

Year	Computers and The Internet	General Technology Events	Births	Deaths
1900				
1901		First trans-Atlantic radio (Marconi).		
1902				
1903		Wright Brothers 1st Flight. Ford founded.	My grandmother (d1995).	
1904		Vacuum tube.		
1905				Last War of 1812 vet (b1800).
1906		Tube amplifier. AM radio transmissions.		
1907				
1908		Geiger counter.		
1909				
1910		Dental braces.		
1911	IBM founded.			
1912				Titanic sinks (1514 dead).
1913		The Bra. Stainless steel.		
1914		World War I starts. Liquid fuel rocket.		
1915				
1916				
1917				
1918		World War I ends.		
1919				
1920		First licensed commercial radio.		
1921				
1922		Radar.		
1923		Television demonstrated.	My in-laws.	
1924				
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1926				
1927			My father.	
1928		First electronic TV demonstrated.		
1929		Regular TV broadcasts start (Germany).		
1930		Pluto discovered (Tombaugh).		
1931				
1932		Radio telescope.		
1933		FM radio patented.		
1934				
1935			My mother.	
1936		Berlin Olympics telecast.		
1937		Jet engines demonstrated.		
1938				
1939		World War II starts. First jets fly.		
1940				
1941	Zuse Z3 (Germany).	NTSC (B&W) TV standard in US.		
1942				
1943		Aqualung (Cousteau).		
1944	ASCC (Harvard Mark I).	Messerschmitt 262 jet operational.		
1945		Atom bombs dropped. WW II ends.		
1946	ENIAC.	Theory of Communication (Shannon).		
1947		Transistor. AK-47.		
1948				
1949		USSR A-Bomb. Radiocarbon dating.		
1950	Turing Test described (Alan Turing).			
1951	UNIVAC, EDVAC, Whirlwind.			
1952		First commercial jet takes passengers.		
1953		NTSC adapted for color TV.		
1954	IBM 704. Work on FORTRAN starts.	Nuclear power plants.		
1955	Hard drives.		Me, Berners-Lee, Gates, Jobs.	Albert Einstein (b1879).
1956				Last Civil War veteran (b1847).
1957	First FORTRAN compiler released.	Sputnik launched.	My wife.	
1958	IBM 709. ARPA established. First integrated circuits.			
1959	IBM 7090. Work on COBOL starts.	Luna 3 photographs far side of Moon.		
1960	First LISP interpreter released.			
1961	First COBOL compiler released.	First man in space (Yuri Gagarin).		
1962	First computer game: SpaceWar!.	First practical Light Emitting Diodes (LED).		
1963	Computer mouse developed (Englebart).			
1964	IBM 360, CDC 6600.	Mariner 4 flies past Mars.		
1965	CDC 3300. Packet Switching described.			
1966				
1967				
1968		First humans orbit Moon (Apollo 8).		
1969	ARPANET [4 hosts]. Telnet developed.	First Moon landing (Armstrong & Aldrin).		
1970	UNIX development starts. [13 hosts]	Pocket calculator. Apollo 13 aborts.		
1971	FTP protocol. First microprocessor chips. [23 hosts]			
1972	[31 hosts]	Sixth Moon landing (Cernan & Schmitt).		
1973	Email standardization proposed (Email 75% of traffic).	First mobile phone demonstrated.		
1974	TCP/IP described. "Internet" coined. [62 hosts]	Pioneer 11 Jupiter fly-by.		
1975	UNIX marketed.	Apollo-Soyuz test project.		
1976	Apple Computer founded.	Viking I & II probes land on Mars.		
1977	Apple II, Tandy TRS-80 released. [111 hosts]	Voyagers 1 & 2 launched.		
1978	Visicalc spreadsheet for Apple II.			
1979	Usenet user groups. [188 hosts]	Walkman. CD invented.		

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1980	Flash memory developed.	Voyager 1 Saturn & Titan fly-by.		
1981	IPv4 described. IBM PC released. BITNET. CSNET.	First space shuttle "Columbia" launch.		
1982	SMTP mail protocol standardized. [235 hosts]	CD player.		
1983	Lotus 1-2-3. ARPANET uses TCP/IP. [562 hosts]	First commercial mobile phone.		
1984	Apple Macintosh released. Tetris. [1,000 hosts]			
1985	Windows 1.0 released. [1,961 hosts]			
1986	NSFNET starts replacing ARPANET. [5,089 hosts]	Shuttle "Challenger" lost on launch.		
1987	[10,000+ hosts]	Statin cholesterol drugs.		
1988	NSFNET backbone of Internet. Internet "Worm".			
1989	Intel 486 chip released. [100,000+ hosts]	"The Cuckoo's Egg" (Stoll).	Students in CMPSCI 120	My great uncle (b 1888).
1990	First HTTP client-server action. [300,000+ hosts]	12.4 Million cell phone subscriptions.	Students in CMPSCI 120	
1991	First WWW pages available (CERN). PGP encryption.		Students in CMPSCI 120	
1992	HTML. First graphical browser (Mosaic). [1M+ hosts]		Students in CMPSCI 120	
1993	Blogs. Intel Pentium chips released. [2M+ hosts]	Global Positioning System (GPS). Blue LED.		
1994	Amazon.com, Geocities, Yahoo!. [3.9M+ hosts]			
1995	Ebay, Craigslist. Windows 95. NSFNET replaced. JAVA released.		My daughter.	My grandmother (b1903).
1996	CSS 1 described. [12.8+ million hosts]	First US HDTV broadcast.		
1997	CSS 2 described. [19.5+ million hosts]	"Pathfinder" rover lands on Mars.		
1998	IPv6 described. Google goes public. [26 Million URLs.]	First segments of ISS launched.		
1999	LiveJournal. Melissa virus.	SETI@Home		
2000	Dot-Com bubble bursts. [1 Billion unique URLs.]	Y2K issues mostly avoided.		
2001	StumbleUpon. Wikipedia. iPod.			
2002	Friendster.			
2003	MySpace, LinkedIn, iTunes, Second Life, 4chan.	STS-107 "Columbia" disintegrates on re-entry.		
2004	Facebook, Flickr, podcasts, WoW. Firefox released.	"Spirit" & "Opportunity" rovers land on Mars.		
2005	YouTube, Google Earth.	"Huygens" probe lands on Titan.		
2006	Twitter.			
2007	Google Street View. iPhone.			
2008	IPv6 added to root servers. [1 Trillion unique URLs.]			
2009	Windows 7. 1.73 Billion Internet users. 90 Trillion emails.	NTSC TV broadcasts replaced by HDTV.		Last Titanic survivor (b1912).
2010	1.97 Billion Internet users. iPad.	4.6 Billion cell phone subscriptions.		
2011	IPv4 exhaustion. IPv6 test day in June. iPad 2.	ISS construction completed, shuttle retires.		(1 WW I vet still alive, b1900.)

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