

APPLE I

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Apple I was developed for personal use. It was Wozniak's friend Steve Jobs's idea to sell the computer.

At the regular meetings of the "Homebrew Computer Club" Jobs and Wozniak staged the presentation of the computer. However, even in such an attractive presentation of the proposal interest in buying Apple I showed only one person. It appeared to Paul Terrell, the owner of a computer store Byte, recently opened at the Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Terrell ordered 50 computers at once, but he wasn't interested printing circuit boards. He needed only completed computers and he paid 500 dollars for each one. Jobs agreed at once, but for this volume of work he didn't have all necessary things and money. It was required 15'000 dollars, but Jobs borrowed this sum and to get all necessary accessories form the Gramer electronics distributor.

The companions occupied Jobs's house and garage. The beginning of the work was successful. Everyone performed their parts of work. A month later the order was ready. 50 computers were delivered to Terrell and they paid all for the credit. Despite the fact that the Apple I wasn't accomplished with the keyboard, monitor etc it is recognized all over the world as the first computer in the history of it's development.

But the first step was made and due to their persistent and hard work it change and has performed. On saved money 50 more devices were sold and gained great popularity.

The computer went on sale in July 1976 and was produced in 1976-1977. Apple I was fully assembled on a circuit board containing about 30 chips, for which it is considered by many the first full-fledged PC. However, for desktop PC users had to add a case, power supply, keyboard, and monitor.

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