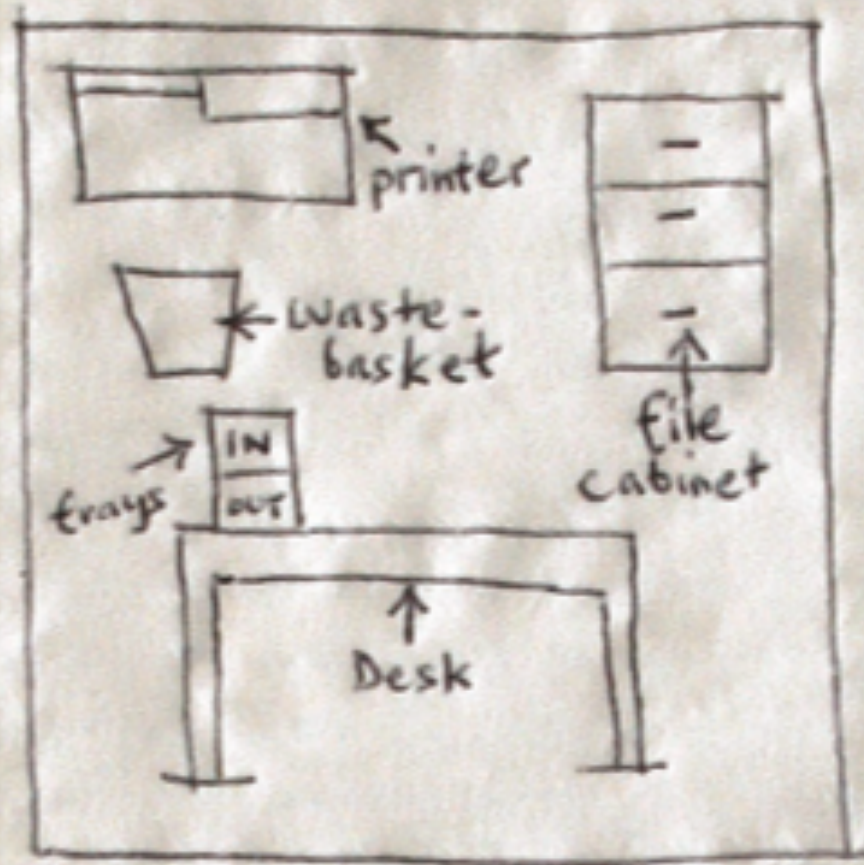


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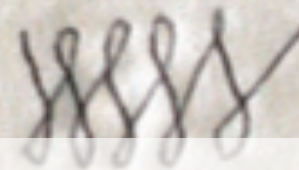
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Office Schematic

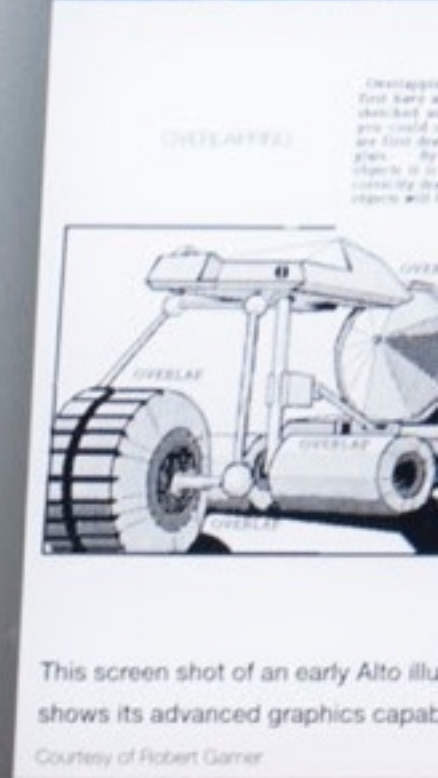


PRINT, FILE, DELETE, MAIL

all are inter-doc

Office Schematic / Desktop Metaphor

Xerox Alto 1973



This screen shot of an early Alto illustrates its advanced graphics capabilities. Courtesy of Robert Garner

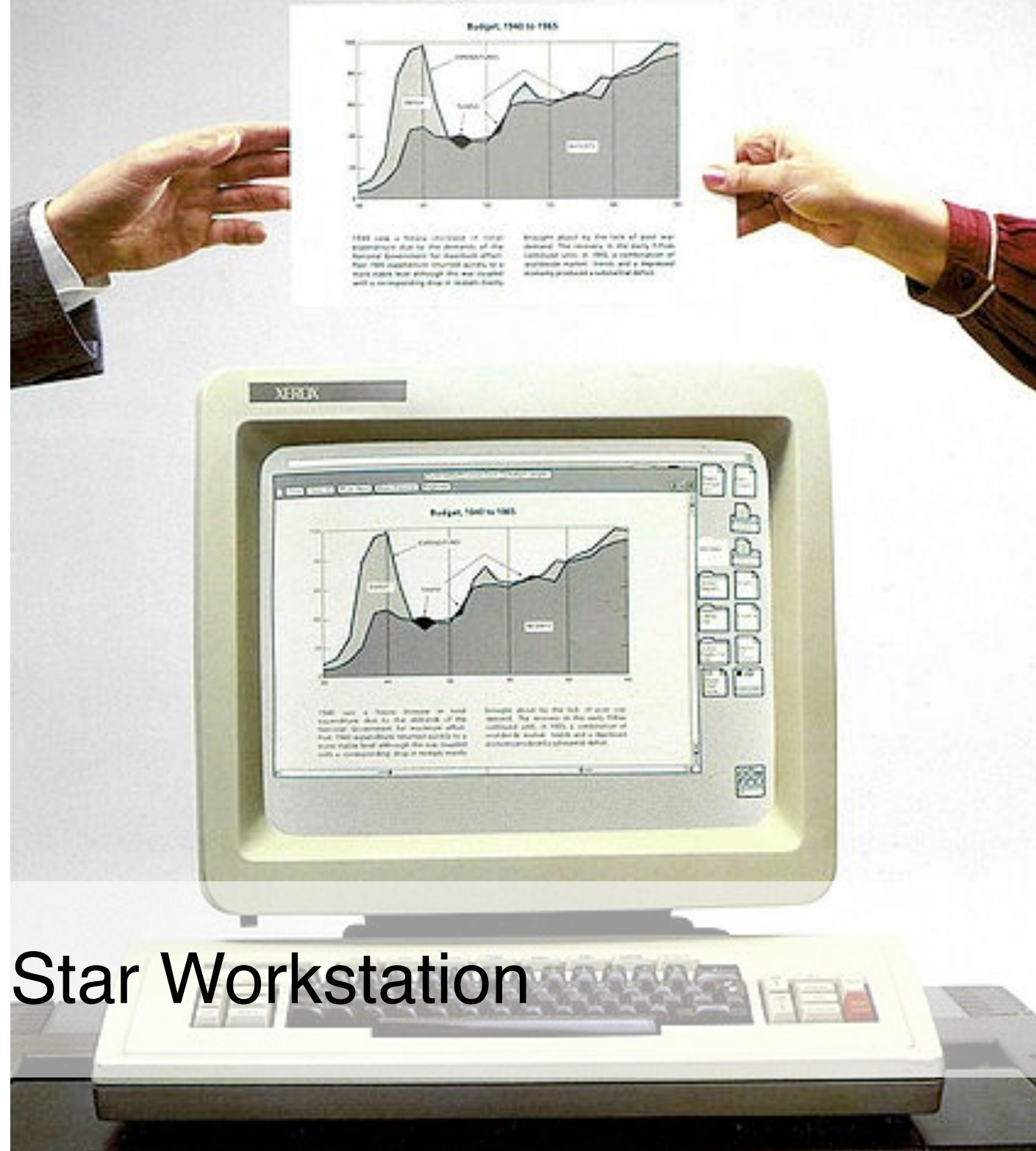
The Xerox Alto boasted the world's first "what you get" (WYSIWYG) editor, mouse, graphical user interface (GUI) and bit-mapped display. Its pop-up menu became the model for the Microsoft® Windows and Apple® Macintosh® interfaces of today. From the collection of The Computer Museum History Center

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

**Ken Olson,
president, chairman and founder of DEC, 1977**



Now you can create
documents with words
and pictures



1981 Xerox Star Workstation

XEROX 6085 Workstation

User-Interface Design

To make it easy to compose text and graphics, to do electronic filing, printing, and mailing all at the same workstation, requires a revolutionary user interface design.

Bit-map display - Each of the pixels on the 19" screen is mapped to a bit in memory; thus, arbitrarily complex images can be displayed. The 6085 displays all fonts and graphics as they will be printed. In addition, familiar office objects such as documents, folders, file drawers and wastebaskets are portrayed as recognizable images.

The mouse - A unique pointing device that allows the user to quickly select any text, graphic or office object on the display.

See and Point

All functions are visible to the user on the keyboard or on the screen. The user does filing and retrieval by selecting them with the mouse and touching the MOVE, COPY, DELETE or PROPERTIES command keys. Text and graphics are edited with the same keys.



YEAR	Non-GBS	GBS
1978	95.2	15.8
1980	41.1	59.3
1982	45	55
1984	30	70
1986	10	90
1988	5	95

Table 1: Percentages of use of methods.

Activity under the old and the new



Figure 1: Data from Table 1 drive

$$10 \times \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4.4 \times 10^4}{\text{denominator}}$$

Workstation usage percentages Table 1 and illustrated in Figure 6085 users are likely to do mail composition and layout, waste process including printing and di

Text and Graphics

To replace typesetting, the 6085 offers a choice of type fonts and sizes from 6 point to 36 point.

Here is a test piece of 18 point text.

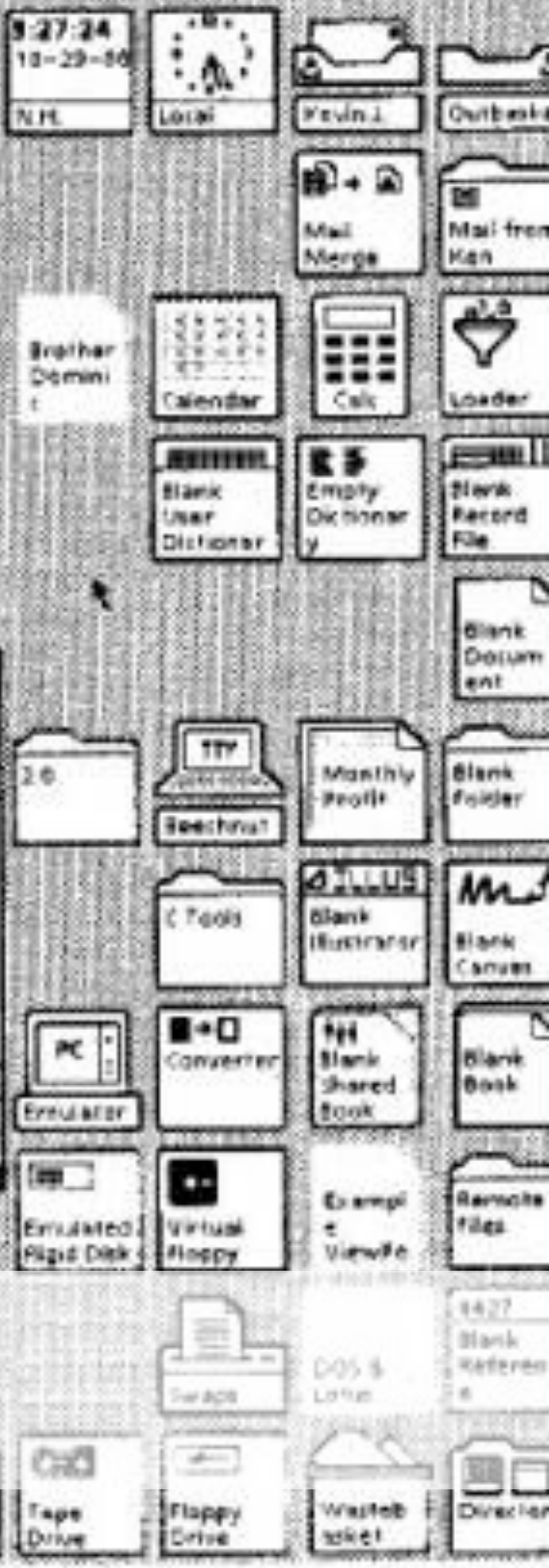
Here is a test piece of 24 point text.

24-point text.

36-point text.



NAME	EXTENSION	SIZE	DATE
COMMAND	COM	22677	15-11
AND	SYS	2596	18-8
ASSIGN	COM	864	28-11
ATTRIB	EXE	15091	14-8
BACKUP	COM	17024	20-4
CHKDSK	COM	4435	24-1
CHMOD	COM	6528	27-1
COMP	COM	3018	10-3
DEBUG	EXE	19364	15-8



1981 Xerox Star Workstation Interface

Shorter Production Times: Experience shows that the workstation has shown shorter production times and thus lower costs, as a function of the percentage of use of the workstations. The following equation can be used to express this:

Larry Tesler

- involved users also in the software design process
- joined PARC in 1973
- moved to Apple in 1980
- was the core designer of Apples “Lisa” computer
- invented the “copy and paste” function



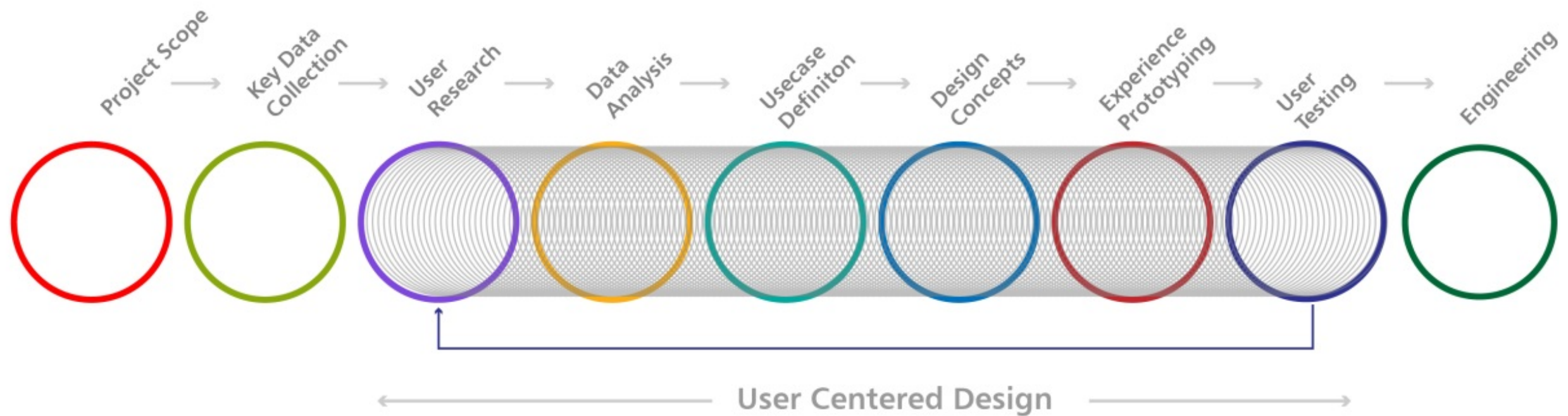
Text Selection

So it became a kind of contest. An unofficial and completely unacknowledged competition to see which of us was the toughest, the coolest, the hardest to get. (He was, but there were times when he didn't know that.) **Who is smarter, you or me?** he asked me again and again: once as he left the apartment in the morning, me wrapped in a towel; once over our whiskies at the King Cole Bar in the St. Regis. And that became the most important question.

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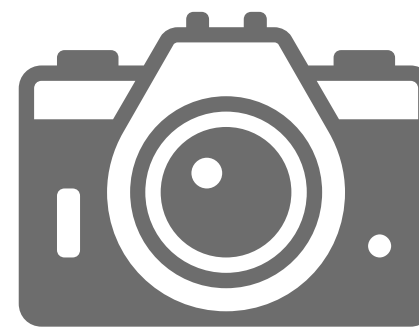
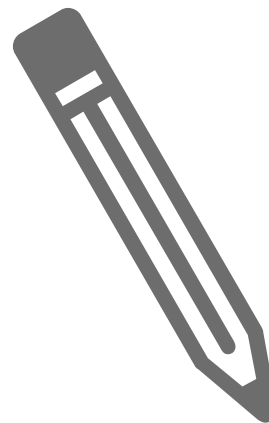
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- developing products for the users' core needs (user centred design process)



Apple Lisa 1983

<http://media.arstechnica.com/images/gui/11-Mac1.gif>

Mac System Software

3 items 227K in disk 173K available

System Folder Empty Folder



System Folder

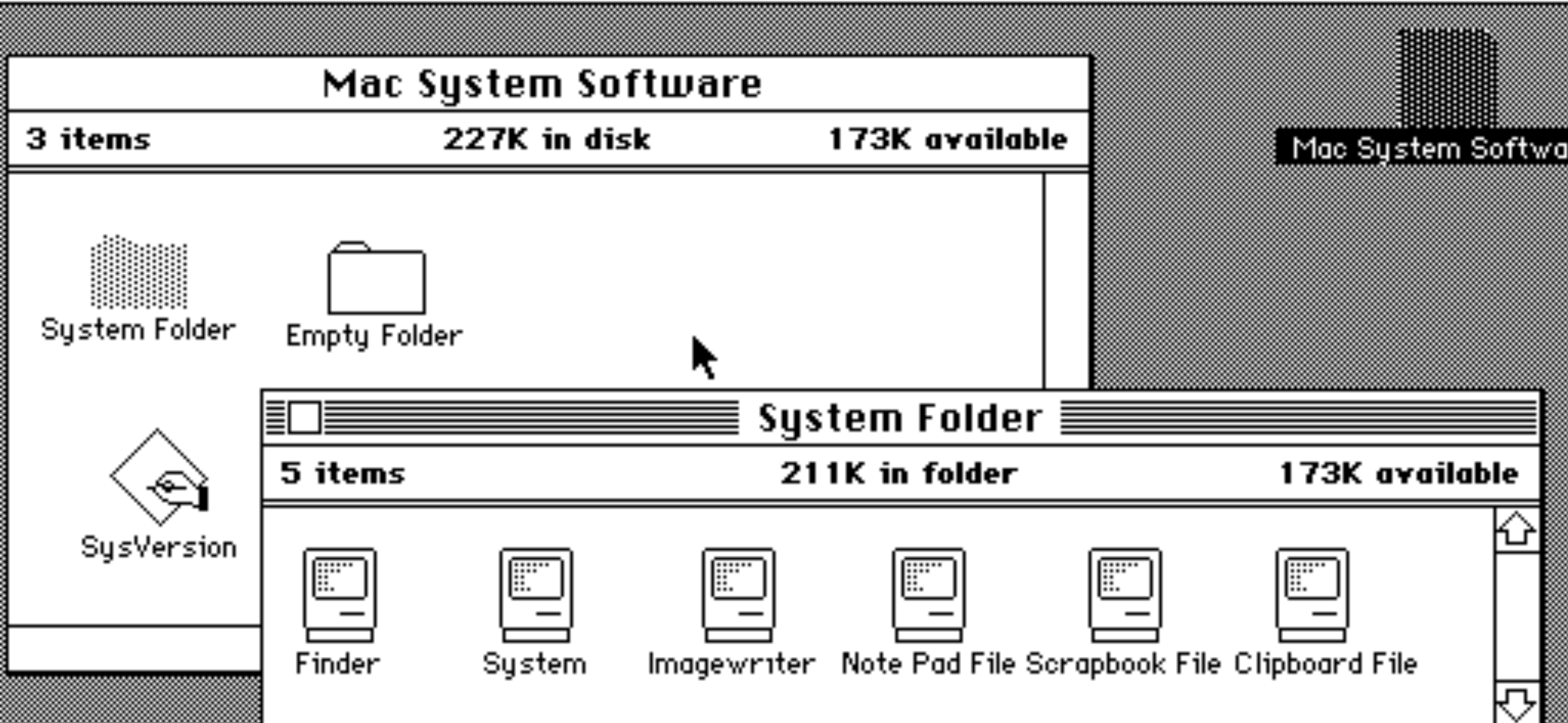
5 items 211K in folder 173K available

SysVersion

Finder System Imagewriter Note Pad File Scrapbook File Clipboard File

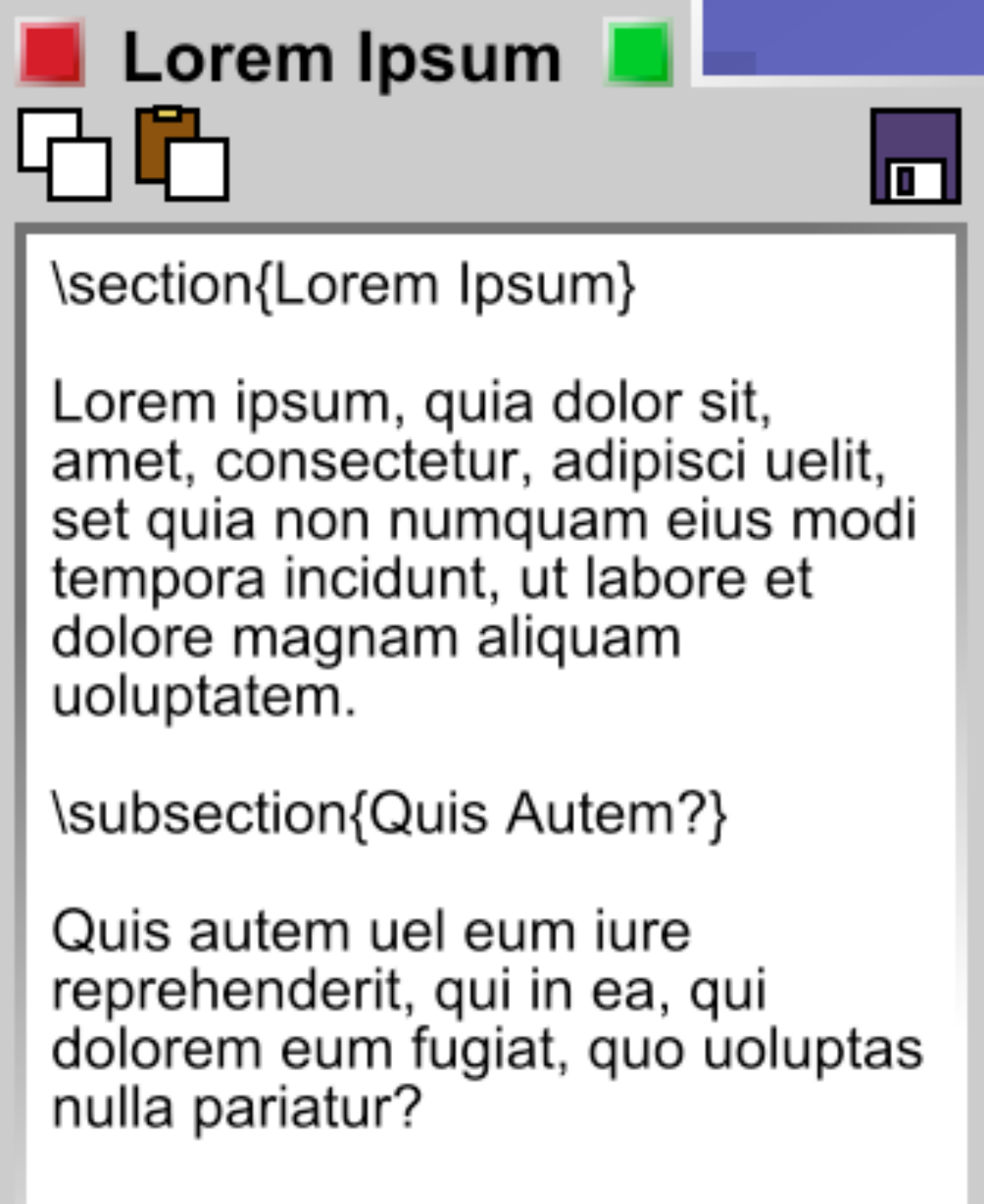
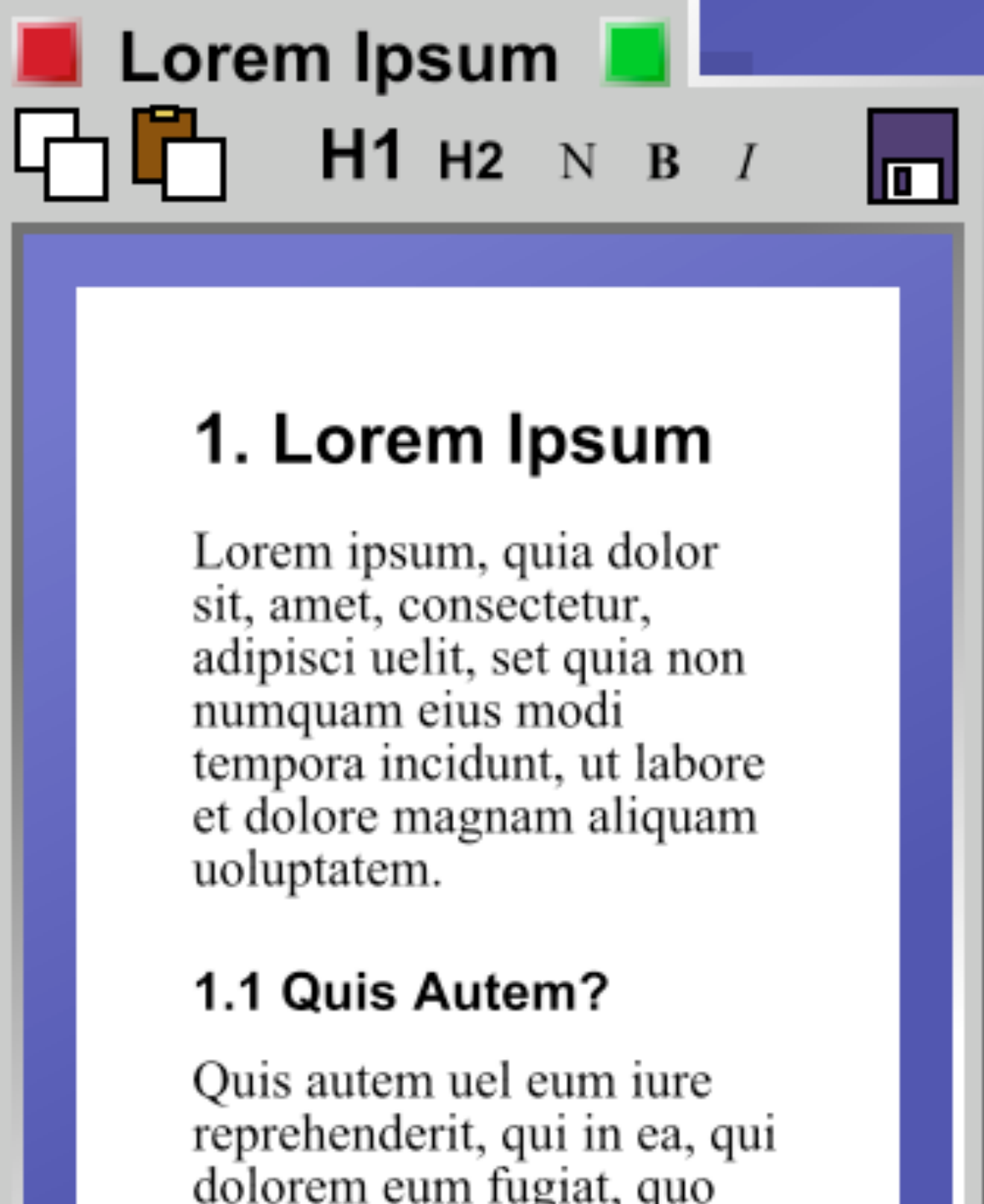
Macintosh System 1.0. January 1984





WIMP

- stands for "window, icon, menu, pointing device"
- coined by Merzouga Wilberts in 1980
- is often incorrectly used as an approximate synonym of "GUI".



WYSIWYG

- user interface that allows the user to view something very similar to the end result
- implies the ability to directly manipulate the layout of a document/presentation/3D model without having to type or remember names of layout commands.

The screenshot shows a Finder window titled "Library". The left sidebar contains sections for "DEVICES" (ol, iDisk, Untitled), "SHARED" (absolute, anais, armitage, barkeeper, cosinus, fiffi, grulemuck, All...), and "PLACES" (Desktop, awiethoff, Applications, Documents, Downloads). The main pane displays a table of folders:

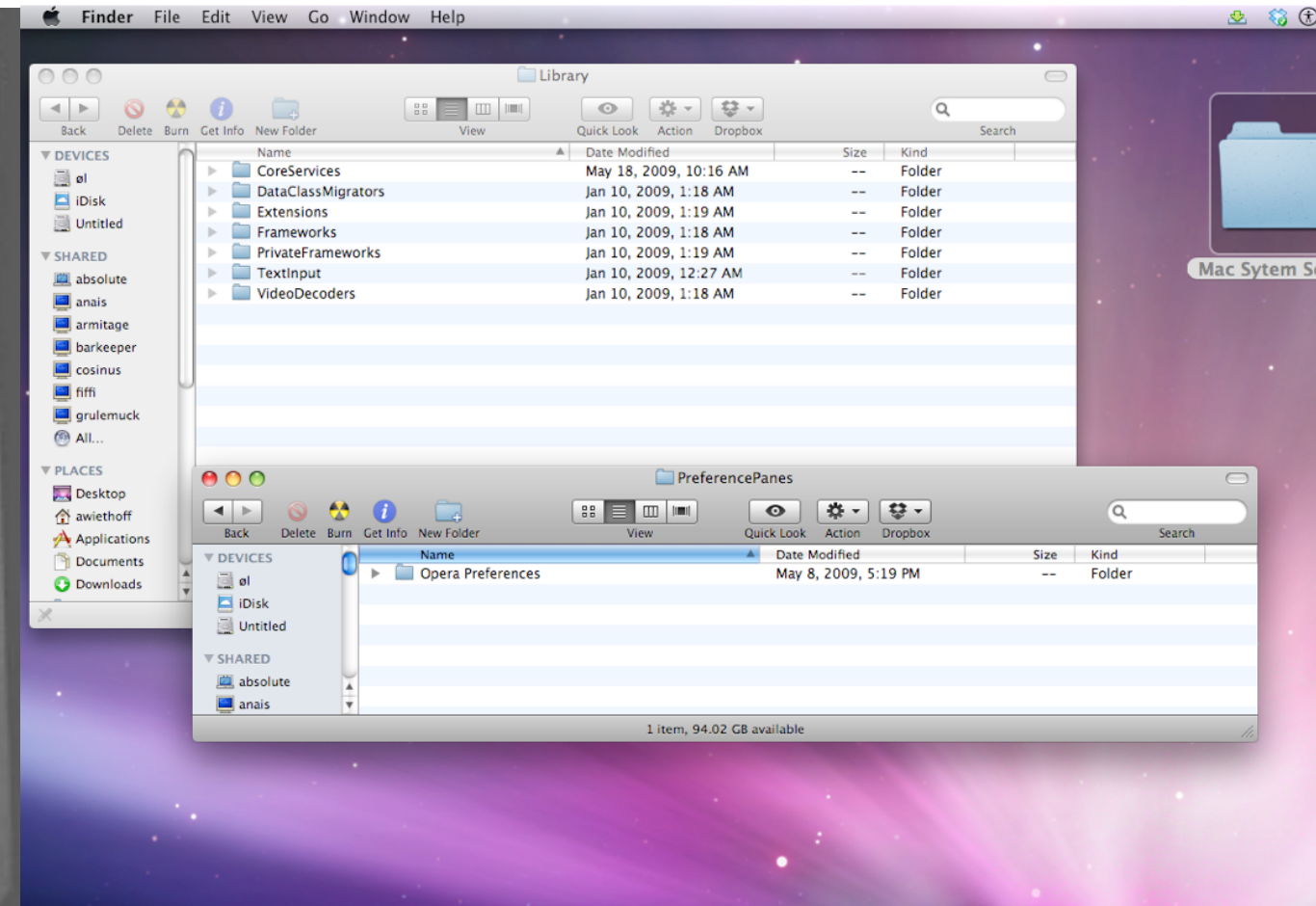
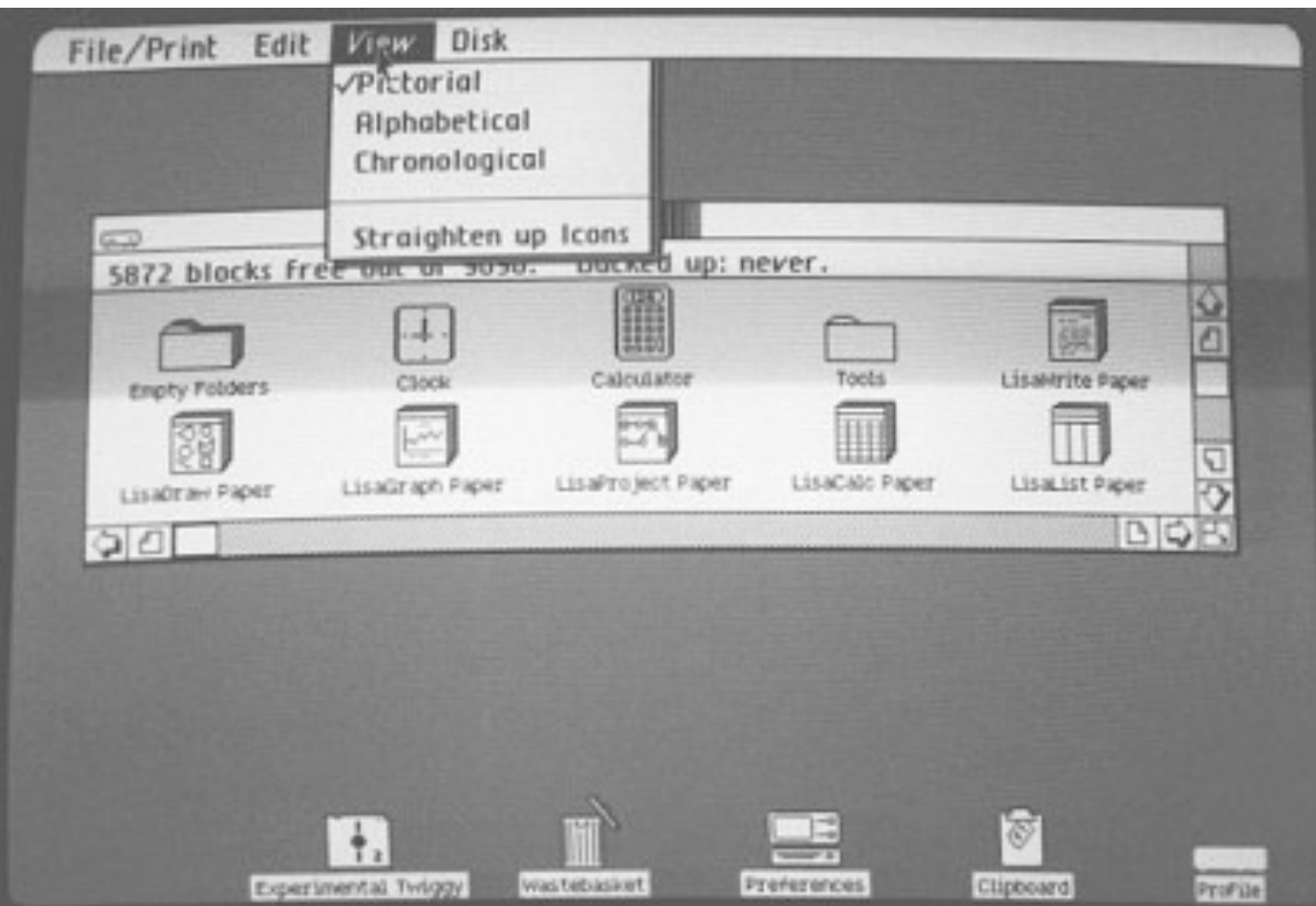
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CoreServices	May 18, 2009, 10:16 AM	--	Folder
DataClassMigrators	Jan 10, 2009, 1:18 AM	--	Folder
Extensions	Jan 10, 2009, 1:19 AM	--	Folder
Frameworks	Jan 10, 2009, 1:18 AM	--	Folder
PrivateFrameworks	Jan 10, 2009, 1:19 AM	--	Folder
TextInput	Jan 10, 2009, 12:27 AM	--	Folder
VideoDecoders	Jan 10, 2009, 1:18 AM	--	Folder

The screenshot shows a Finder window titled "PreferencePanels". The left sidebar contains sections for "DEVICES" (ol, iDisk, Untitled) and "SHARED" (absolute, anais). The main pane displays a table of folders:

Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
Opera Preferences	May 8, 2009, 5:19 PM	--	Folder

At the bottom of the window, it says "1 item, 94.02 GB available".

Mac OS X



35 years in between....

INTERACTION DESIGN



“There is an objectivity in the process of letting the user decide, the value of which is a recurring theme in this story of designing the desktop and the mouse. **Come up with an idea, build a prototype, and try it on the intended users.** That has proved, time and time again, to be the best way to create innovative solutions.”

Bill Moggridge - Designing Interactions

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