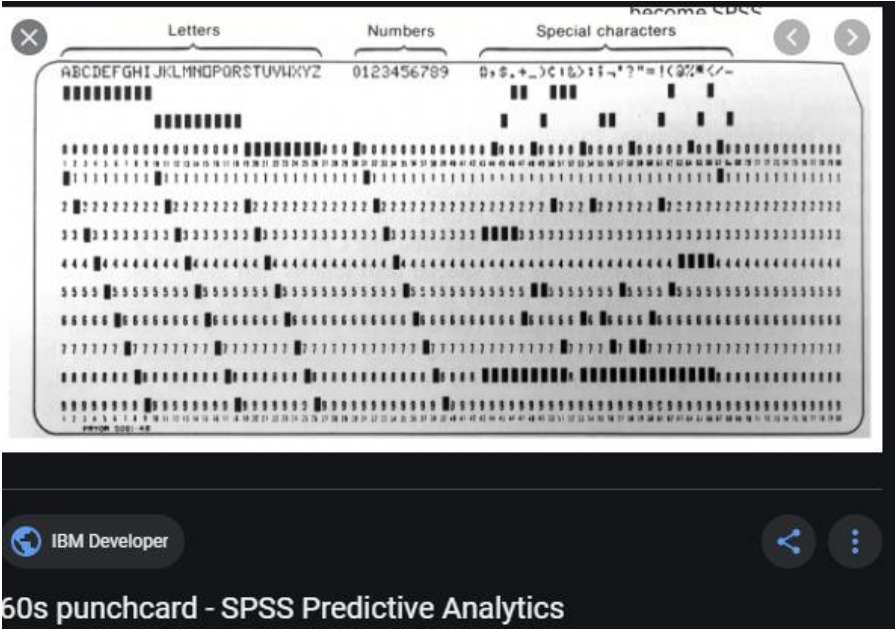
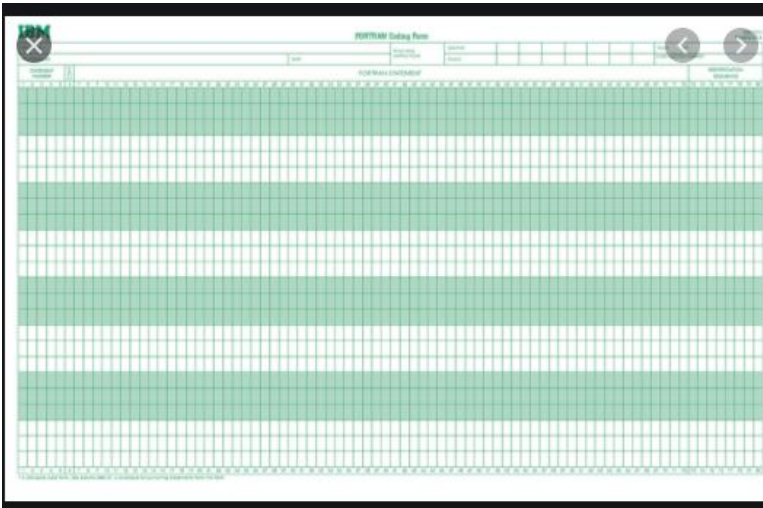




The 80-column punch card!



Just in case you think that “analytics” is a cool new advent!



If you could afford to be fancy... You wrote your program code lines onto this coding sheet.



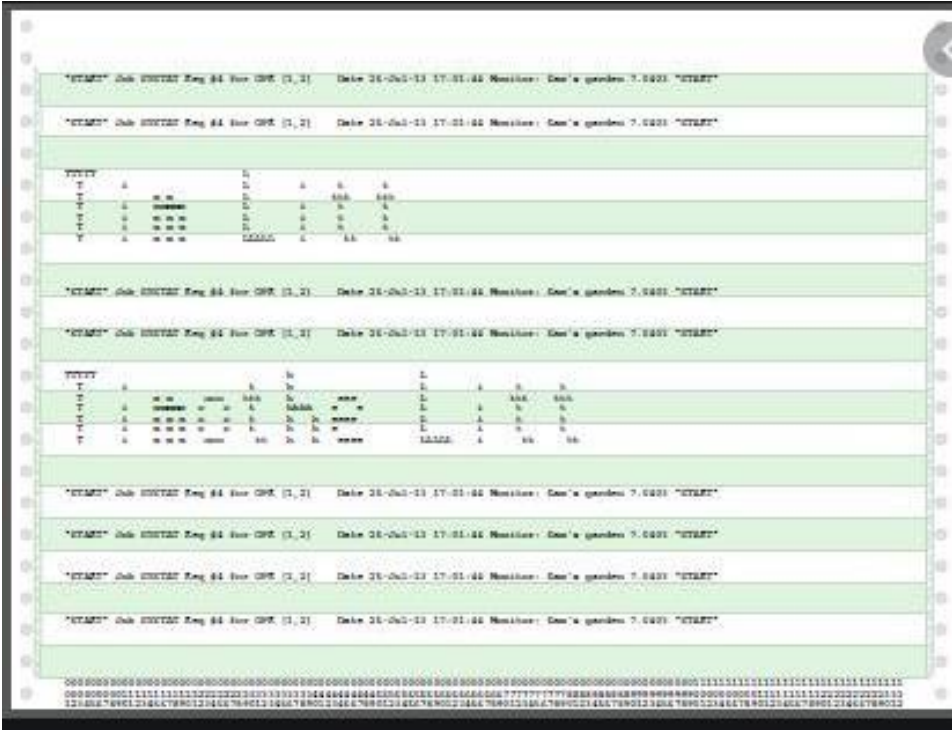
Then sat down and typed the code onto cards using this punch machine – no erasing! But there was “dup”!!



Your card stack went into this... sometimes a card was “eaten” and you re-typed it.



This is most of an IBM 360 mainframe installation! The big box in the middle was about 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the size of the previous computers – the result of shifting from tubes to solid-state circuits. The “admin” monitored all programs and output – programs ran one at a time!



You got your output on the “green pages”.

At many places you paid “real money” for computer time (\$10/cpu second) and printing (3 cents) perpage. Some of the weird defaults in some packages were to reduce time and pages produced by mistakes.



My first "laptop"!



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