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Subject: Re: Floppy disks

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Hi, I remember them. I learned to program on an IBM 1620 using SPS and Fortran 2. I even learned machine language for it. One machine I really wanted to try, but they would not let me was a huge Burroughs. It filled a room about 100 feet on a side. More tape drives than you can imagine. It had a giant 1 meg memory. I don't know what the cpu was or the operating system but it was used for scientific studies. Not for students to fiddle with. I keep a few floppy drives (both 5.25 and 3.5) around as there is always the chance that something will show up and need to be read from a disk. I also keep an Iomega Zip drive handy. 10 meg is piddly now but was huge back then.

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