Delights and Disappointments-
A Personal History of Technology

Carl Bedingfield (cb9509) describes a half-century of his technology-focused existence - http://iideaco.com/dnd

1. What do I mean by "technology"?

2. Goals of this chat

3. Technologies I have personally encountered

4. What technologies delight me?

5. What technologies disappoint me?

6. How I select technology

PRE-HIGH SCHOOL

kerosene lantern
indoor plumbing
eyeglasses
crystal radio and antenna
telescope
eico tube amp and tuner
soldering iron
heathkit organ
transistor resistor capacitor inductor
slide projector
bell & howell film projector (playback)
mimeograph machine
television CRT
VHF and UHF
8mm video camera (recording)
landline phone
piano

HIGH SCHOOL

contact lenses
electric wiring
auto tools
hydraulic brakes
typewriter
Wollensak tape deck
microphone
tube sound system at church
electric guitar
pitch pipe
strobe tuner
Speed Graphic Camera + Polaroid
4x5 film
car radio and hazard flashers!
reel tape
LP records
audio/speaker wiring
mechanical drafting tools & machine
lead holder
Schaeffer ink pen

COLLEGE

Koh-I-Noor Technical drawing pen
BASIC language
laser

optics
Burroughs B5500
core memory
disk memory
computer tape memory
CDC Cyber64
punch cards and reader
line printer
DEC gt40
DEC pdp8
Teletype
paper tape punch and reader
DEC VT-100 terminal
DEC pdp11
Unix
email
Arpanet
integrated circuits
35mm camera
sound studio
Gibson guitar
upright bass
GMC Pickup
Austin Healey Sprite
Craftsman tools
Revox reel-to-reel video recorder
Automatrix unit
Levi's
Red Wings
Stetson
electronic tuner

SUPERIOR STEEL

5TI Programmable controller
cutting torch
welding machine
Cromemco PC Clone
SquareD pushbuttons
engraving machine
Letraset rub-on letters
screen printing
Imron epoxy paint
air cannon
ceramic lining

motor starters
limit switches
fax machine
dot-matrix printer
IBM Selectric printer
telex
air compressor & tools
blueprint machine
color plotter
serial data
Radio Shack
  TRS-80 Model II, III, 4?
  wp, spreadsheet, db, terminal,
  drawing program
PBX and telephone features

BELLSOUTH

Hayes Modem
ASCII
RS-232
ISDN Protocol analyzer
AIN, SCP, SCN
SS7
GSM
FrameMaker
iMac
Windows
Word, Excel, Visio,
IE
inkjet printer
laser printer
video editing (tape and digital)
Ethernet
WiFi
Wireshark
RF Analyzer
US Patent office
VHS
CD ROM
DVD ROM
Blackberry
HTML
Perl
Edward Tufte

AT&T

digital signage machine
Raspberry Pi
Arduino
Linux
Blender
3D Television
3D Printer
Enhanced Packet Core
IoT
Digital Life

HOME

Bag phone
OBDII reader
web hosting
Dyson vacuum
flip phone
iPod
iPad
iPhone
sailing
pontoon boat
Zoom
tuner app
dock
Kobalt 40v yard tools
Mac Mini
Astro van
HVAC system
riding mower w/ hydraulic xmission

OTH

Tobias 5-string
Mackie mixer
JBL speakers
Mackie powered speakers
sub-woofer
FM synthesizer
MIDI control

CHURCH

Telecaster
FloorPOD 500X pedal
Aviom stage monitors
digital drum kit