

Starring the Computer

Computers in Movies and Television

Introduction

Keith Myhre sent me, Lowell, a link to the Univac 422 computer information on the title website - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/>.

The website author, James Carter, wrote: “*Starring the Computer* is a website dedicated to the use of computers in film and television. Each appearance is catalogued and rated on its importance (i.e.. how important it is to the plot), realism (how close its appearance and capabilities are to the real thing) and visibility (how good a look does one get of it). Fictional computers don't count (unless they are built out of bits of real computer), so no HAL9000 - sorry.” The 400+ manufacturers’ names are a virtual who’s-who of the computer industry.

I have extracted the below direct links to our various vintage computer types. *ENJOY!*

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Burroughs

In 1986 Burroughs bought Sperry to form Unisys.

- Burroughs B200 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=277>.
Mannix (1967)
- Burroughs B205 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=45>. • The Angry Red Planet (1959) • Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me (1999) • Batman - The Movie (1966) • Battle for the Planet of the Apes (1973) • Caprice (1967) • City Beneath the Sea (1971) • The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes (1969) • Dr. Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine (1965) • Fantastic Voyage (1966) • Get Smart - Season 4, Episode 19, "Absorb the Greek" (1969) • The Green Hornet - Season 1, Episode 4, "Crime Wave" (1966) • The Green Hornet - Season 1, Episode 9, "The Ray Is for Killing" (1966) • Hogan's Heroes - Season 4, "The Witness" (1969) • Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (2001) • Land of the Giants - Season 2, Episode 4, "Deadly Pawn" (1969) • Lost in Space (1965) • Lost In Space - Season 3, Episode 1, "Condemned of Space" (1967) • Lost in Space - Season 3, Episode 6, "Space Destructors" (1967) • Lost in Space - Season 3, Episode 10, "The Space Creature" (1967) • The Night the World Exploded (1957) • Paper Man (1971) • Planet of the

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- Apes - Season 1, Episode 5, "The Legacy" (1974) • The Right Stuff (1983) • Search - Season 1 (1972) • Sex Kittens Go To College (1960) • The Swarm (1978) • Teen Wolf - Season 4, Episode 10, "Monstrous" (2014) • The Time Travelers (1964) • The Time Tunnel - Season 1 (1967) • The Towering Inferno (1974) • Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea - Season 1, Episode 23, "The Human Computer" (1965)
- Burroughs B220 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=325>. • Land of the Giants - Season 2, Episode 4, "Deadly Pawn" (1969) • Search - Season 1 (1972) • Silver Streak (1976) • Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea - Season 1, Episode 23, "The Human Computer" (1965)
 - Burroughs B3900 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=413>. • Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins (1985)

RCA

The RCA Spectra 70 was merged into Univac Blue Bell operations circa 1965.

- RCA Spectra 70 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=275>. • Dragnet - Season 3, Episode 18, "Frauds: DR-28" (1969) • The Incredible Hulk - Season 1, Episode 1 (1978) • The Six Million Dollar Man - Season 1, Episode 4, "Day of the Robot" (1974)

Remington Rand Computers

- Remington Rand 409 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=405>. The Chevy Mystery Show - Season 1, Episode 1, "The Machine Calls It Murder" (1960)

The Remington Rand 409 came out of the Rowayton CT facility, designed in 1949. It was later sold as the Univac 60 and was the first computer used by the Internal Revenue Service and the first computer installed in Japan.

- Remington Rand UNIVAC I - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=112>. The Invisible Boy (1957) • The Twilight Zone - Season 5, Episode 20, "From Agnes - with Love" (1964) • Who's Got the Action? (1962)

In 1952 the UNIVAC I made history by predicting the election of Dwight d. Eisenhower as U.S. President before the polls closed.

Sperry Computers

- Sperry PC - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=421>. • Edge of the Axe (1988)
- Sperry PC/microIT - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=422>. • Edge of the Axe (1988)
- Sperry UNIVAC 1106 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=348>. • The Immortal - Season 1, Episode 6, "Man on a Punched Card" (1970)

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- Sperry UNIVAC 1108 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=420>.
 - Rollerball (1975)
- Sperry UNIVAC 1110 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=256>.
 - The Time Machine (1978)
- Sperry Univac 90/80 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=210>.
 - The Magical World of Disney - Season 31, Episode 4, "The B.R.A.T. Patrol " (1986)
 - No Way Out (1987)
- Sperry Univac 9400 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=370>.
 - Scorpion Tales - Season 1, Episode 2, "Killing" (1978)

Sperry Rand

- Sperry Rand Solid State - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=317>.
 - That Touch of Mink (1962)

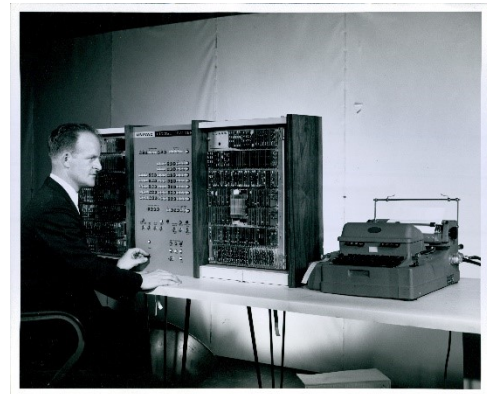
Unisys Computers

- Unisys PW2 Series 500 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=174>.
 - Big (1988)

Univac Computers

- Univac 422 - <http://www.starringthecomputer.com/computer.html?c=189>.
 - My Three Sons - Season 5, Episode 30, "Steve and the Computer" (1965)
 - The Patty Duke Show - Season 1, Episode 2, "The Genius" (1963)

The Univac 422 computer began as the UDT-6 (<http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/UDT-6.pdf>). It was first produced for the defense department as the CP-788, <http://vipclubmn.org/cpothers.html#CP-788>.



Epilogue

Thanks to Mr. James Carter for capturing and including our computers in his history collection.

His site also has an alphabetical listing of the films and TV shows as a cross reference to the computer listing. This listing also has the year of the episode.