Paper #1 – How Did We Get Here?
Minimum 1250 words

Topic: Looking at the history of computers and computation, give a narrative that uses the change in technology as a frame of reference for the changes in the social context.

The article should focus on a specific device or area that has come to integrate computers, illustrating the broader progress that these devices have followed in our society.

This article will address: the importance of the topic, how computer technology has become integrated over time, and what this has to say about the broader progress of computers witnessed in society. **The article must not have a value judgment**, but should present the central issues revolving around the integration of computers into this aspect of society.

Goal: The goal is to develop a paper that examines a sub-set of computer technology to tell the broader story of how computers have developed and the impact they have had on society. Thus, this paper will provide a framework of how computers have developed over time.

General requirements and info:

- The paper will not be written in 1st person.
- The paper must incorporate at least four references, all appropriately identified.
- References do not contribute to word count.
- All references can be in the format of your choosing, but must provide enough information to find the reference.
- At least two references must come from the following journals.
  - Communications of the ACM
  - IEEE Computer
  - IEEE Annals of the History of Computing
  - IEEE Spectrum
- The remaining two references must come from a major newspaper, established business magazine, or academic source.
- Wikipedia and other exclusive digital resources are not acceptable reference material.
- The following topics are not allowed without the previous approval of the professor: video games/consoles, word-processors, spreadsheets, consumer music distribution, and cellphones.
- Students are encouraged to use this opportunity to explore an area of interest.

Important Dates:

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