

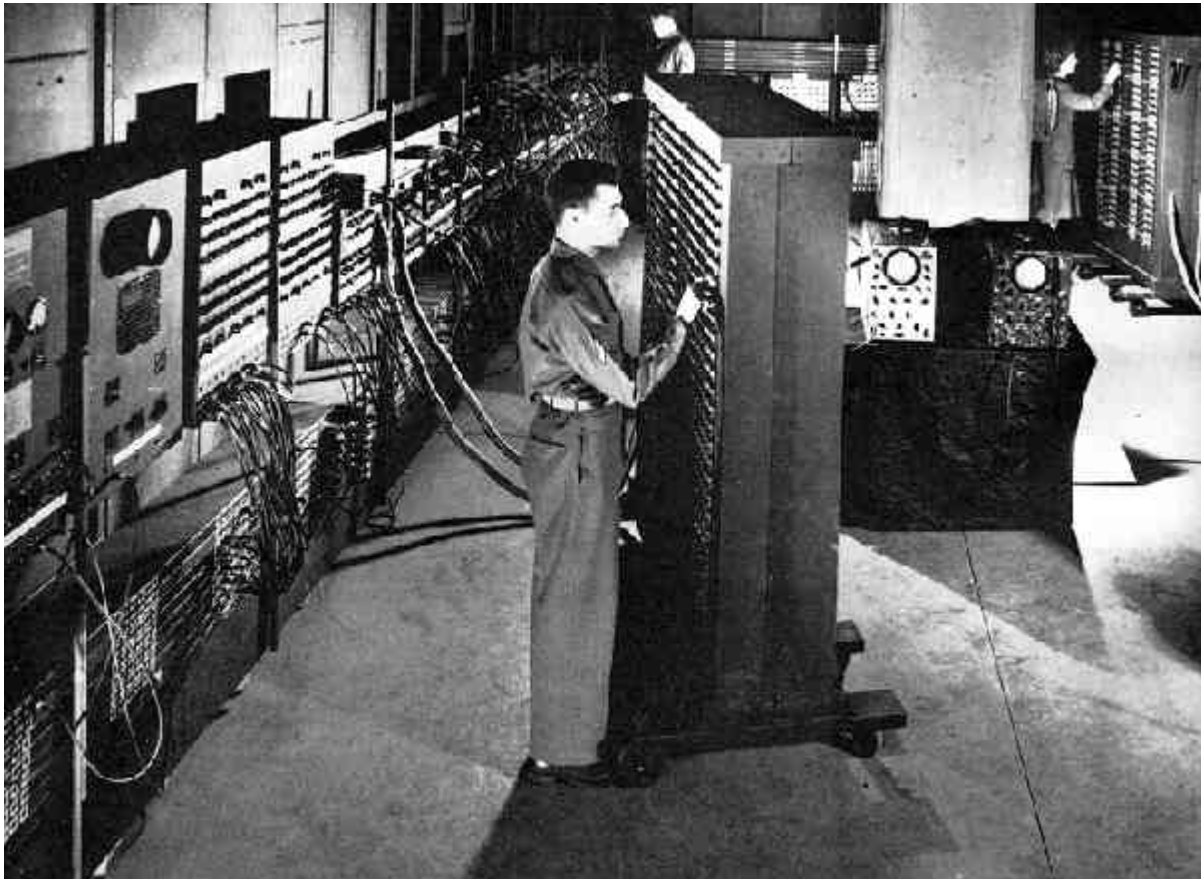
First Generation

The period of first generation was 1946-1959.

First generation of computers started with using vacuum tubes as the basic components for memory and circuitry for CPU (Central Processing Unit). These tubes like electric bulbs produced a lot of heat and were prone to frequent fusing of the installations, therefore, were very expensive and could be afforded only by very large organizations.

In this generation, mainly batch processing operating systems were used. In this generation, Punched cards, Paper tape, Magnetic tape Input & Output device were used.

There were machine codes and electric wired board languages used.



The main features of First Generation are:

- Vacuum tube technology
- Unreliable
- Supported Machine language only
- Very costly
- Generate lot of heat
- Slow Input/Output device
- Huge size
- Need of A.C.
- Non-portable
- Consumed lot of electricity

Some computers of this generation were:

- ENIAC
- EDVAC
- UNIVAC
- IBM-701
- IBM-650



ENIAC



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UNIVAC



IBM-701



IBM-65