

History of Computers

Time Line	Inventor	Invention	
1700's	Various civilizations	Abacus	The abacus is a device usually made of wood and having a frame that holds rods with freely-sliding beads mounted on them.
1600s	Napier	Napier's Bones	Used to multiply large number by manipulating rods.
1642	Blaise Pascal	Pascaline	A mechanism to calculate with 8 figures and carrying of 10's, 100's, and 1000's.
1674	Leibniz	Stepped Reckoner	Forerunner of the keypunch machine used to create patterns on fabric.
Early 1800s	Jaquard	Jaquard's Loom/Punch Card Loom	A hole punch card machine.
1835	Babbage	Analytical Machine	First real computer. Never functioned properly because the tools it needed to do so hadn't been created.
1876	Alexander Graham Bell	Telephone	Replaced the telegraph as a means for communication.
1887	Hollerith	Tabulating Machine	Used by the census office in tabulating the population.