

*“History of Computer Science”*

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My collection is about the History of Computer Science, with special focus on the people who work with computers and the sociological impact of computers. I started working with computers in 1975, building an Altair 8800 from a kit. I have since programmed computers in several languages to utilize a wide variety of applications. Since 1975, I have purchased quite a few computer books dealing with programming, applications, user guides, and guides to specific machines.

During the 1990's, I moved numerous times which made me choose which books to take and which to leave behind. In making these choices it is now clear I prefer the type of books I present to you. I have tried to collect first edition, cloth bound books when possible and in recent years have replaced many of my paperback editions with cloth editions.

What I have omitted from my collecting focus are the books on applications, programming, user guides, and guides to specific machines. I have been using my numerous books on these topics to trade with dealers to gather the books I want.

I hope you find the collection interesting. It is still a work in progress. I, of course, will use any winnings to buy more books.