

The Computing Community Consortium: Stimulating Bigger Thinking

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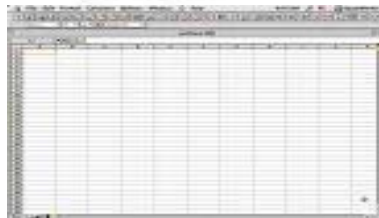
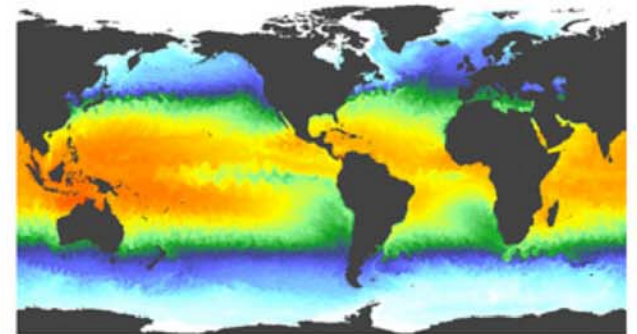
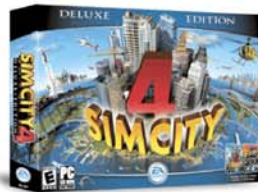
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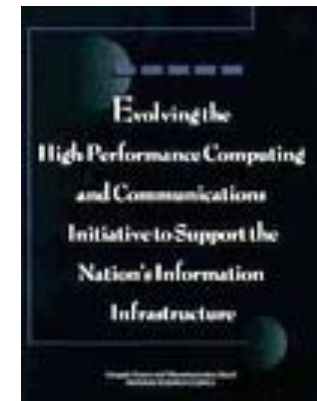
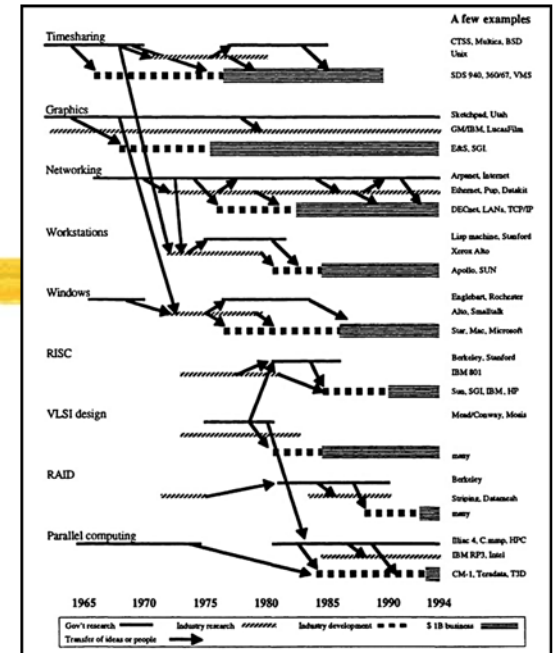
Computing has changed the world

- Advances in computing change the way we live, work, learn, and communicate
- Advances in computing drive advances in nearly all other fields
- Advances in computing power our economy
 - Not just through the growth of the IT industry - through productivity growth across the entire economy



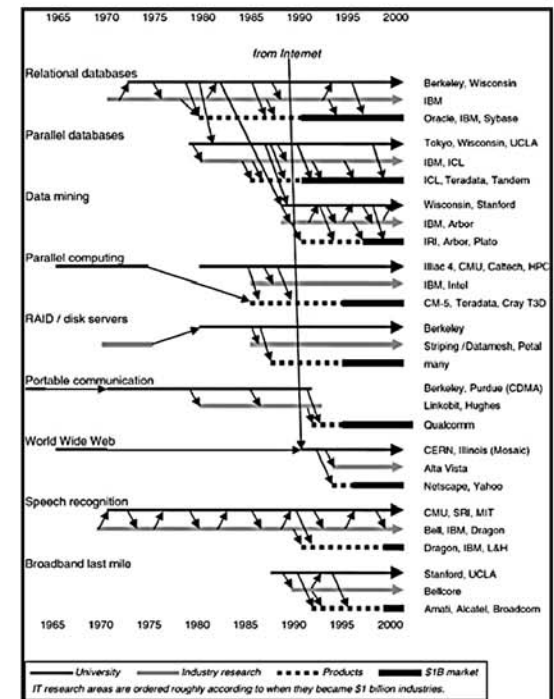
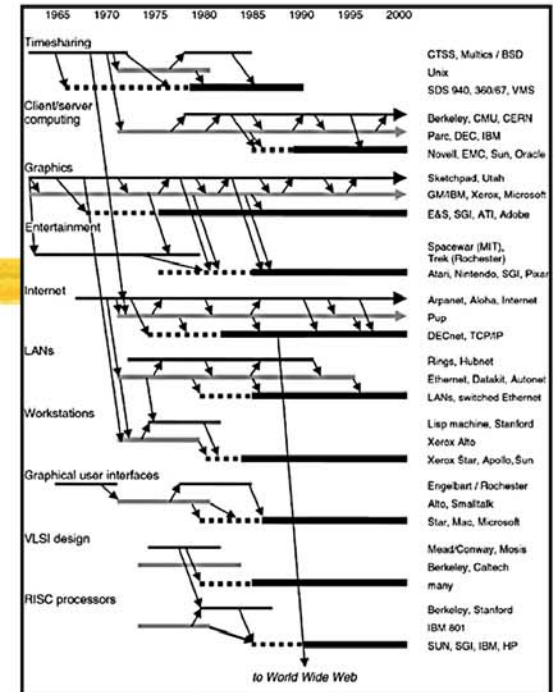
Research has built the foundation

- Timesharing
- Computer graphics
- Networking (LANs and the Internet)
- Personal workstation computing
- Windows and the graphical user interface
- RISC architectures
- Modern integrated circuit design
- RAID storage
- Parallel computing



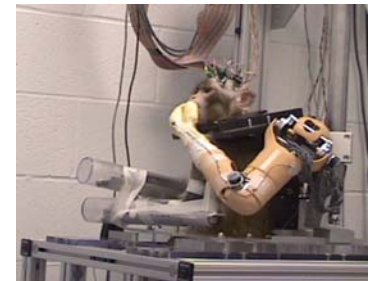
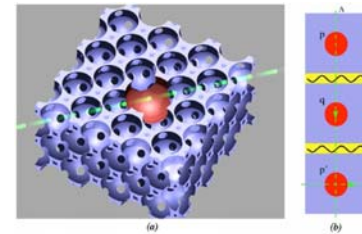
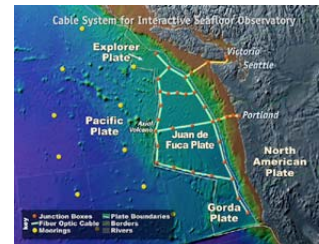
Much of the impact is recent

- Entertainment technology
- Data mining
- Portable communication
- The World Wide Web
- Speech recognition
- Broadband last mile



The future is full of opportunity

- Creating the future of networking
- Driving advances in all fields of science and engineering
- Wreckless driving
- Personalized education
- Predictive, preventive, personalized medicine
- Quantum computing
- Empowerment for the developing world
- Personalized health monitoring => quality of life
- Harnessing parallelism: many-core and DISC
- Neurobotics
- Synthetic biology
- The algorithmic lens: Cyber-enabled Discovery and Innovation



We must work together to establish, articulate, and pursue visions for the field

- The challenges that will shape the intellectual future of the field
- The challenges that will catalyze research investment and public support
- The challenges that will attract the best and brightest minds of a new generation



To this end, NSF asked CRA to create the Computing Community Consortium

- To catalyze the computing research community to consider such questions
 - To envision long-range, more audacious research challenges
 - To build momentum around such visions
 - To state them in compelling ways
 - To move them towards funded initiatives
 - To ensure "science oversight" of large-scale initiatives
- A "cooperative agreement" with NSF
 - Close coordination



The structure



- **CCC is all of us!**
 - This process *must* succeed, and it *can't* succeed without broad community engagement
- **There is a CCC Council to guide the effort**
 - *The Council stimulates and facilitates - it doesn't "own"*
 - Inaugural Council appointed through an open process led by Randy Bryant
- **The Council is led by a Chair**
 - Ed Lazowska, University of Washington
 - Susan Graham, UC Berkeley, serves as Vice Chair
 - 50% effort - not titular
- **The CCC is staffed by CRA**
 - Andy Bernat serves as Executive Director



- Those involved in shaping CRA's response to NSF's original challenge

- Andy Bernat
- Randy Bryant
- Susan Graham
- Anita Jones
- Dick Karp
- Ken Kennedy
- Ed Lazowska
- Peter Lee
- Dan Reed
- Wim Sweldens
- Jeff Vitter

- Inaugural CCC Council

- Greg Andrews
- Bill Feiereisen
- Susan Graham (v ch)
- Anita Jones
- Dave Kaeli
- Dick Karp
- John King
- Ed Lazowska (ch)
- Peter Lee
- Andrew McCallum
- Beth Mynatt
- Fred Schneider
- Bob Sproull
- Karen Sutherland
- David Tennenhouse
- Dave Waltz

Activities to date



- Definition and execution of a bootstrapping procedure for the CCC
 - Not straightforward, because community ownership was essential!
- Five plenary talks at the Federated Computing Research Conference (June 2007) to introduce CCC to the computing research community
 - Embracing and amplifying efforts that are already underway



Monday June 11, 6-7 p.m., Grand Exhibit Hall

Christos Papadimitriou, UC Berkeley

The Algorithmic Lens: How the Sciences are Being Transformed by the Computational Perspective

[Abstract](#)



Tuesday June 12, 6-7 p.m., Grand Exhibit Hall

Bob Colwell, Independent Consultant

Future of Computer Architecture '07

[Abstract](#)



Wednesday June 13, 6-7 p.m., Grand Exhibit Hall

Randal Bryant, Carnegie Mellon University

Data-Intensive Super Computing: Taking Google-Style Computing Beyond Web Search

[Abstract](#)



Thursday June 14, 6-7 p.m., Grand Exhibit Hall

Scott Shenker, UC Berkeley

We Dream of GENI: Exploring Radical Network Designs

[Abstract](#)




Friday June 15, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Grand Exhibit Hall (FCRC Keynote Talk)

Ed Lazowska, University of Washington and Chair, Computing Community Consortium

Computer Science: Past, Present and Future

[Abstract](#)

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- Definition and execution of an RFP process to support visioning by the computing research community
 - Quarterly deadlines, but a rolling process
 - Five efforts launched thus far:
 - | "Big Data Computing Study Group"
 - | "Cyber-Physical Systems"
 - | "Visions for Theoretical Computer Science"
 - | "From Internet to Robotics: The Next Transformative Technology"
 - | "Network Science and Engineering"



■ *Big Data Computing Study Group*

■ Topic:

- "The Big Data Computing Study Group will undertake efforts to explore and enable opportunities on the research and application of high-performance computing over very large data sets."

■ Leadership:

- Randy Bryant, CMU
- Thomas Kwan, Yahoo! Research

■ Initial activities:

- Hadoop Summit, March 25, Sunnyvale CA
- Data-Intensive Scalable Computing Symposium, March 26, Sunnyvale CA



| *Cyber-Physical Systems*

| Topic:

- “The integration of physical systems and processes with networked computing has led to the emergence of a new generation of engineered systems: Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS). Such systems use computations and communication deeply embedded in and interacting with physical processes to add new capabilities to physical systems. CPS range from miniscule (pace makers) to large-scale (the national power-grid). This effort will identify the science and technology challenges facing CPS.”

| Leadership:

- Bruce Krogh, CMU
- Jack Stankovic, University of Virginia
- 12 others

| Initial activities:

- Multiple preliminary workshops
- Cyber-Physical Systems Summit, April 24-25, St. Louis MO



■ *Visions for Theoretical Computer Science*

■ Topic:

- “The purpose of the visioning workshop will be to identify and distill broad research themes within TCS that have potential for major impact in the future ... The workshop will aim to produce compelling “nuggets” that can quickly convey the importance of a research direction to a layperson [and] could be used by the CCC or anyone else making the case for a sustained investment in long-term, foundational computing research.”

■ Leadership:

- Richard Ladner, Washington
- Bernard Chazelle, Anna Karlin, Dick Lipton, Salil Vadhan

■ Initial activities:

- Workshop prior to STOC, May 17, Seattle WA



■ *From Internet to Robotics: The Next Transformative Technology*

■ Topic:

- "This study will generate a roadmap of applications for robotics across users, producers and researchers. The objective is to provide a comprehensive view of use of robotics, the main obstacles to deployment, and the key competencies required to facilitate the transformation."

■ Leadership:

- Henrik Christensen, Georgia Tech
- 10 others (Leslie Kaelbling, Sebastian Thrun, ...)

■ Initial activities:

- Workshop on manufacturing robotics, June 17, Washington DC
- Workshop on medical/healthcare robotics, June 19-20, Washington DC



■ *Network Science and Engineering (NetSE)*

■ Topic:

- Our evolving networks are extraordinarily complex. Is there a **science** for understanding the complexity of our networks such that we can **engineer** them to have predictable behavior? We must develop a compelling and broad-based research agenda for the science and engineering of our evolving, complex networks.

■ Leadership:

- Ellen Zegura, Georgia Tech, chair of NetSE Council
 - 19 members
- Chip Elliott, BBN, director of GENI Project Office

■ Initial activities:

- Workshops going back several years, and continuing
- GENI Engineering Conferences
- Four research workshops April-July: Science of Network Design; Network Design and Societal Values; Behavior, Economics, and Networks; Network Design and Engineering

- Creation of a website with placeholders denoting good intentions for the future ...
 - Visioning blog ... "Mythbusting" ... "The Promise of IT"

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CCC Seeds Effort to Explore Big-Data Computing
by CCC COUNCIL

Under sponsorship by the CCC, the Big-Data Study Group will explore and enable opportunities for research and applications of high-performance, data-intensive computing systems, benefiting application areas ranging from astronomy to machine translation....

CCC Seeds Effort to Understand Issues in Robotics
by CCC COUNCIL

The Promise of IT
the future

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coming soon

roadmaps
coming soon

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where are we...

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- Extensive work with NSF and the computing research community related to GENI (the Global Environment for Network Innovations) and the broader NetSE (Network Science & Engineering) research agenda
 - GENI Community Advisory Board -> GENI Science Council -> NetSE Council
 - 19 members, chaired by Ellen Zegura of Georgia Tech

The desired outcomes



- Broad community engagement in establishing more audacious and inspiring research visions for our field
 - Some may require significant research infrastructure (e.g., NetSE); some will be new programs (e.g., CDI)
- Better public appreciation of the potential of the field
- Attraction of a new generation of students
- Greater impact!

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