

Mate Szabo, ensing, designing and reverse engineering computers in Hungary from the 1950s to the 1970s

The computers manufactured in Hungary between the late 1950s and the 1970s were developed in quite varied ways. They include machines designed entirely in the country, reverse engineered PDPs as well as French licenses used to fulfill Hungary's responsibilities in the CMEAs Unified Computer System project (RYAD). The most important impact of these different developments were in many cases not the computers themselves, but communities of experts and users they created, and the international connections they led to. The aim of this talk is to take a look at how these different developments impacted the field of computing in Hungary locally.