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Subject: Re: Floppy disks

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My first technical job was with an OEM for Data General, building microcomputers during the summer when I was still in school. I later became an engineer for Data General, which was my first full-time job after graduation. Back then, most businesses were run on minicomputers or superminis made by the likes of IBM, Data General and Digital Equipment Corp. And of course, there were the mainframes from IBM, Amdahl and Burroughs. Microprocessors were just used in calculators and other dedicated devices for the most part until the 1980s. Microcomputers weren't used for much in business until the 1990s.

I must admit I still find that era more interesting for computer science. We've come a long way since then, but that's really when the foundations for modern computing were built.