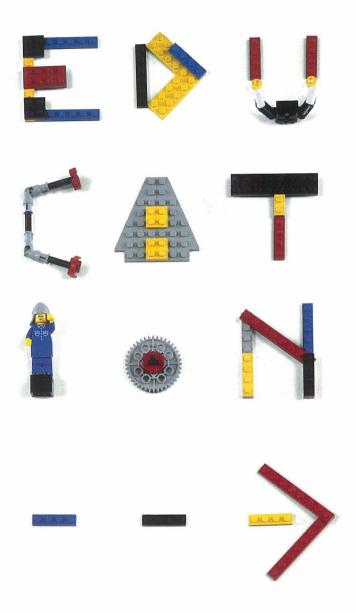
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#### **Time Capsule**

Available exclusively through The Computer Museum, our Time Capsule of computer history is an activity kit full of real computer artifacts, like punched cards, magnetic tape, and a minicomputer module.

With items representing the past 50 years of computer technology, this kit helps demonstrate how rapidly this technology has changed, making computers smaller, faster, and cheaper.

The kit is complete with an informative guide that explains every artifact and offers activities to explore each one.

Time Capsule, designed especially for ages 8-15, \$4.95. (101)

#### **Silicon Wafer**

These wafers represent one phase in the production of a microchip. Each wafer is a slice from a silicon crystal onto which microchip circuitry is etched. These silicon test wafers, 2" in diameter and a fragile 1/30" thick each contain tens to hundreds of microchips.

Silicon Wafer, \$3.50. (102)

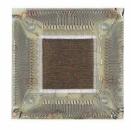
#### **Core Memory**

Here's an actual 1,024 bit core memory plane from Control Data Corporation's CDC 6600. Designed by Seymour Cray and Jim Thornton in 1964, the CDC 6600 was the fastest computer of its time. Each core plane consists of tiny intersecting wires that thread tiny magnetic doughnuts. Each doughnut holds a positive or negative magnetic charge and equals 1 bit. This type of memory storage device was used extensively in the '50s and '60s.

Core Memory, \$7. (103)



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These historic calculating devices can show students how people from diverse cultures solved arithmetic problems before the age of electronic calculators.

#### **Abacus and Manual**

Dating back to the 5th century BC, the abacus is one of the earliest calculating devices, and continues to be used in Asia to this day. This Chinese abacus comes with a manual covering the history of the abacus, its uses, and easy-to-follow instructions.

5" x 10".

Abacus and Manual, \$8. (201)

#### Slide Rule

In use for over 300 years, the slide rule was the most sophisticated portable calculating device available.

This laminated bamboo 5" straight rule has 10 scales, an instruction booklet, and genuine leather storage case. Manufactured by Scientific Instruments Company in the 1960s, the slide rule was only relatively recently outmoded by the electronic calculator...and the price hasn't gone up since 1960.

Slide Rule, \$6.95. (202)

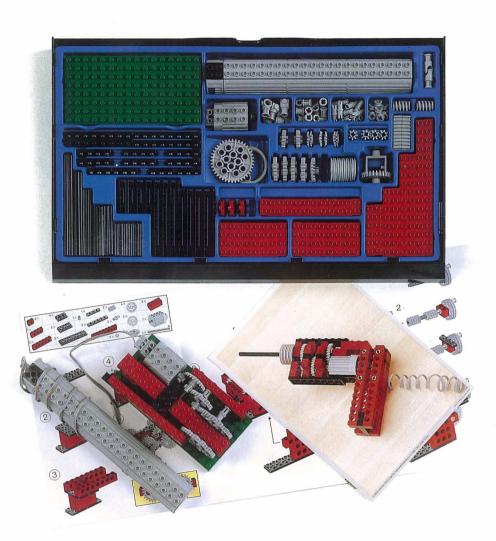
#### **Pascal Calculator**

In 1642, Blaise Pascal constructed an 8-digit mechanical adding machine which used a system of gears to keep track of the numbers it added. Our version is a 4-digit adding machine. Its gears move in two directions to allow addition and subtraction.

Stylus, historical information, and instructions included

Pascal Calculator, \$5. (203)





#### **LEGO**® Technic II

The Technic II adds locomotion to traditional LEGO building blocks. LEGO Technic II contains 278 pieces, and encourages experimentation with bricks, eight kinds of gears, and a motor.

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20 all-color activity cards help stimulate ideas for creations that operate on their own power.

Complete with a 4.5 volt DC motor with battery pack. (Batteries not included.)

Free Pneumatic Exploration Kit available with mail-in coupon.

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#### Teachers' Guide for Technic II

This 48-page guide summarizes principles covered in Technic II's 20 suggested activities. Includes problemsolving ideas, further activities, and three group project themes.

Teachers' Guide for Technic II, \$10. (302)

#### Slide Series Computer Museum Exclusive

### **History of Computing**

Learn about the history of computers from early calculating devices to early computers, supercomputers, logic and memory technologies, and classic integrated circuits. This 48-slide set draws on the Museum's own collection. An ideal visual aid for illustrating the history of computing. A brief descriptive guide accompanies slides.

#### History of Personal Computers

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The first era of personal computing is represented in this set, covering five topics: the first personal computers, hobbyist milestones, homebrew and singleboard computers, early commercial machines and classic commercial machines. The set includes 20 slides and informative descriptions of each.

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#### **Memories Poster**

A 50-year history of memory storage devices from punched cards to microchips stored on one 20" x 30" poster. A Computer Museum exclusive.

Memories Poster, \$25. (405)

# People and Computers Poster and T-Shirt





This handsome poster and T-shirt commemorate the 1991 opening of The Computer Museum's exhibit People And Computers, celebrating the synergy of humans and machines over the last 60 years.

Designed by award-winning graphic designer Theodore Groves, the poster uses stream-lined forms to depict the rapid and astounding advance of computer technology.

Incorporating such computing milestones as the Univac, the Cray I, the PDP-5, and the IBM 360, classic machines meet their modern-day successors: a laptop, a

cellular phone, and a pocket calculator.

The People and Computers Poster, which is black with copper on ivory, is printed on thick paper stock that measures 20" x 30". \$10. (406)

The People and Computers T-Shirt, in black on ecru, comes in both adult and children's

The Adult Shirt, 100% cotton, in sizes S, M, L, XL, \$10. (407)

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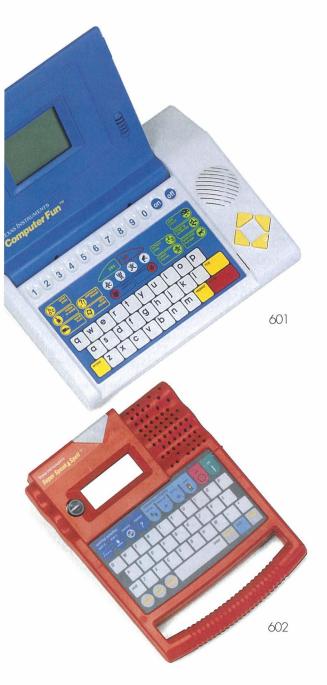
With a big, easy-to-grasp handle and rugged case, this portable calculator helps Children develop three essential math skills: equation solving, critical thinking, and math tables.

Over 50,000 problems on three levels of difficulty. Correct answers are rewarded with tunes and fast-moving graphics. Incorrect answers result in encouragement to try again.

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Let Computer Fun introduce your child to the joy of computing. Twelve games in Reading Readiness, Early Math, and Creative Play encourage exploration and imagination. One of them helps children understand the concept of computer programming.

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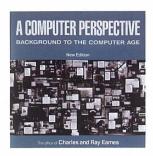
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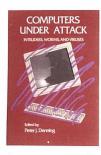
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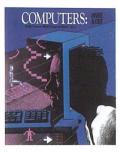
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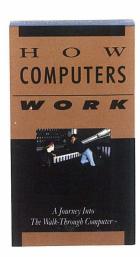
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