



The Homebrew Computer Club: personal computers and new computer languages

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NARRATOR:

The Homebrew Computer Club took computing out of the hands of big business.

ROBERT X. CRINGELY:

What happened was: you wanted a computer or a piece of software or some product that didn't exist. You looked around, it didn't exist. So you built it.

And when you built it, you showed it to your friends, 'cause everyone wants to show off and your friends would say, "this is great, can I have one?".

STEVE WOZNIACK:

The values were sharing. If you have parts that can help people, if you have knowledge, you'll share.

NARRATOR:

Wozniack brought Jobs to the Homebrew Computer Club, where he was showing a new computer he had made. It would become the Apple 1.

STEVE WOZNIACK:

He saw a business opportunity – that all these people wanted to build my computer design but they didn't have building skills.

And he thought, "We'll put out some money, design a PC board. We'll make it for 20 dollars; we'll sell it for 40 dollars."

And I didn't know if we'd sell enough to get our money back – we would have to sell about 50. And I didn't know if there were 50 people who were going to buy my computer.

And Steve said, “Yeah, maybe we won’t get our money back. But then for once in our lives, finally, the two of us will have our own company”.