

Human-Computer Interaction

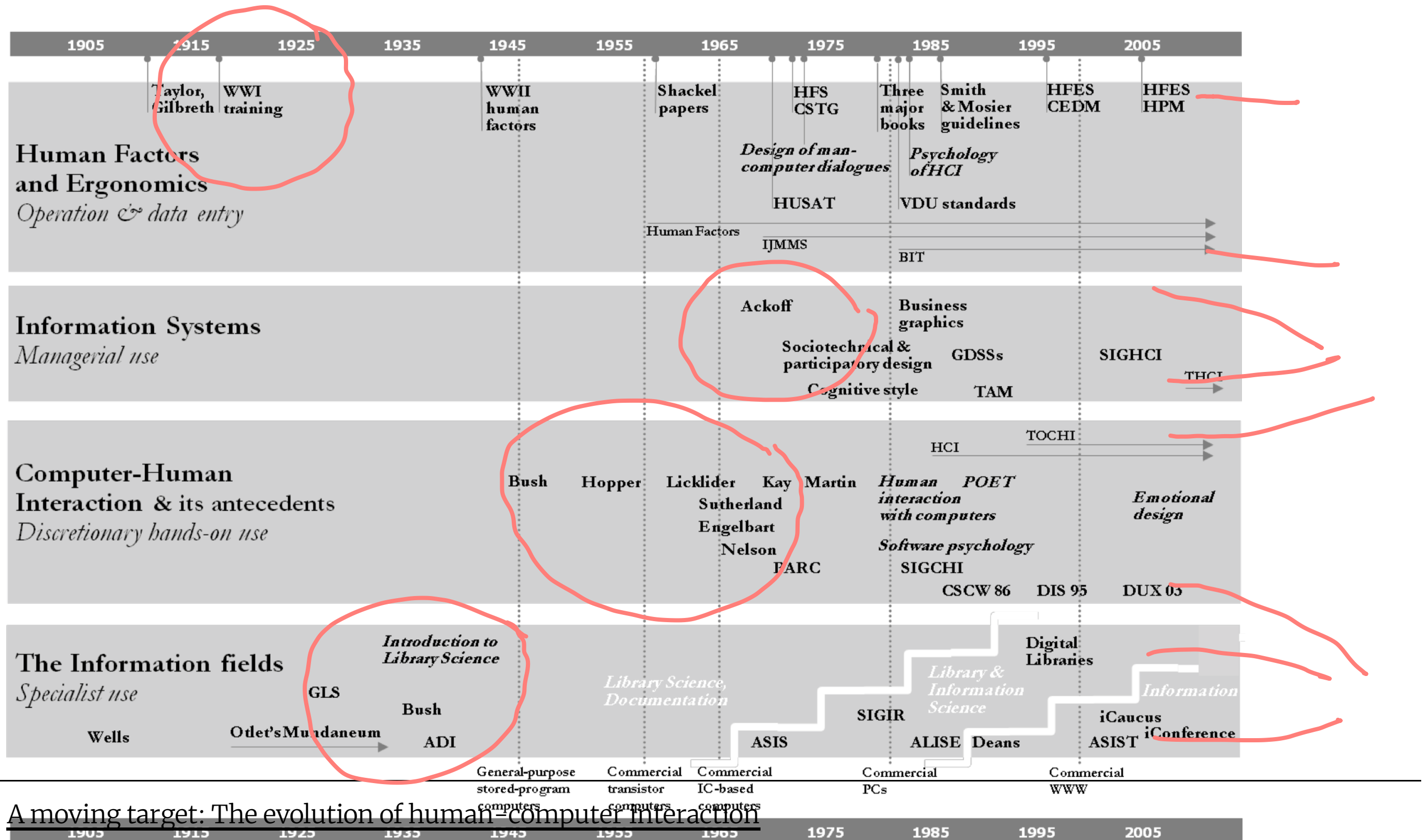
# History of HCI

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# Today's Agenda

- » Topic overview: *History of HCI*
- » Discussion
- » Project overview

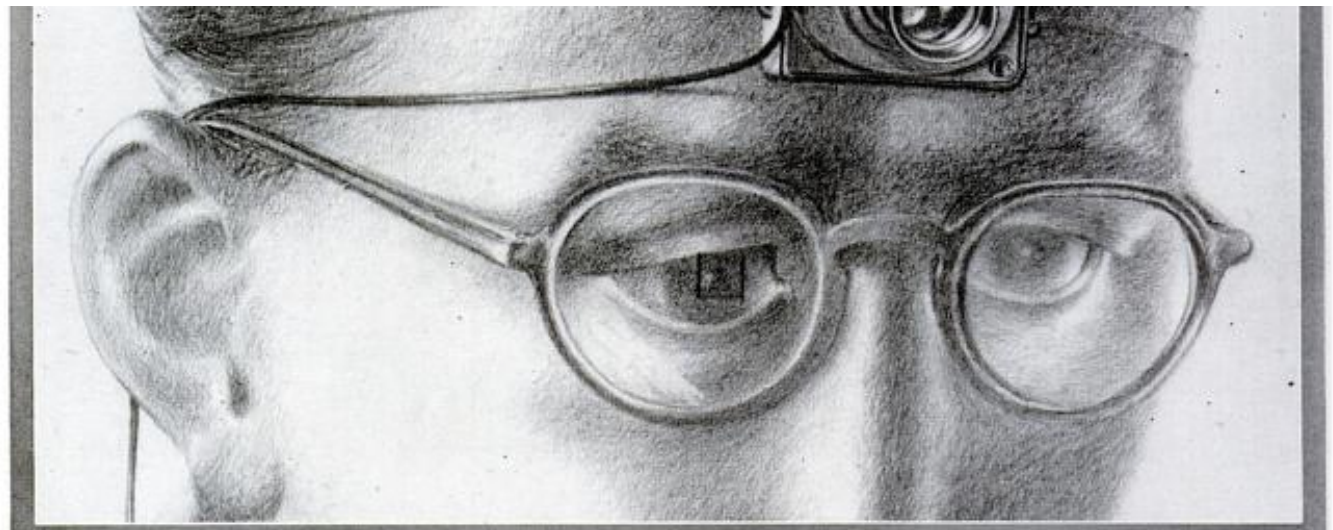
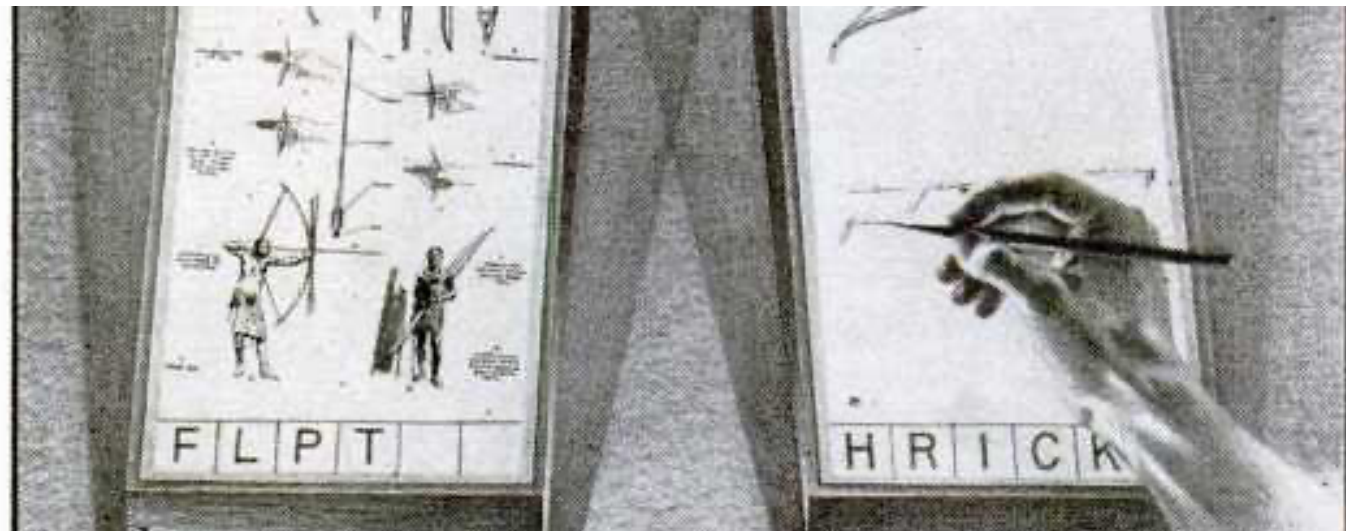
# Topic overview: *History* *of HCI*



<sup>1</sup>Grudin, 2012, A moving target: The evolution of human-computer interaction



# 1945 (Vannevar Bush)<sup>2</sup>



# 2011 (Microsoft)



<sup>2</sup>Wired, Microsoft

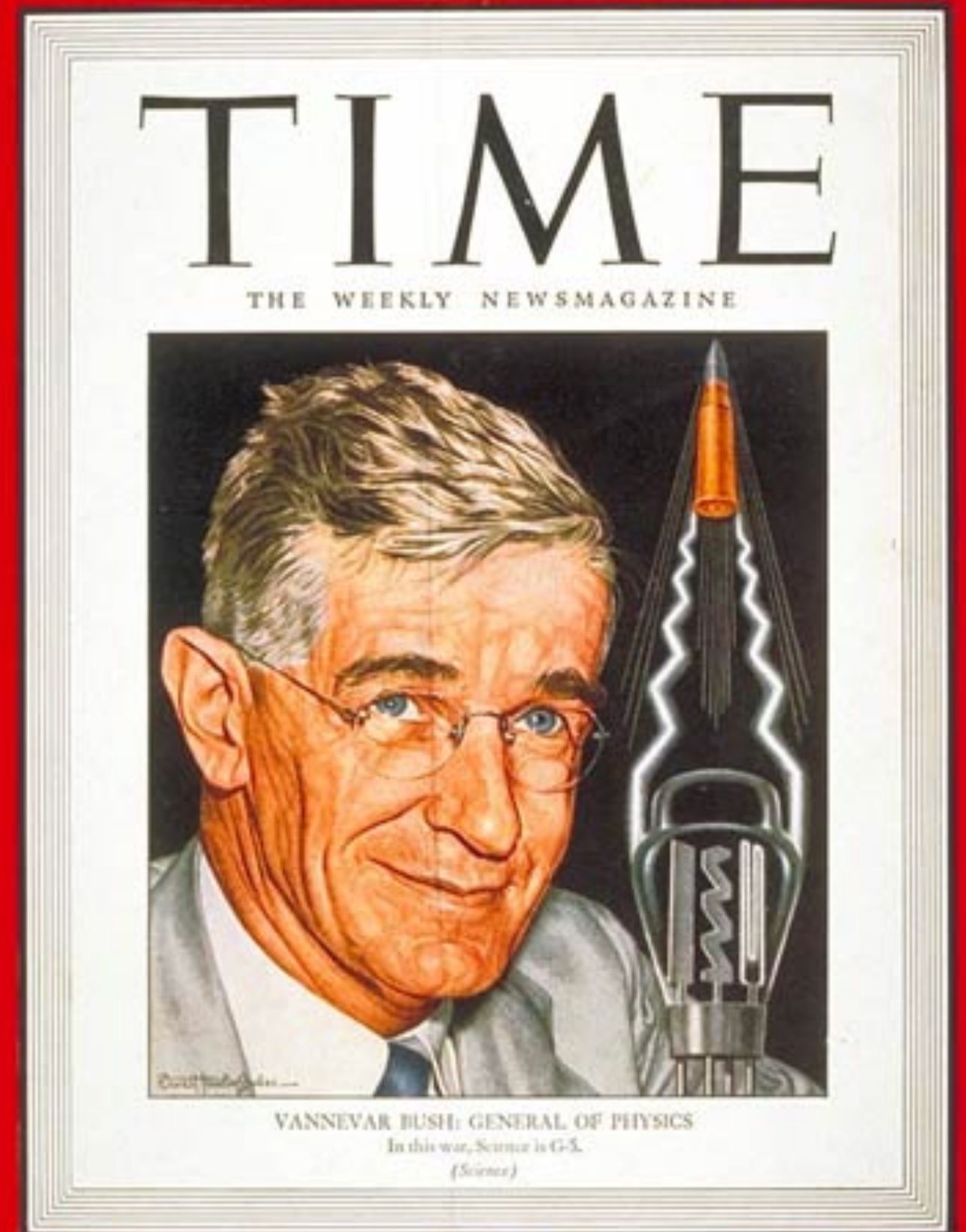
# 1940s<sup>3</sup>

Memex, 1945, Vannevar Bush, OSRD

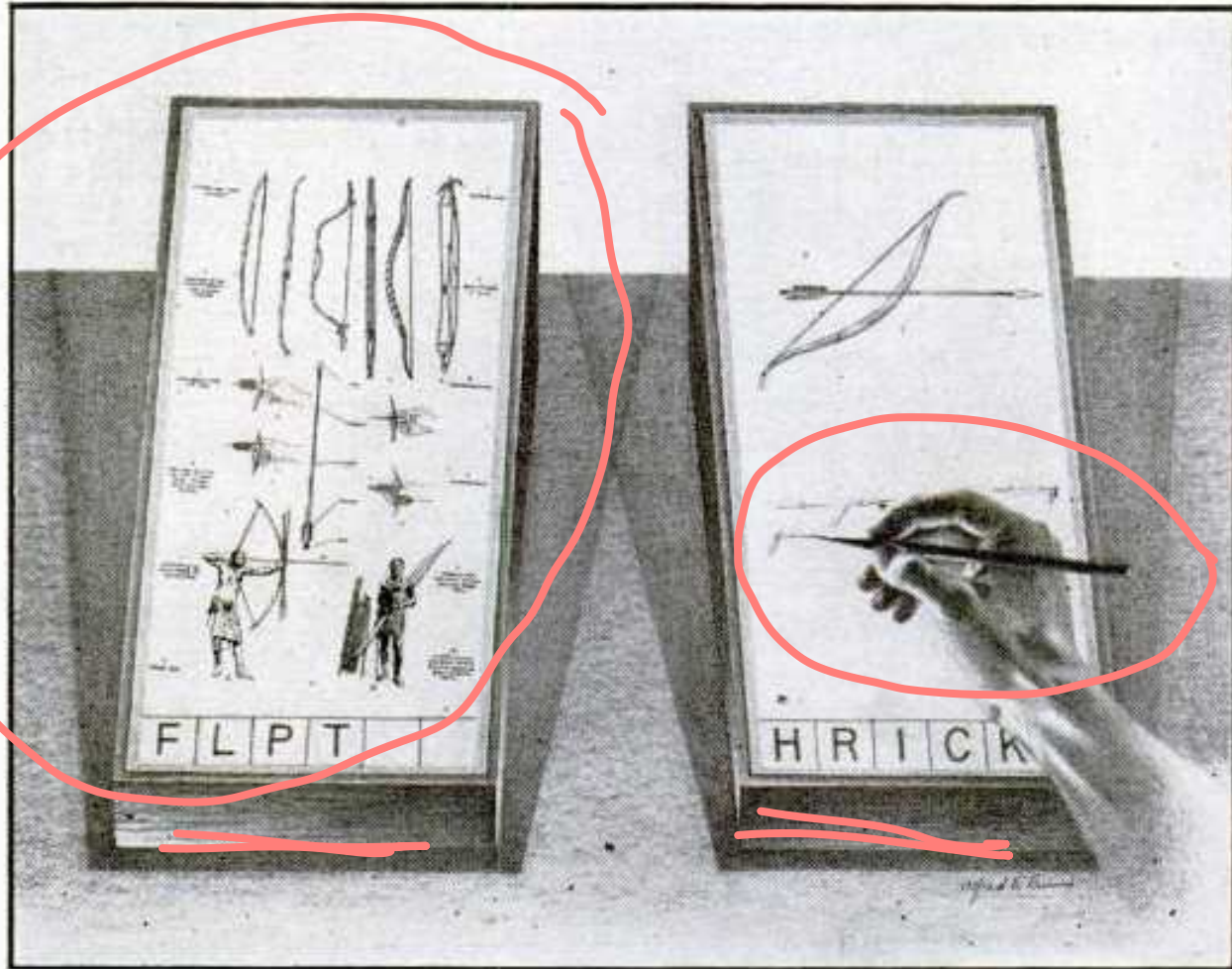
- Stores all records/articles/communications
- Items retrieved by indexing, keywords, cross-referencing
- Information linked through associative trails

wiki < hyperlinks > ≈ web

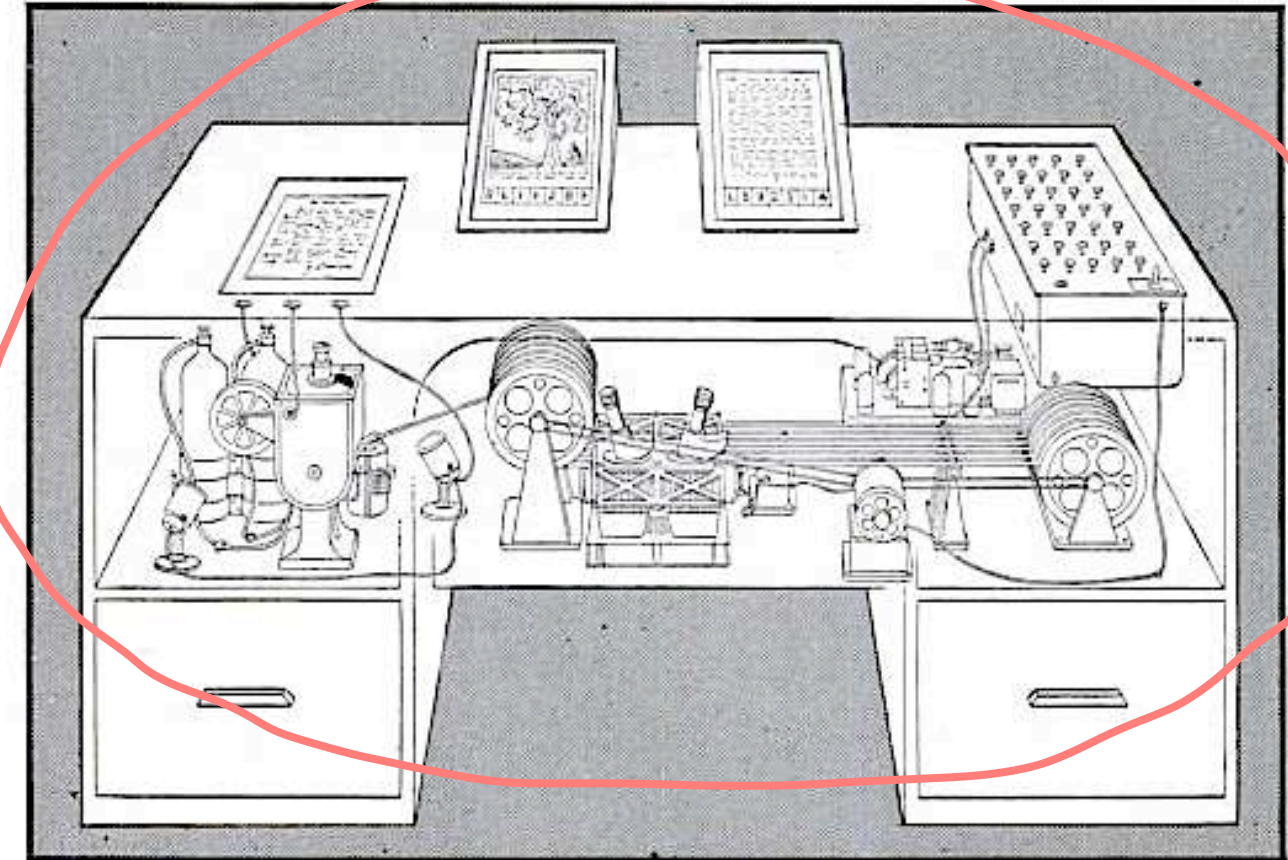
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**MEMEX IN USE** is shown here. On one transparent screen the operator of the future writes notes and commentary dealing with reference material which is projected on the screen at left. Insertion of the proper code symbols at the bottom of right-hand screen will tie the new item to the earlier one after notes are photographed on supermicrofilm.



**MEMEX** in the form of a desk would instantly bring files and material on any subject to the operator's fingertips. Slanting translucent viewing screens magnify supermicrofilm filed by code numbers. At left is a mechanism which automatically photographs longhand notes, pictures and letters, then files them in the desk for future reference.

**AS WE MAY THINK** CONTINUED

<sup>4</sup>Image source



# 1960s<sup>5</sup>

Man-Computer Symbiosis, 1960, Joseph Licklider, ARPA

*“Men will set the goals, formulate the hypotheses, determine the criteria, and perform the evaluations. Computing machines will do the routinizable work that must be done to prepare the way for insights and decisions in technical and scientific thinking.”*



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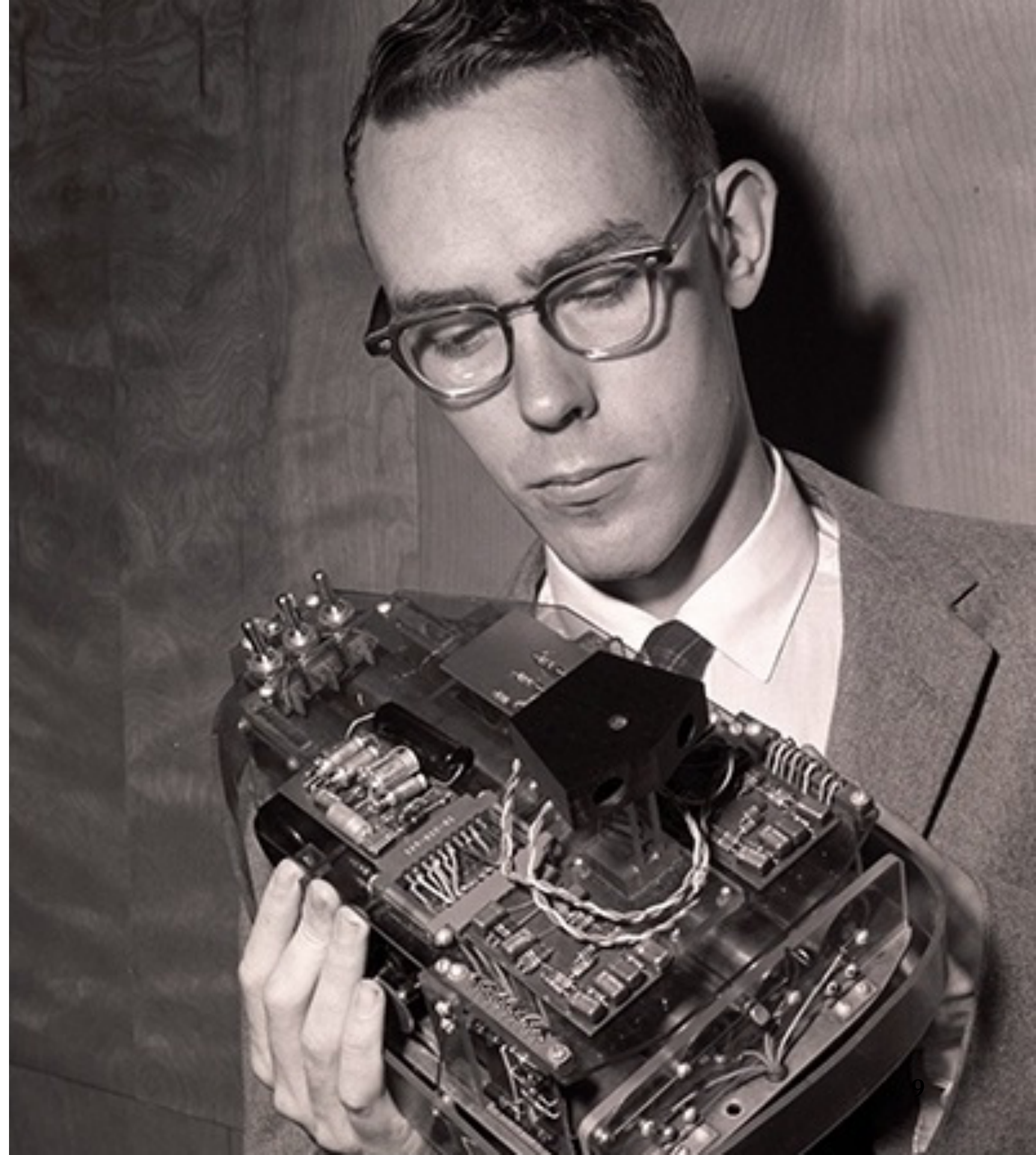
# 1960s<sup>6</sup>

SketchPad, 1963, Ivan Sutherland, MIT

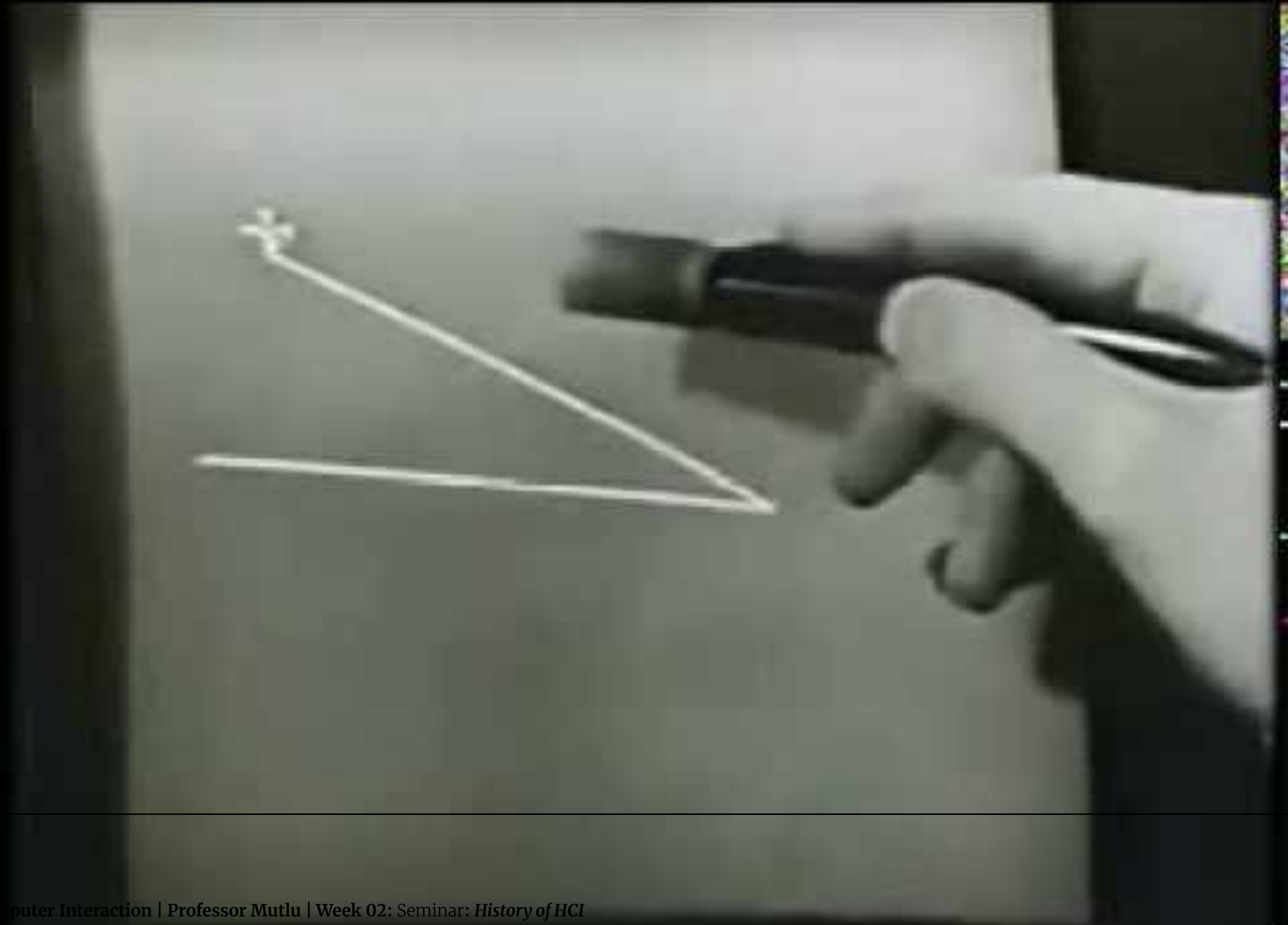
"Sketchpad: A Man-machine Graphical Communications System" introduced hierarchy, object-oriented graphics, constraints, icons, copying, light pen as input device, recursive operations

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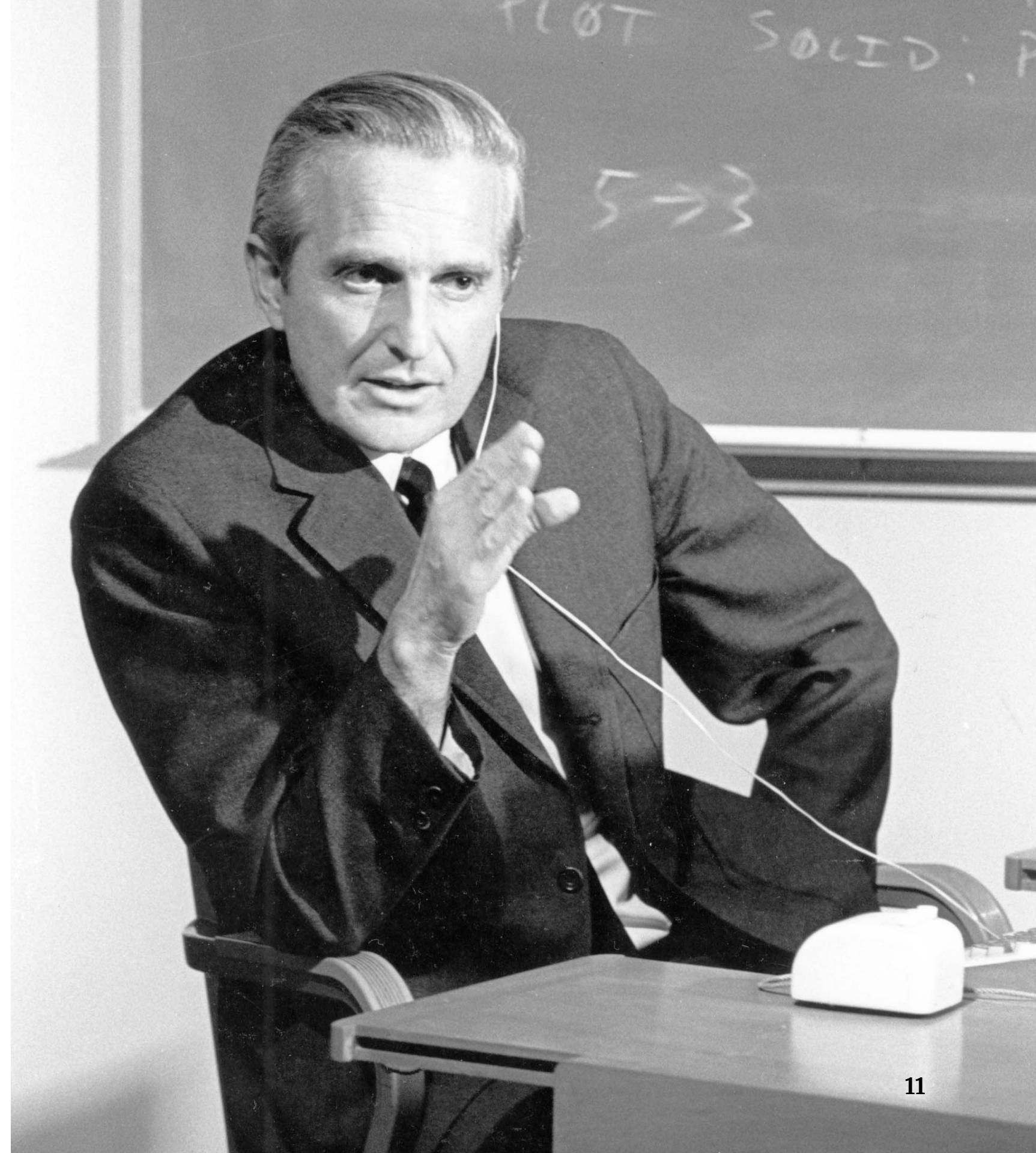




# 1960s<sup>8</sup>

*The Mouse*, 1968, Douglas Engelbart,  
Stanford Research Institute (SRI)

*“Mother of all demos” introduced  
hierarchical hypertext, multimedia,  
windows, shared files, electronic  
messaging, video conferencing*



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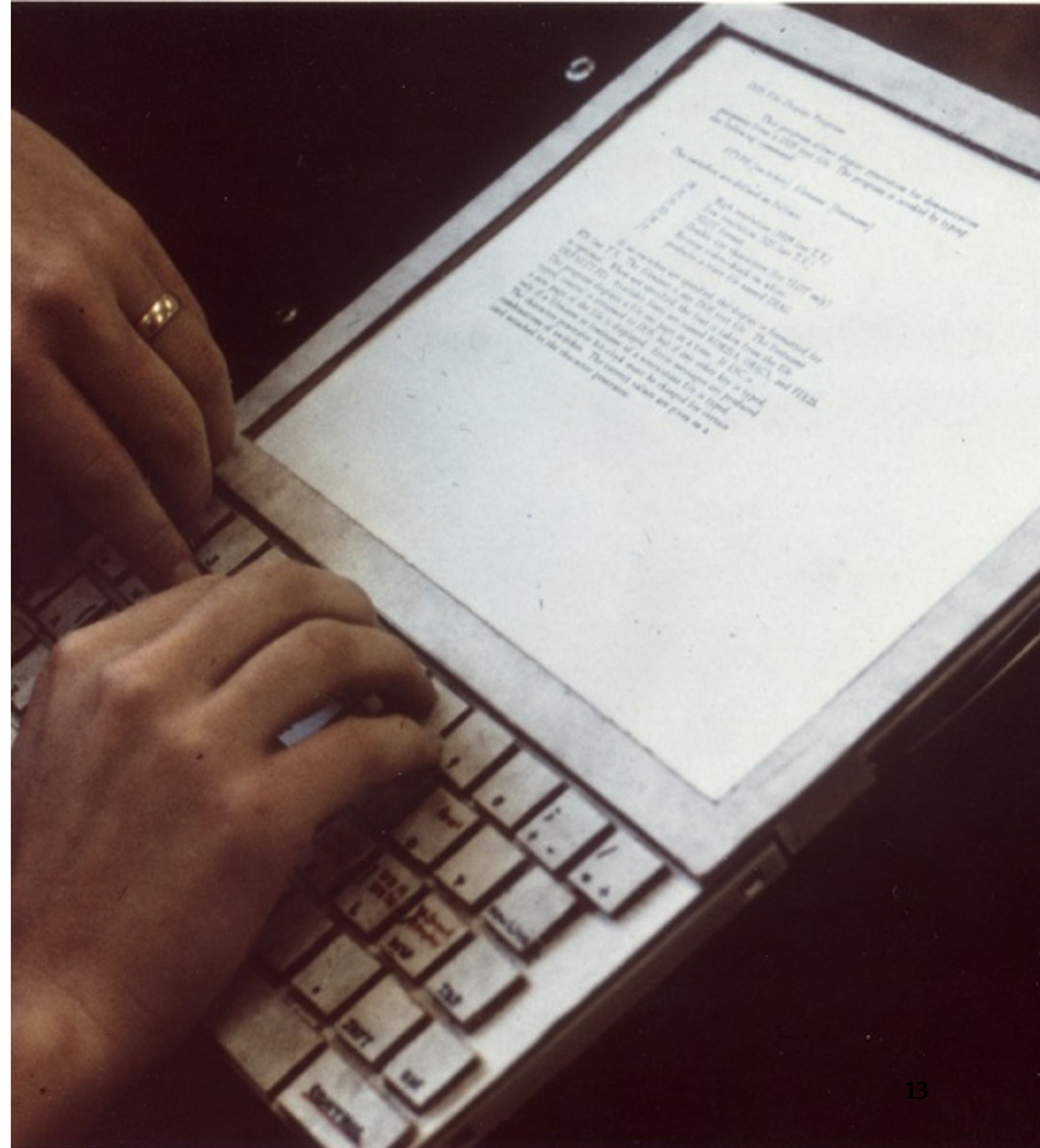




# 1960s<sup>10</sup>

*Dynabook*, 1968, Alan Kay, Xerox PARC

The Dynabook mockup introduced  
*personal computer, desktop interface*



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# 1970s

Xerox Alto, 1973, Xerox PARC<sup>11 12</sup>

The first computer to support an OS based on a GUI that integrated the ideas developed for Dynabook: the desktop metaphor, GUI, ethernet



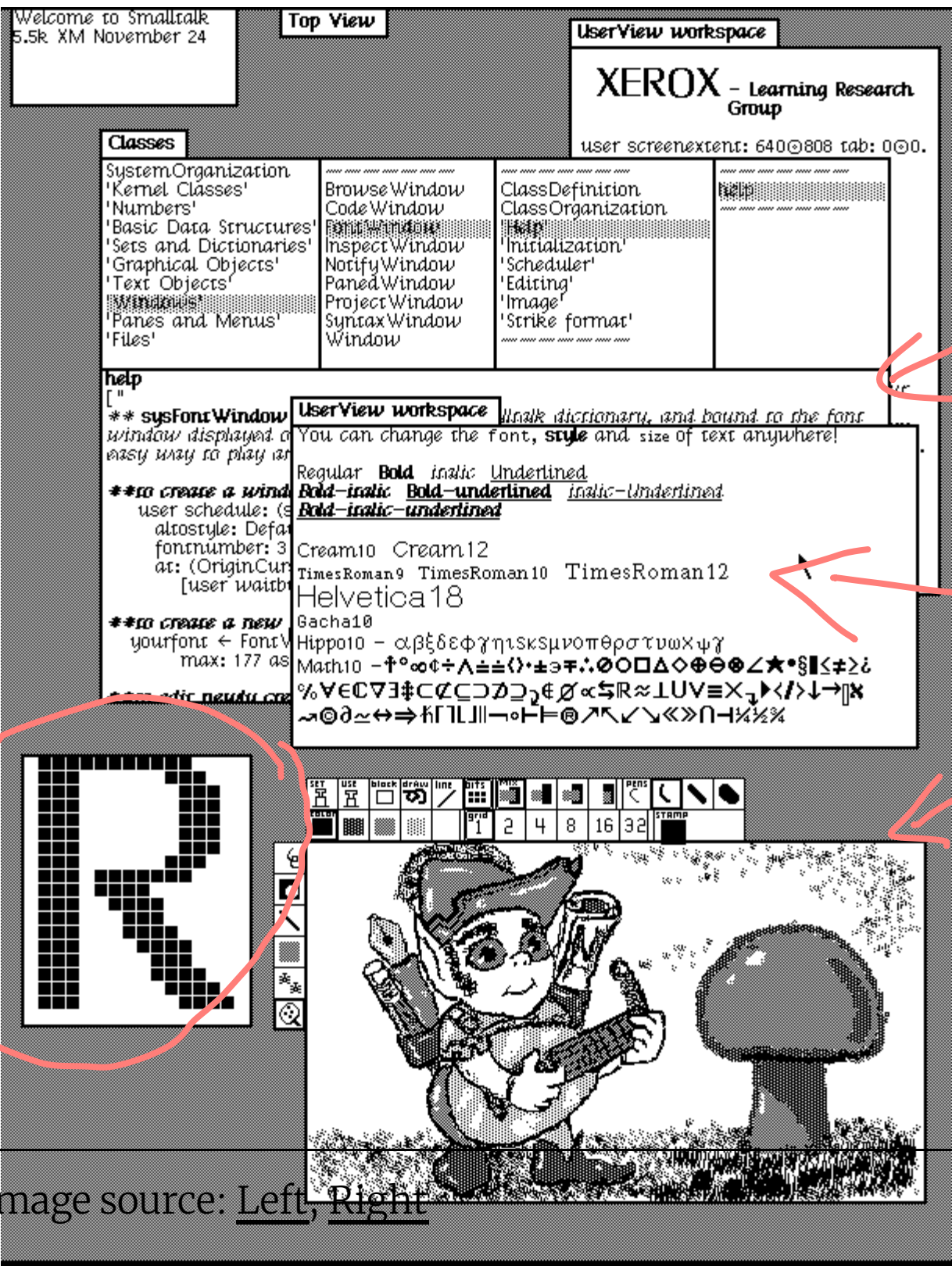
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<sup>11</sup>Wikipedia: Xerox Alto

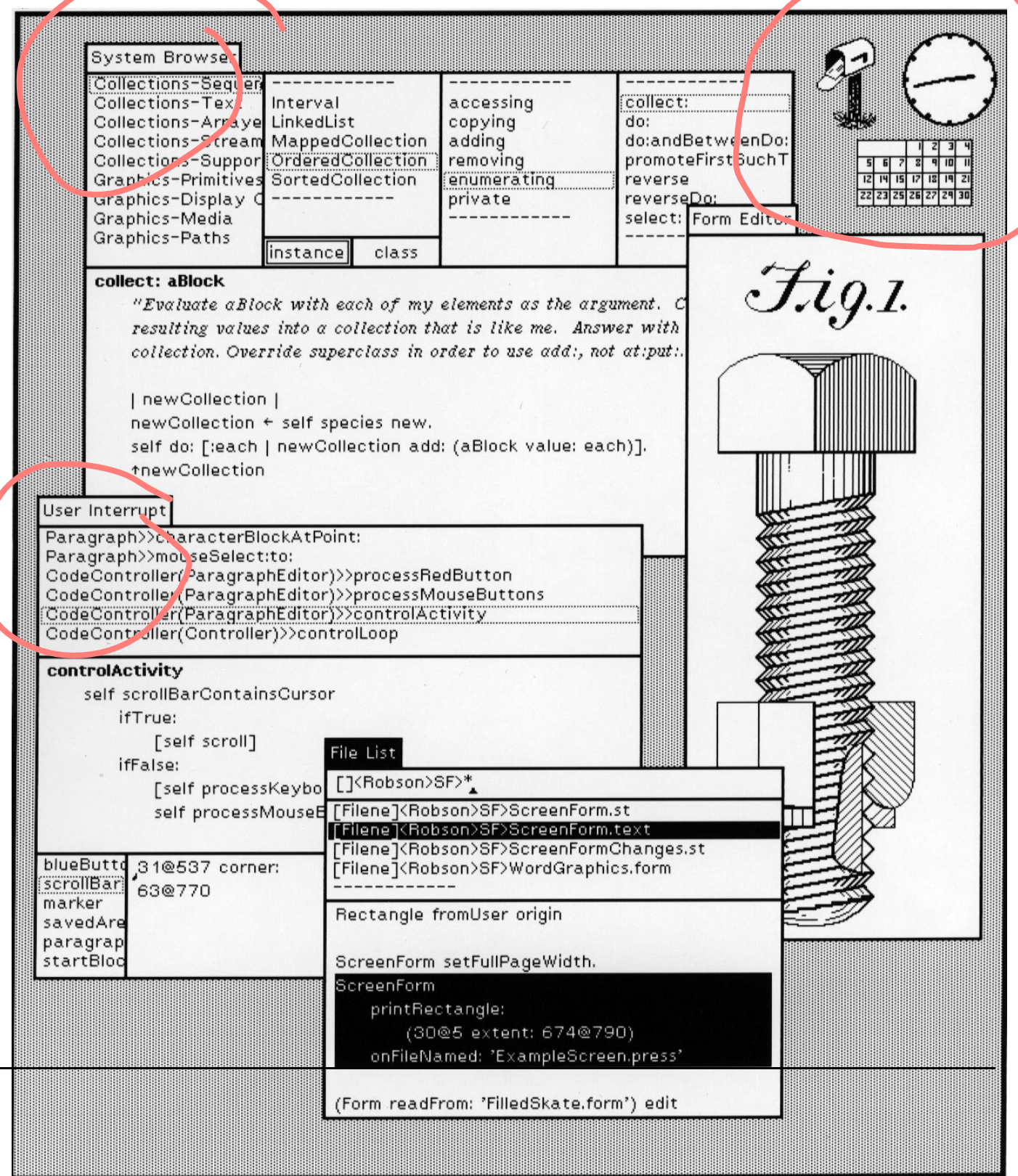
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13 Image source: Left, Right





# 1970s<sup>14</sup>

Apple II, 1977, Apple

Personal computer that was first mass production, color graphics



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1980s<sup>15 16 17</sup>

Xerox Star, 1981, Xerox PARC

First commercial system with a user interface that integrates today's technologies, including windows, icons, folders, mouse, etc.

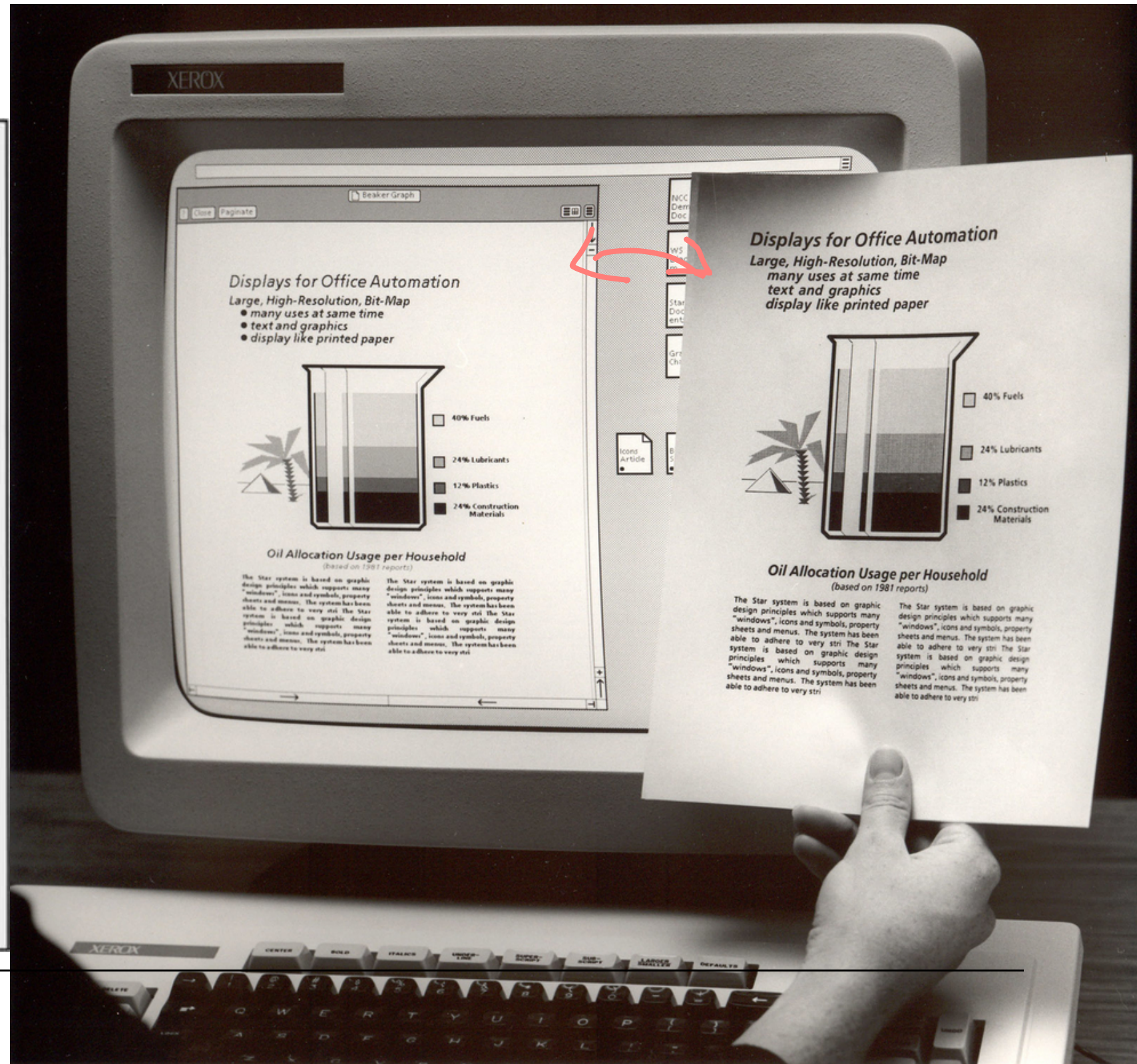
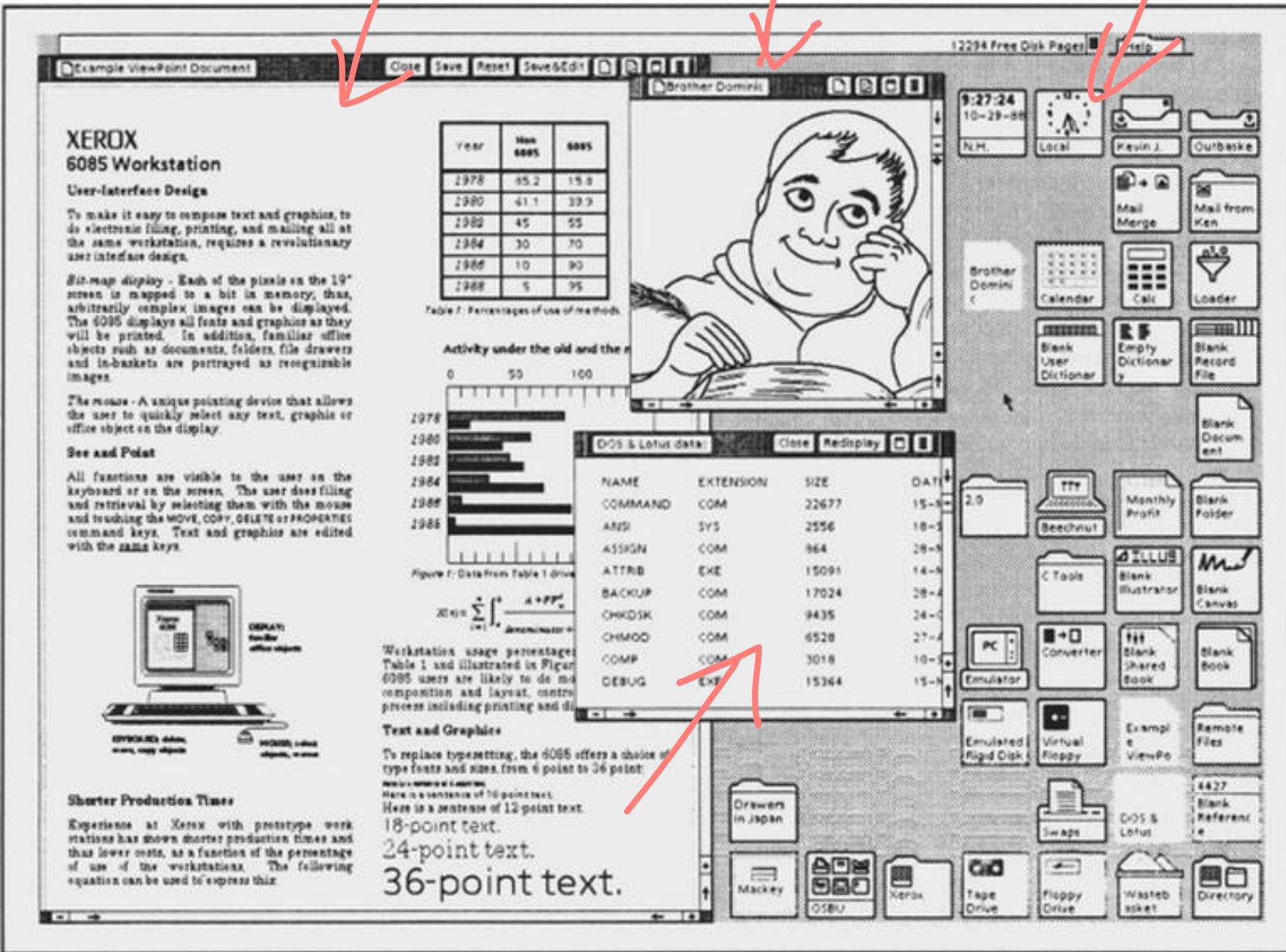


<sup>15</sup> Wikipedia: [Xerox Star](#)

<sup>16</sup> Videos of the Star Interface: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)

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18 Image source: Left, Right



Evolution of "Document" Icon Shape

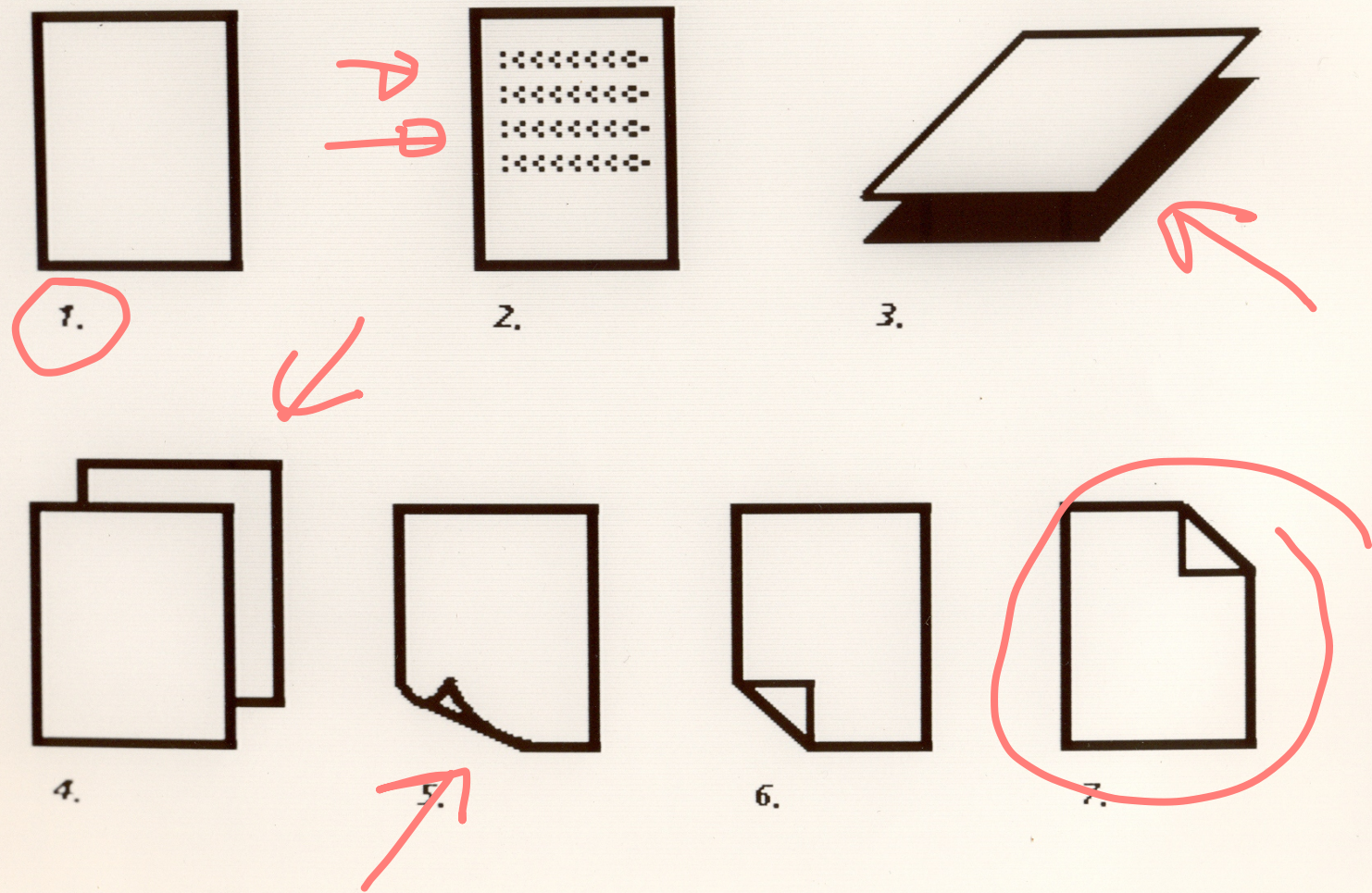
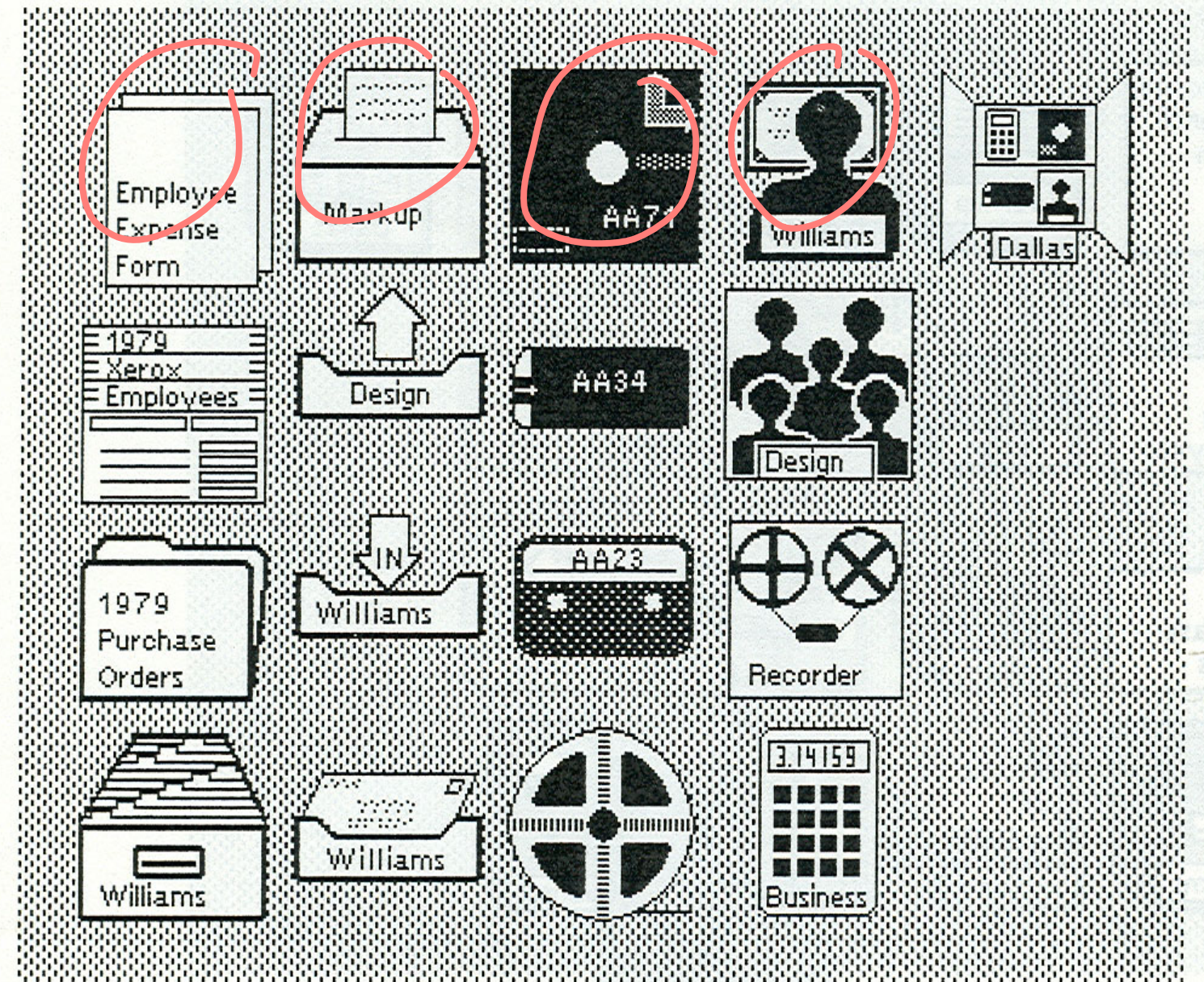


Figure 4.  
Set 4 (Judd)



document	printer	floppy disk	user	directory
record file	out-basket	mag. card	group	
folder	in-basket	cassette	recorder	
file drawer	in-basket (with mail)	mag. tape	calculator	

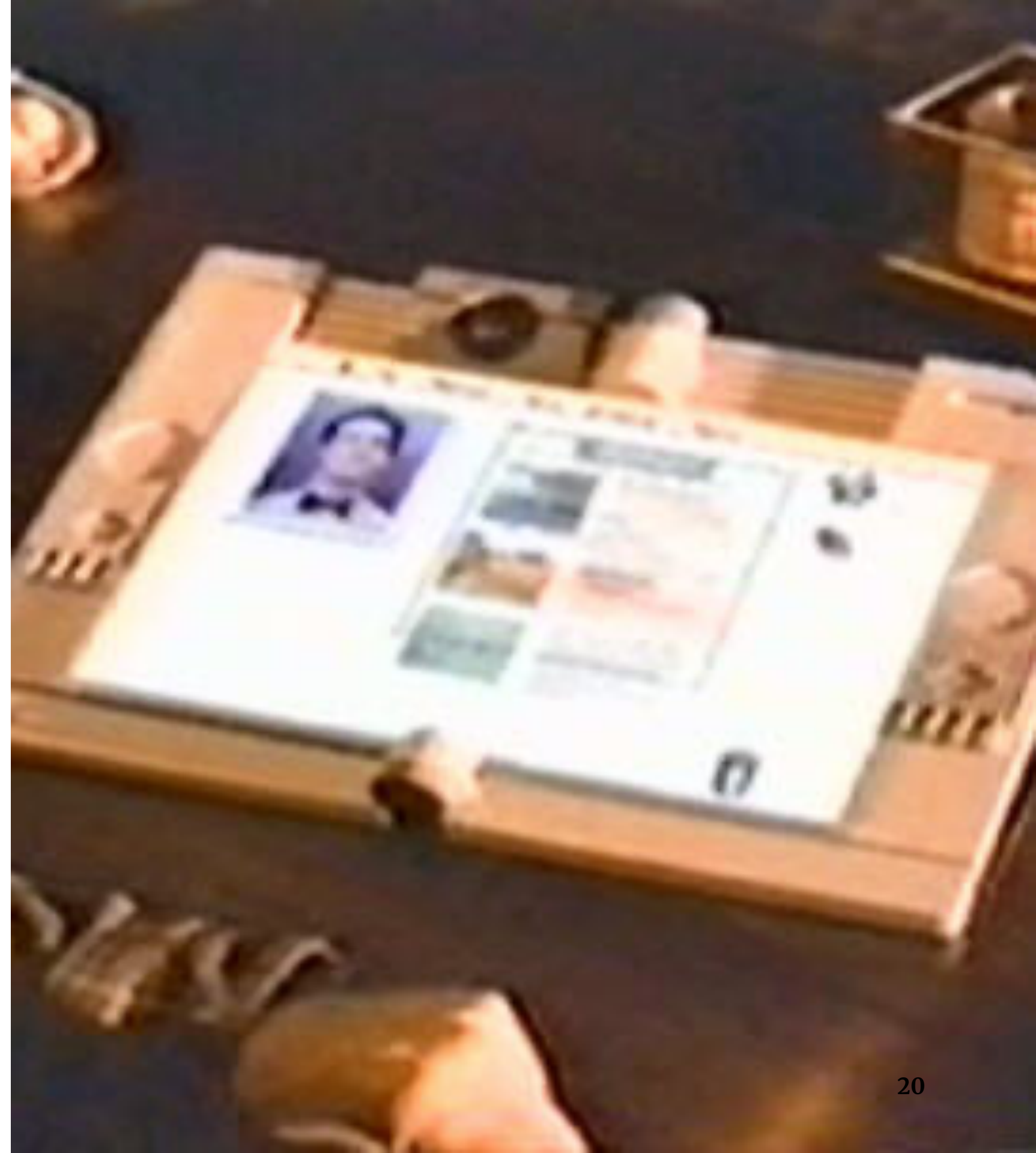
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# 1980s<sup>20</sup>

The Knowledge Navigator, 1987, Hugh Dubberly, Apple ATG

Vision introduced speech interfaces, virtual agents



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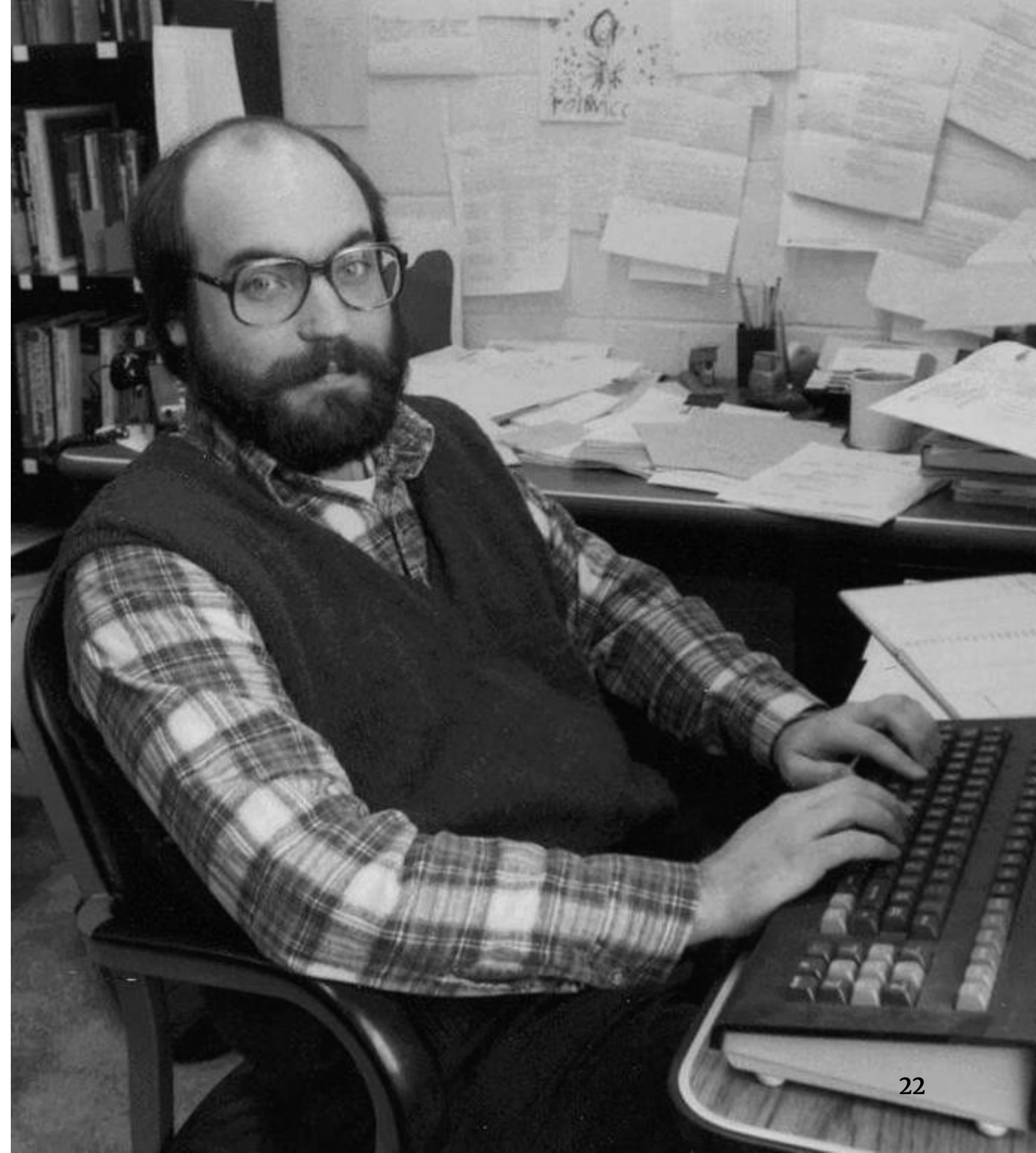


# 1990s<sup>22</sup>

Ubiquitous computing, 1991, Mark Weiser,  
Xerox PARC

The Computer for the 21st Century

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



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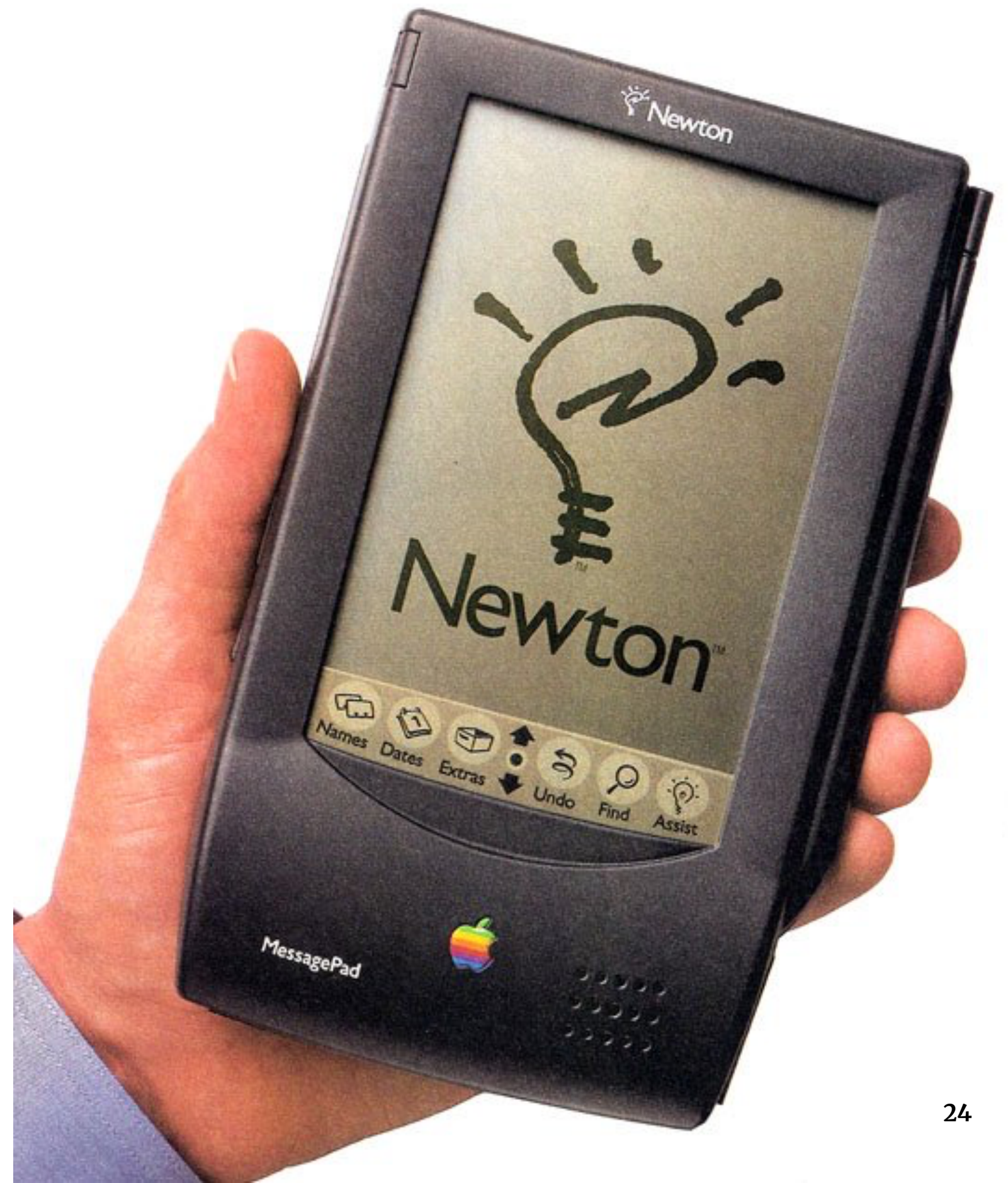
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1990s<sup>24</sup>

Apple Newton, 1992, Apple



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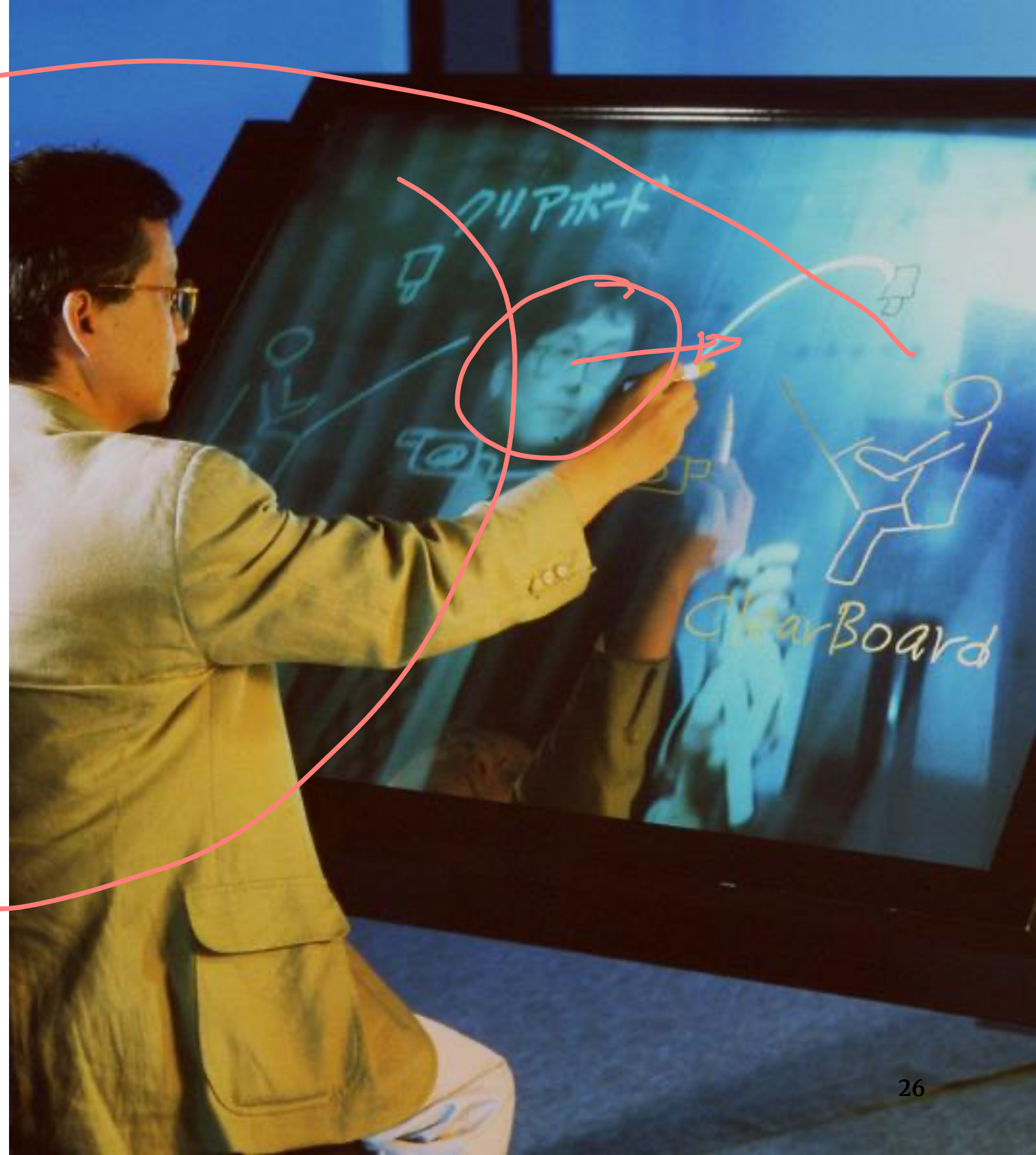




# 1990s<sup>26</sup>

Clearboard, 1992, Hiroshi Ishii, NTT

Prototype introduced shared visual workspace, matched reference points, videoconferencing



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# Discussion

# Some Questions

- » What did you take from the history you read?
- » What was surprising, unintuitive, unexpected?
- » How does what you read change how you see HCI?
- » How did external resources challenge/complement?
- » ...