Follow its colorful history in the context of technological and social forces that influenced four generations of mainframe developers.

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- **1964**: IBM System/360 introduced
- **1969**: Man on the moon (thanks in part to the IBM System/360)
- **1972**: IBM System/360 introduced
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- **1977**: Man on the moon (thanks in part to the IBM System/360)

**1970s**
- **1960s**: BABY BOOMER DEVELOPERS ARE IN GRADE SCHOOL, WHILE FUTURE GEN X DEVELOPERS ARE BABIES. IBM SYSTEM/360 IS YOUNG, TOO. MAINFRAMES LEVERAGING PUNCH CARDS AND BATCH PROCESSING ARE PRIMARILY USED FOR ACCOUNTING, BILLING AND INVENTORY PROCESSES.
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- **1981**: First modern, cash-dispensing ATM (IBM 2984) developed in the UK for Lloyds Bank
- **1983**: First UPC code scanned (50 sticks of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum)
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**1990s**
- **1990**: Compuware launches Xpediter
- **1991**: World Wide Web access is widely available
- **1993**: Compuware launches File-AID
- **1994**: Compuware launches Hiperstation
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**The Digital Economy and the Age of the Consumer Arrive**
- **2000**: IT professionals’ gallant Y2K efforts prevent computer systems from crashing
- **2003**: MySpace, Facebook and the true social media explosion
- **2004**: Broadband overtakes dial-up
- **2005**: Middle phones (today’s FC phones) first integrate into people’s homes
- **2006**: The MAINFRAME becomes increasingly critical for managing business operations and transactional data, just as MAINFRAME AND MAINFRAME TECHNOLOGY are seen as the backbone of our society.
- **2007**: The MAINFRAME replaces OS/390 and FORTRAN FACILITIES as a critical computing platform for the masses.
- **2008**: The MAINFRAME becomes an integral part of the mainframes.
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