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Generations of computer And Characteristics of a computer

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Generations of computer

Computer can classified in to five types according to generations i.e time period

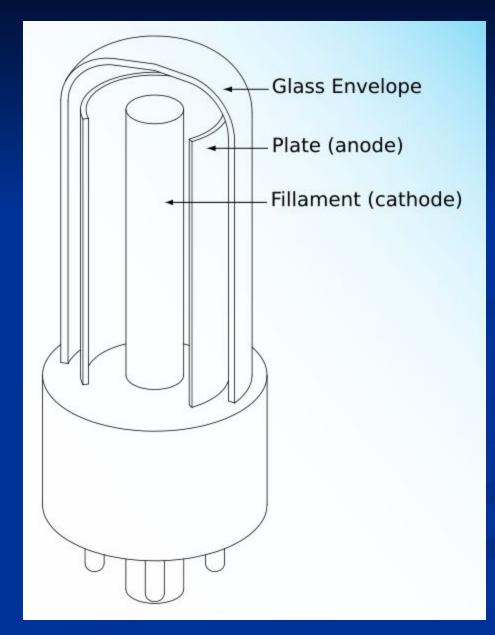
- . First generation computer
- . Second generation computer
- . Third generation computer
- . Fourth generation computer
- . Fifth generation computer

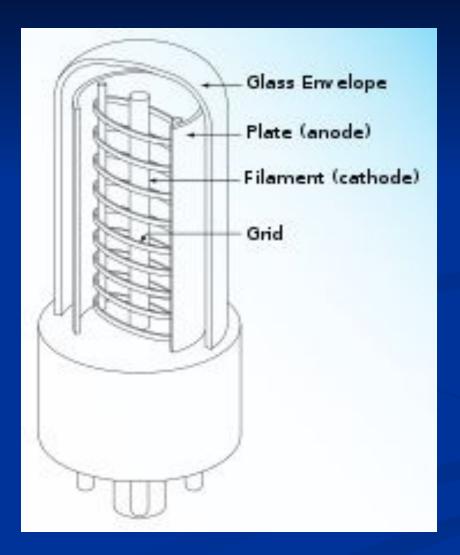
. First generation computer

Period : 1945 – 1956 Inviter : Lee de Forest

Main processing device : Vacuum tubes



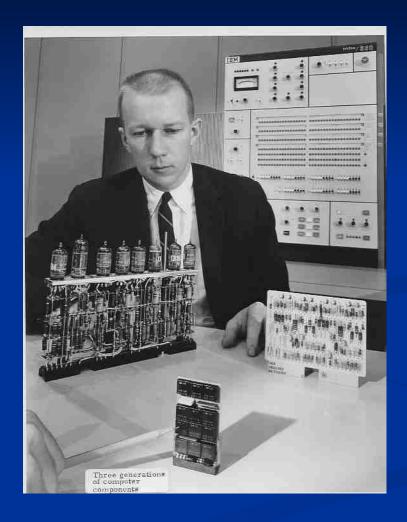




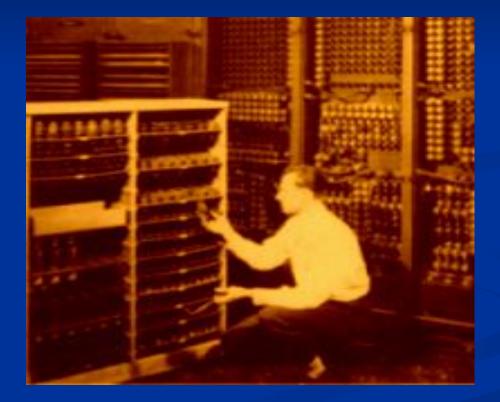




Observing Vacuum tube



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Vacuum tube tester



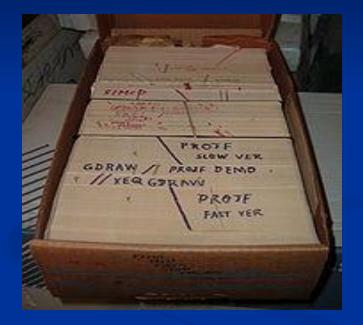
Punched cards



Punched card voting

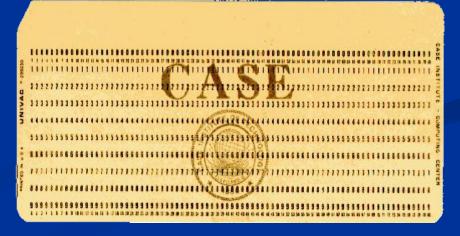
Punched card decks





Punched cards models





Large punched cards



. First generation computer

Advantages :

- . It was only electronic device
- . First device to hold memory

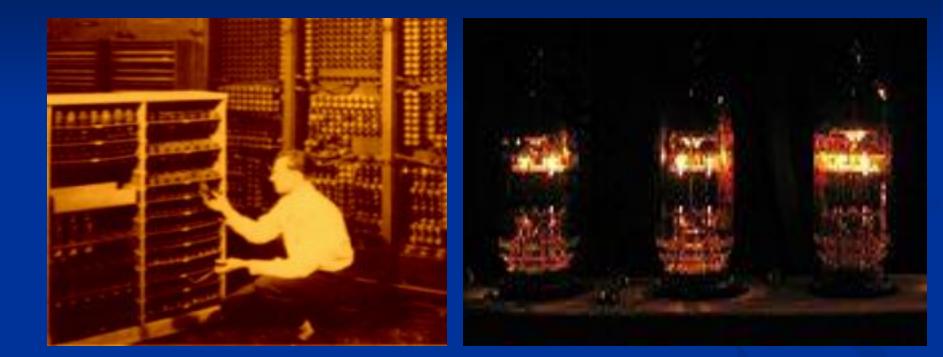
Disadvantages :

- . Too bulky i.e large in size
- . Vacuum tubes burn frequently
- . They were producing heat
- . Maintenance problems

Too bulky i.e large in size



Vacuum tubes burn frequently



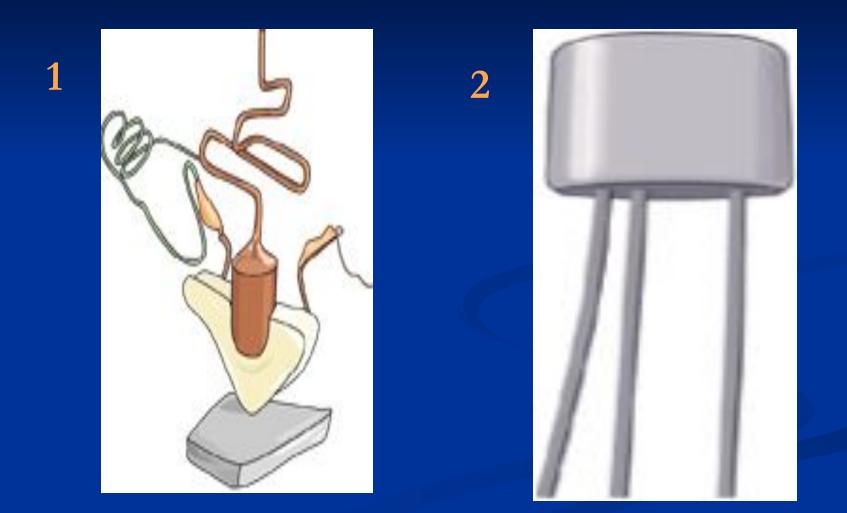
Maintenance problems



. Second generation computer

Period : 1956 – 1963 Inviter : William Shockley Main processing device : Transistor Storage media : Magnetic disc





Transistor board



. Second generation computer

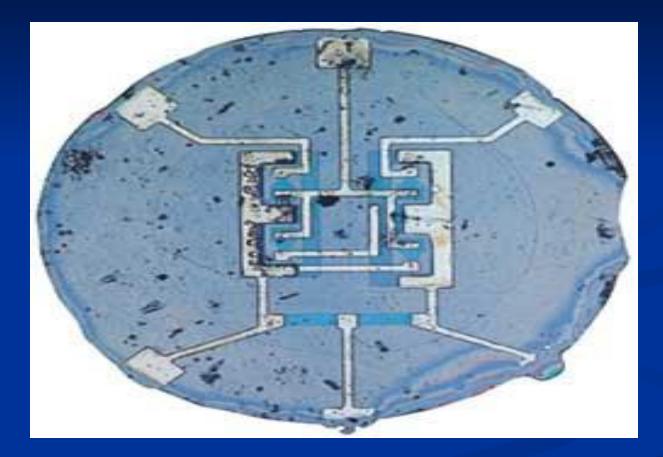
Advantages :

- . Size reduced considerably
- . The very fast
- . Very much reliable
- **Disadvantages :**
- . They over heated quickly
- . Maintenance problems

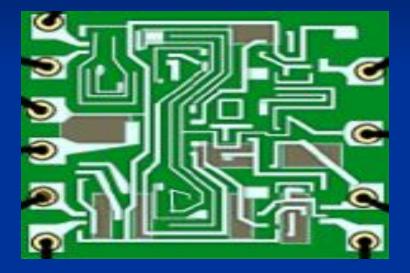
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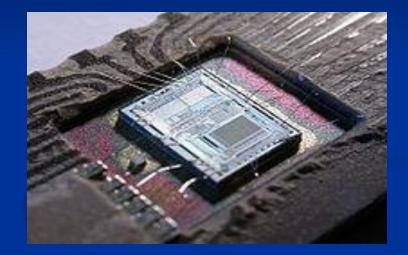
Period : 1964 – 1971 Inviter : Jack Kilby Robert Noyce Main processing device : IC (integrated circuit) Storage media : Floppies

IC (integrated circuit)



ICs (integrated circuits)





IC (integrated circuit)



. Third generation computer

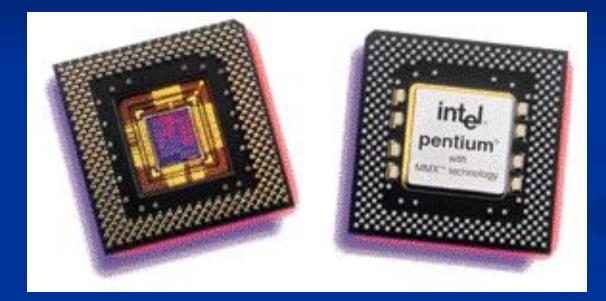
Advantages :

. ICs are very small in size
. Improved performance
. Production cost cheap **Disadvantages :**. ICs are sophisticated

. Fourth generation computer

Period : 1971– present Inviter : Ted Hoff Main processing device : ICs with VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) Storage media : Floppies, CDs.

ICs with VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration)



. Fourth generation computer

Advantages :

. It is a compact

. Less power consumption

. Production cost is cheap

Disadvantages :

. No artificial intelligent.

. Fifth generation computer

Period : present and beyond

Main processing device : ICs with parallel processing

Storage media : Video disks

Advantages : . Artificial intelligence . Expert system . First generation computer . Second generation computer

Vacuum tubes Transistors

. Third generation computer . Fourth generation computer

ICs with VLSI

. Fifth generation computer

ICs with parallel processing

ICs

