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If you have Model I, III or 4 TRS-80 disks lying around, you may want to think about sending them in. If the data is intact, I can read them into "virtual disk files" (DMK files) which will serve not only to archive the disk forever, but would also allow you to use those virtual disks in an emulator on your current computer, and to extract the data to your current computer if you wanted to. The media on these disks and tapes were not intended to hold data for 35+ years and the data will not last forever. If you do have disks lying around, I would encourage you to contact me. Frequently asked guestions can be answered here!. Yes Trash Talk Podcaster Ian Mavric has been on eBay for more than 18 years, with 100% feedback and a long history with TRS-80s going back to the 1980s. Timely, reliable shipping from Australia. Check out the store HERE!. Dale Frantz has had his "TRS80sAndMore" store on eBay for 18 years, with 100% positive feeback and 100% money back guarantee, but at the moment it only seems to contain Funco bobbles. Check out the store HERE!. American electronics retailer. For a radio communications room, see Radio shack. This article needs to be updated. Please update this article to reflect recent events or newly available information. (November 2020) RadioShackLogo used from 2015The exterior of a typical free-standing RadioShackFormerlyRadio Shack Corporation (1921–1963)Tandy Corporation (1963–2000)RadioShack Corporation (2000– 2015)General Wireless Operations Inc. (2015–2020)IndustryE-commerce, retailPredecessorsHinckley-Tandy Leather Company, Tandy Corporation, General Wireless Operations Inc.Founded1921; 100 years ago (1921)Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.FoundersTheodore and Milton DeutschmannHeadquartersFort Worth, TexasNumber of locationsApprox. 500 stores[1]Area servedUnited StatesKey peopleSteve Moroneso (CEO)[2]ProductsConsumer electronicsParentGeneral Wireless IP Holdings LLC (2015–2020) Retail ECommerce Ventures (REV) (Since Nov. 2020)SubsidiariesRadioShack Online OpCo LLCRadioShack Online IPCo LLCWebsiteradioshack.com RadioShack, formerly RadioShack Corporation, is the trade name of an American retailer founded in 1921. In November 2020, Retail Ecommerce Ventures (REV), a holding company owned by Tai Lopez and Alex Mehr, acquired RadioShack. RadioShack operates primarily as an e-commerce website, a network of approximately 500 independently-owned authorized RadioShack Dealer stores, and as a supplier of parts for HobbyTown. At its peak in 1999, it had operated stores under either the name RadioShack or Tandy Electronics in the United States, Mexico, United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada. While outside of those listed areas, the company had sold licenses to other companies to be able to use the RadioShack brand name in other parts of the world that had included parts of Asia, North Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. On February 5, 2015, RadioShack Corporation filed for Chapter 11 protection under United States bankruptcy law after 11 consecutive guarterly losses.[3][4] By then, it was operating only in the United States and Latin America. On May 13, 2015, General Wireless Inc., an affiliate of Standard General, purchased the assets of the company, including the RadioShack brand and related intellectual property assets, for US\$26.2 million.[5] General Wireless Operations Inc. was created as an operating entity for the RadioShack store chain, while General Wireless IP Holdings LLC was created as holding company for the newly acquired RadioShack intellectual property assets. During RadioShack Corporation's bankruptcy filing in 2015, RadioShack Corporation sold the RadioShack brand rights to different entities around the world. Mexico-based Grupo Gigante, through its subsidiary RadioShack de México, owns the RadioShack brand within Mexico. El Salvador-based Unicomer Group owns the RadioShack brand within the rest of Latin America and the Caribbean. Egypt-based Delta RS for Trading owns the RadioShack brand within North Africa and the Middle East. General Wireless IP Holdings LLC retained rights to the RadioShack brand in all remaining territories, which is mainly in the United States since General Wireless IP Holdings never had the rights to the RadioShack brand in other parts of the world that were previously assigned to InterTAN in 1986, such as Australia until 2020 when it sold the branding rights to Retail Ecommerce Ventures (REV). All companies are legally separate and unrelated. In March 2017, General Wireless Inc., and related subsidiaries, filed for bankruptcy, claiming its Sprint partnership was not as profitable as expected, [6] and announcing plans to close nearly all of their company-owned stores after Memorial Day Weekend of 2017, [7][8] and to shift its business primarily to online. [9] History The first 40 years The company was started as Radio Shack in 1921 by two brothers, Theodore and Milton Deutschmann, who wanted to provide equipment for the then-nascent field of amateur, or ham radio. The brothers opened a one-store retail and mail-order operation in the heart of downtown Boston at 46 Brattle Street. They chose the name "Radio Shack", which was the term for a small, wooden structure that housed a ship's radio equipment. The Deutschmanns thought the name was appropriate for a store that would supply the needs of radio officers aboard ships, as well as hams (amateur radio operators). The idea for the name came from an employee, Bill Halligan, [citation needed] who went on to form the Hallicrafters company. The term was already in use — and is to this day — by hams when referring to the location of their stations. [10] The company issued its first catalog in 1939[11] as it entered the high fidelity music market. In 1954, Radio Shack began selling its own private-label products under the brand name Realist, changing the brand name to Realist. During the period the chain was based in Boston, it was commonly referred to by its customers as "Nagasaki Hardware",[12][13][14] disparagingly, as much of the merchandise was sourced from Japan, then perceived as a source of low-quality, inexpensive parts. After expanding to nine stores plus an extensive mail-order business, [15] the company fell on hard times in the 1960s. [16] [17] [18] [19] Radio Shack was essentially bankrupt, but Charles D. Tandy saw the potential of Radio Shack and retail consumer electronics, purchasing the company for US\$300,000.[20] Tandy Corporation Former RadioShack logo (1973–1995) Tandy Corporation, a leather goods corporation, was looking for other hobbyist-related businesses into which it could expand. At the time of the Tandy Radio Shack & Leather 1962 acquisition, [21] the Radio Shack chain was nearly bankrupt. [22] Tandy's strategy was to appeal to hobbyists. It created small stores that were staffed by people who knew electronics, and sold mainly private brands. [23] Tandy closed Radio Shack's unprofitable mailorder business, ended credit purchases and eliminated many top management positions, keeping the salespeople, merchandisers and advertisers. The number of items carried was cut from 40,000 to 2,500, as Tandy sought to "identify the 20% that represents 80% of the sales" and replace Radio Shack's handful of large stores with many "little holes in the wall". large numbers of rented locations which were easier to close and re-open elsewhere if one location didn't work out. Private-label brands from lower-cost manufacturers displaced name brands to raise Radio Shack profit margins: [24][citation needed] non-electronic lines from go-carts to musical instruments were abandoned entirely.[25][citation needed] Customer data from the former RadioShack mail-order business determined where Tandy would locate new stores. As an incentive for them to work long hours and remain profitable, store managers were required to take an ownership stake in their stores.[25] In markets too small to support a company-owned Radio Shack store, the chain relied on independent dealers who carried the products as a sideline.[26] Charles D. Tandy said "We're not looking for the guy who wants to spend his entire paycheck on a sound system", instead seeking customers "looking" to save money by buying cheaper goods and improving them through modifications and accessorizing", making it common among "nerds" and "kids aiming to excel at their science fairs".[23] Charles D. Tandy, who had guided the firm through a period of growth in the 1960s and 1970s, died of a heart attack at age 60 in November 1978.[27] In 1982, the breakup of the Bell System encouraged subscribers to own their own telephones instead of renting them from local phone companies; Radio Shack offered twenty models of home phones.[28] Much of the Radio Shack line was manufactured in the company's own factories. By 1990/1991, Tandy was the world's biggest manufacturer of personal computers; its OEM manufacturing capacity was building hardware for Digital Equipment Corporation, GRiD, Olivetti, AST Computer, Panasonic, and others. The company manufactured everything from store fixtures to computer software to wire and cable, TV antennas, audio and videotape.[29] At one point, Radio Shack was the world's largest electronics chain.[30] In June 1991, Tandy closed or restructured its 200 Radio Shack Computer Centers,[31] acquired Computer City, and attempted to shift its emphasis away from components and cables, toward mainstream consumer electronics.[32] Tandy sold its computer manufacturing to AST Research in 1993,[33] including the laptop computer Grid Systems Corporation which it had purchased in 1988.[34] It sold the Memorex consumer recording trademarks to a Hong Kong firm,[35] and divested most of its manufacturing divisions. House-brand products. which Radio Shack had long marked up heavily. were replaced with third-party brands already readily available from competitors. This reduced profit margins. [29] In 1992, Tandy attempted to launch big-box electronics
retailer Incredible Universe; [36] most of the seventeen stores never turned a profit. Its six profitable stores were sold to Fry's Electronics in 1996; the others were closed.[37] Other rebranding attempts including McDuff, Video Concepts and the Edge in Electronics;[36] these were larger stores which carried TVs, appliances and other lines.[38] Tandy closed the McDuff stores and abandoned Incredible Universe in 1996, but continued to add new RadioShack stores. [39] By 1996, industrial parts suppliers were deploying e-commerce to sell a wide range of components online; [40] it would be another decade before RadioShack would sell parts from its website, [41] with a selection so limited that it was no rival to established industrial vendors with million-item specialised, centralised inventories. In 1994, the company introduced a service known as "The Repair Shop at Radio Shack", [42] through which it provided inexpensive out-of-warranty repairs for more than 45 different brands of electronic equipment.[43] The company already had over one million parts in its extensive parts warehouses and 128 service centers throughout the US and Canada;[44] it hoped to leverage these to build customer relationships and increase store traffic. Len Roberts, president of the Radio Shack division since 1993, estimated that the new repair business could generate \$500 million per year by 1999.[45] "America's technology store" was abandoned for the "you've got answers" slogan in 1994.[46] In early summer 1995, the company changed its logo; "Radio Shack" was spelled in CamelCase as "RadioShack". In 1996, RadioShack successfully petitioned the US Federal Communications Commission to allocate frequencies for the Family Radio Service, a short-range walkie-talkie system that proved popular.[47] Battery of the Month From the 1960s until the early 1990s, Radio Shack promoted a "battery of the month" club; a free wallet-sized cardboard card offered one free Enercell a month in-store.[48] Like the free tube testing offered in-store in the early 1970s,[49] this small loss leader drew foot traffic. The cards also served as generic business cards for the salespeople. Allied Radio In 1970, Tandy Corporation bought Allied Radio Corporation (both retail and industrial divisions), merging the brands into Allied Radio Shack and closing duplicate locations. After a 1973 federal government review, the company sold off the few remaining Allied retail stores and resumed using the Radio Shack name. Allied Electronics, the firm's industrial component operation, continued as a Tandy division until it was sold to Spartan Manufacturing in 1981.[50] Flavoradio The longest-running product for Radio Shack was the AM-only Realistic Flavoradio, sold from 1972 to 1986, 15 years in the same design. This also made the Flavoradio the longestproduction run in radio history. [citation needed] Originally released in 6 colors or flavors, strawberry, orange, lemon, avocado, blueberry and grape, the line grew to eleven flavors by adding vanilla, chocolate and 3 two-tone flavors with vanilla backs. The original design had 5 transistors (model 166) but changed to 6 transistors in the 1980s (model 166a) and the final model 201 was designed around an integrated circuit. They were first made in Korea then Hong Kong and finally the Philippines. The Flavoradio carried the Realistic name until about 1998 when it switched to "Radio Shack" then finally "Optimus". When the Flavoradio was dropped from the catalog in 2001, it was the last AM-only radio on the market.[51] CB radio The chain profited from the mass popularity of citizens band radio in the mid-1970s which, at its peak, represented nearly 30% of the chain's revenue.[52] Home computers In 1977, two years after the MITS Altair 8800, Radio Shack introduced the TRS-80, one of the first mass-produced personal computers. [53] This was a complete pre-assembled system at a time when many microcomputers were built from kits, backed by a nationwide retail chain when computer stores were in their infancy. Sales of the initial, primitive US\$600 TRS-80 exceeded all expectations despite its limited capabilities.[54] This was followed by the TRS-80 Color Computer in 1980, designed to attach to a television. Tandy also inspired the Tandy Computer Whiz Kids (1982-1991), a comic-book duo of teen calculator enthusiasts who teamed up with the likes of Archie and Superman.[55] Radio Shack's computer stores offered lessons to pre-teens as "Radio Shack Computer Camp" in the early 1980s.[56] By September 1982, the company-owned store. The latter also sold third-party hardware and software for Tandy computers, but company-owned stores did not sell or even acknowledge the existence of non-Tandy products.[57] In the mid-1980s, Radio Shack began a transition from its proprietary 8-bit computers to its proprietary IBM PC compatible Tandy computers, removing the "Radio Shack" name from the product in an attempt to shake off the long-running nicknames "Radio Scrap"[58] and "Trash 80"[59] to make the product appeal to business users. Poor compatibility, shrinking margins and a lack of economies of scale led Radio Shack to exit the computer-manufacturing market in the 1990s after losing much of the desktop PC market to newer, price-competitive rivals like Dell.[36] Tandy acquired the CompUSA in 1994, RadioShack began selling IBM's Aptiva line of home computers.[60] This partnership would last until 1998, when RadioShack partnered with Compag and created 'The Creative Learning Center' as a store-within-a-store to promote desktop PCs.[61] Similar promotions were tried with 'The Sprint Store at RadioShack' (mobile telephones), 'RCA Digital Entertainment Center' (home audio and video products), and 'PowerZone' (RadioShack's line of battery products, power supplies, and surge protectors).[62] RadioShack Corporation 1996–2013 logo, still used in many of the locations that were RadioShack before they closed. This logo is similar to the logo they used from 2013 to 2017. In the mid-1990s, the company attempted to move out of small components and into more mainstream consumer markets, focusing on marketing wireless phones. This placed the chain, long accustomed to charging wide margins on specialized products not readily available from other local retailers, into direct competition against vendors such as Best Buy and Walmart.[63] In May 2000, the company dropped the Tandy name altogether, becoming RadioShack Corporation, [64] The leather operating assets were sold to The Leather Factory on November 30, 2000;[65] that business remains profitable, [66] House brands Realistic and Optimus were discontinued. In 1999, the company agreed to carry RCA products in a five-year agreement for a "RCA Digital Entertainment Center" store-within-a-store.[67][68] When the RCA contract ended, RadioShack introduced its own Presidian and Accurian brands, reviving the Optimus brand in 2005 for some low-end products. Enercell, a house brand for dry cell batteries, remained in use until approximately 2014. RadioShack tape recorder Most of the RadioShack house brands had been dropped when Tandy divested its manufacturing facilities in the early 1990s; the original list included: Realistic (stereo, hi-fi and radio), Archer (antenna rotors and boosters), Micronta (test equipment), Tandy (computers), TRS-80 (proprietary computer), ScienceFair (kits), DuoFone (landline telephony), Concertmate (music synthesizer), Enercell (cells and batteries), Road Patrol (radar detectors, bicycle radios), Patrolman (Realistic radio scanner), Deskmate (software), KitchenMate, Stereo Shack, Supertape (recording tape), Mach One, Optimus (speakers and turntables), Flavoradio (pocket AM radios in various colours), Weatheradio, Portavision (small televisions) and Minimus (speakers). In 2000, RadioShack was one of multiple backers of the CueCat barcode reader, a marketing failure. It had invested US\$35 million in the company,[69] included the barcodes in its catalogs and distributed to the public in 2003.[72] Until 2004, RadioShack routinely asked for the name and address of purchasers so they could be added to mailing lists. Name and mailing address were requested for special orders (RadioShack Unlimited parts and accessories. Direc2U items not stocked locally), returns, check payments, RadioShack Answers Plus credit card applications, service plan purchases and carrier activations of cellular telephones. On December 20, 2005, RadioShack announced the sale of its newly built riverfront Fort Worth, Texas headquarters building to German-based KanAm Grund; the property was leased back to RadioShack for 20 years. In 2008, RadioShack assigned this lease to the Tarrant County College District (TCC), remaining in 400,000 square feet of the space as its headquarters.[73] In 2005, RadioShack parted with Verizon for a 10-year agreement with Cingular (later AT&T) and renegotiated its vireless partnership with T-Mobile, replacing it with the "Verizon Wireless Store" within a store.[75] 2005 marked a banner year for wireless. RadioShack had not made products under the Realistic name since the early 1990s. Support for many of Radio Shack's traditional product lines, including amateur radio, had ended by 2006.[76] A handful of small-town franchise dealers used their ability to carry non-RadioShack merchandise to bring in parts from outside sources, but these represented a minority.[77] PointMobl and "The Shack" In mid-December 2008, RadioShack opened three concept stores under the name "PointMobl" to sell wireless phones and service, netbooks, iPod and GPS navigation devices. The three Texas stores (Dallas, Highland Village and Allen) were furnished with white fixtures like those in the remodelled wireless departments of individual RadioShack tores, but there was no communicated relationship to RadioShack itself. Had the test proved successful, RadioShack could have moved to convert existing RadioShack locations into
PointMobl stores in certain markets.[78] While some PointMobl products, such as car power adapters and phone cases, were carried as store-brand products in RadioShack stores, the stand-alone PointMobl stores were closed and the concept abandoned in March 2011. In August 2009, RadioShack rebranded itself as "The Shack".[79] The campaign increased sales of mobile products, but at the expense of its core components business.[80] RadioShack aggressively promoted Dish Network subscriptions.[81][82] In November 2012, RadioShack introduced Amazon Locker parcel pick-up services at its stores, only to dump the program in September 2013.[83] In 2013, the chain made token attempts to regain the do it yourself market, including a new "Do It Together" slogan.[84] Long-time staff observed a slow and gradual shift away from electronic parts and customer service and toward promotion of wireless sales and add-ons; the pressure to sell gradually increased, while the focus on training and product knowledge decreased. Morale was abysmal; longtime employees who were paid bonus and retirement in stock options saw the value of these instruments fade away.[85] Financial decline In 1998, RadioShack called itself the single largest seller of consumer telecommunications products in the world; its stock reached its peak a year later.[86] InterTAN, a former Tandy subsidiary, sold the Australian stores in 2001. InterTAN was sold (with its Canadian stores) to rival Circuit City in 2004. The RadioShack brand remained in use in the United States, but the 21st century proved a period of long decline for the chain, which was slow to respond to key trends— such as e-commerce, the entry of competitors like Best Buy and Amazon.com, and the growth of the maker movement.[41] By 2011, smartphone sales, rather than general electronics, accounted for half of the chain's revenue.[87] The traditional Radio Shack clientele of do-it-yourself tinkerers were now mostly only available through on-line special order. Store employees concentrated efforts selling profitable mobile contracts, while other customers seeking assistance were neglected and left the stores in frustration.[88] Demand for consumer electronics was also increasingly being weakened by consumers buying the items online.[89] 2004: "Fix 1500" initiative In early 2004. RadioShack introduced Fix 1500. a sweeping program to "correct" inventory and profitability issues company-wide. The program put the 1,500 lowest-graded store managers, of over 5,000, on notice of the need to improve. Managers were graded not on tangible store and personnel data but on one-on-one interviews with district management. [90] Typically, a 90-day period was given for the manager to improve (thus causing another managers were reassigned as sales associates or terminated in a 6-month period. [86] Also, during this period, RadioShack cancelled the employee stock purchase plan. By the first guarter of 2005, the metrics of skill assessment used during Fix 1500 had already been discarded, and the corporate officer who created the program had resigned. [citation needed] In 2004, RadioShack was the target of a class-action lawsuit in which more than 3,300 current or former RadioShack managers alleged the company required them to work long hours without overtime pay. [91] In an attempt to suppress the news, the company launched a successful strategic lawsuit against Bradley D. Jones, the webmaster of RadioShackSucks.com and a former RadioShack dealer for 17 years. [71] 2006: Management issues On February 20, 2006, CEO David Edmondson admitted to "misstatements" on his curriculum vitae and resigned[92] after the Fort Worth Star-Telegram debunked his claim to degrees in theology and psychology from Heartland Baptist Bible College.[93] Chief operating officer Claire Babrowski briefly took over as CEO and president. A 31-year veteran of McDonald's Corporation, where she had been vice president and Chief Restaurant Operations Officer, Babrowski had joined RadioShack several months prior. She left the company in August 2006, later becoming CEO and Executive Vice President of Toys "R" Us.[94] RadioShack's board of directors appointed Julian C. Day as chairman and chief executive officer on July 7, 2006. Day had financial experience and had played a key role in revitalizing such companies as Safeway, Sears and Kmart but lacked any practical front-line sales experience needed to run a retail company. The Consumerist named him one of the "10 Crappiest CEOs" of 2009 (among consumer-facing companies, according to their own employees).[95] He resigned in May 2011.[96][97][98] RadioShack Chief Financial Officer James "Jim" Gooch succeeded Day as CEO in 2011, but "agreed to step down" 16 months later following a 73% plunge in the price of the stock. [99] On February 11, 2013. RadioShack Corp. hired Joseph C. Magnacca from Walgreens, because he had experience in retail. [100] 2006: Corporate layoffs and new strategy In the spring of 2006, RadioShack announced a strategy to increase average unit volume, lower overhead costs, and grow profitable square footage. In early to mid-2006, RadioShack closed nearly 500 locations. It was determined that some stores were too close to each other, causing them to compete with one another for the same customers. Most of the stores closed in 2006 brought in less than US\$350,000 in revenue each year. Despite these actions, stock prices plummeted within what was otherwise a booming market. On August 10, 2006, RadioShack announced plans to eliminate a fifth of its company headquarters workforce to reduce overhead expense, improving its long-term competitive position while supporting a significantly smaller number of stores.[101] On Tuesday, August 29, the affected workers received an e-mail: "The work force reduction notification is one that has been eliminated."[102][103] Four hundred and three workers were given 30 minutes to collect their personal effects, say their goodbyes to co-workers and then attend a meeting with their senior supervisors. Instead of issuing severance payments immediately, the company-issued BlackBerrys, laptops and cellphones were returned. [104] This move drew immediate widespread public criticism for its lack of sensitivity [105] 2009: Customer relations problems RadioShack and the Better Business Bureau of Fort Worth, Texas met on April 23, 2009 to discuss unanswered and unresolved complaints. The company implemented a plan of action to address existing and future customer service issues. Stores were directed to post a sign with the district manager's name, the guestion "How Are We Doing?" and a direct toll-free number to the individual district office for their issues through the Internet. As of 2012[update], the BBB had upgraded RadioShack from an "F" to an "A" rating; this was changed to "no rating" after the 2015 bankruptcy filing.[106] According to an experience ratings report published by Temkin Group, an independent research firm, RadioShack was ranked as the retailer with the worst overall customer experience; it maintained this position for six consecutive years.[107] 2012–2014: Financial distress From 2000 to 2011, RadioShack spent US\$2.6 billion repurchasing its own stock in an attempt to prop up a share price which fell from US\$24.33 to US\$2.53; the buyback and the stock dividend were suspended in 2012 to conserve cash and reduce debt as the company continued to lose money.[108] Company stock had declined 81 percent since 2010 and was trading well below book value.[86] The stock reached an all-time low on April 14, 2012.[109][110] In September 2012, RadioShack's head office laid off 130 workers after a US\$21 million guarterly loss.[111] Layoffs continued in August 2013; headquarters employment dropped from more than 2,000 before the 2006 layoffs to slightly fewer than 1,000 in late 2013.[112] At the end of 2013, the chain owned 4,297 US stores.[113] The company had received a US\$250,000,000 cash infusion in 2013 from Salus Capital Partners and Cerberus Capital Management.[114] This debt carried onerous conditions, preventing RadioShack from gaining control over costs by limiting store closures to 200 per year[115] and restricting the company's refinancing efforts. With too many underperforming stores remaining open, the chain continued to spiral toward bankruptcy.[116] On March 4, 2014, the company announced a net trading loss for 2013 of US\$400.2 million, well above the 2012 loss of US\$139.4 million,[117] and proposed a restructuring[118] which would close 1,100 lower-performing stores,[119] almost 20% of its US locations.[120] On May 9, 2014, the company reported that creditors had prevented it from carrying out those closures, [121] with one lender presuming fewer stores would mean fewer assets to secure the loan and reduce any recovery it would get in a bankruptcy reorganization. [122] On June 10, 2014, RadioShack said that it had enough cash to last 12 months, but that lasting a year depended on sales growing.[123] Sales had fallen for nine straight quarters,[124] and by year's end the company realized a loss in "each of its 10 latest quarters".[114] On June 20, 2014, RadioShack's stock price fell below US\$1,[125] triggering a July 25 warning from the New York Stock Exchange that it could be delisted for failure to maintain a stock price above \$1.[126] On July 28, 2014, Mergermarket's Debtwire reported RadioShack was discussing Chapter 11, 2014, RadioShack admitted it might have to file for bankruptcy, and would be unable to finance its operations "beyond the very near term" unless the company was sold, restructured, or received a major cash infusion.[128] On September 15, 2014, RadioShack replaced its CFO with a bankruptcy specialist.[129] On October 3, RadioShack announced an out-of-court restructuring, a 4:1 dilution of shares, and a rights issue priced at 40 cents a share.[130][131] RadioShack's stock (NYSE: RSH) was halted on the New York exchange for
the entire day.[132][133] Despite the debt restructuring proposal, in December Salus and Cerberus informed RadioShack that it was in default of the US\$250,000,000 they had provided as a cash infusion in 2013.[114] At the end of October 2014, guarterly figures indicated RadioShack was losing US\$1.1 million per day.[134] A November 2014 attempt to keep the stores open from 8AM to midnight on Thanksgiving Day drew a sharp backlash from employees and a few resignations;[135][136] comparable store sales for the three days (Thursday-Saturday) were 1% lower than the prior year, when the stores were open for two of the days.[137] The company's problems maintaining inventories of big-ticket items, such as Apple's iPhone 6, further cut into sales.[138] By December 2014, RadioShack was being sued by former employees for having encouraged them to invest 401(k) retirement savings in company stock, alleging a breach of fiduciary duties to "prudently" handle the retirement fund which caused "devastating losses" in the retirement plans as the stock dropped from US\$13 in 2011 to 38 cents at the end of 2014.[139] These claims were dismissed by the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2018.[140][141] 2015: Bankruptcy "RadioShack died years ago; we're only now holding the funeral. Good active managers have avoided RadioShack for a long time." - Gershon Distenfeld, Director, AllianceBernstein[142] On January 15, 2015, The Wall Street Journal reported RadioShack had delayed rent payments to some commercial landlords[143] and was preparing a bankruptcy filing that could come as early as February. Officials of the company declined to comment on the report.[144] A separate report by Bloomberg claimed the company might sell leases to as many as half its stores to Sprint [145] On February 2, 2015, the company was delisted from the New York Stock Exchange after its average market capitalization remained below US\$50 million for longer than thirty consecutive days. [146][147] That same day, Bloomberg News reported RadioShack was in talks to sell half of its stores to Sprint and close the rest, which would effectively render RadioShack no longer a stand-alone retailer.[148] Amazon.com and Brookstone were also mentioned to be potential bidders, the former having at the time been wanting to establish a brick and mortar presence.[149] On February 3, RadioShack defaulted on its loan from Salus Capital. [150] The effects of a liquidation sale at this typical RadioShack outlet in Miami, Florida (2016). On the days following these reports, some employees were instructed to reduce prices and transfer inventory out of stores designated for closing to those that would remain open during the presumed upcoming bankruptcy proceedings,[151] while the rest remained "in the dark" as to the company's future.[152] Many stores had already closed abruptly on Sunday, February 1, 2015, the first day of the company's fiscal year, with employees only given a few hours advance notice. Some had been open with a skeleton crew, little inventory and reduced hours only because the Salus Capital loan terms limited the chain to 200 store closures a year. [153] A creditor group alleged the chain had remained on life support instead of shutting down earlier and cutting its losses merely so that Standard General could avoid paying on credit default swaps which expired on December 20. 2014.[154] On February 5. 2015. RadioShack announced that it had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy to end contractual restrictions that had required it keep unprofitable stores open. the company immediately published a list of 1784 stores which it intended to close, [155][156] a process it wished to complete by the month's end to avoid an estimated US\$7 million in March 6, 2015 to return merchandise or redeem unused gift cards. [158][159][160] However, after legal pressure from the Attorneys General of several states [161][162] RadioShack ultimately agreed to reimburse customers for the value of unused gift cards. [163] On March 31, 2015, the bankruptcy court approved a US\$160 million offer by the Standard General Affiliate General Wireless, gaining ownership of 1,743 RadioShack locations. As part of the deal, the company entered into a partnership with Sprint, in which the company would become a co-tenant at 1.435 RadioShack locations and establish store within a store areas devoted to selling its wireless brands, including Sprint, Boost Mobile and Virgin Mobile. The stores would collect commissions on the sale of Sprint products, and Sprint would assist in promotion. Sprint stated that this arrangement would increase the company's retail footprint by more than double; the company previously had around 1,100 company-owned retail outlets, in comparison to the over 2,000 run by AT&T Mobility. Although they would be treated as a co-tenant, the Sprint branding would be more prominent in promotion and exterior signage than that of RadioShack's intellectual property (such as its trademarks), rights to RadioShack's franchised locations, and customer records, which were to be sold separately.[164][165][166][167] RadioShack was criticized for including the personally identifying information of 67 million of its assets for sale during the proceedings, despite its long-standing policy and a promise to customers that data would never be sold for any reason at any time.[168] The Federal Trade Commission and the Attorneys General of 38 states fought against this proposal. The sale of this data was ultimately approved, albeit greatly reduced from what was initially proposed. General Wireless Operations, Inc. Standard General acquired the RadioShack brand after RadioShack Corporation filed for bankruptcy in 2015. It formed the affiliate. General Wireless Operations, to act as the new parent company for the brand. This new RadioShack focused on its partnership with Sprint in the hopes of carrying on the brand. Re-branded stores soft launched on April 10, 2015, with a preliminary conversion of the stores' existing wireless departments to exclusively house Sprint brands, with all stores eventually to be renovated in waves to allocate larger spaces for Sprint.[166][169] In May 2015, the acquisition of the "RadioShack" name and its assets by General Wireless for US\$26.2 million was finalized.[170][171] Chief marketing officer Michael Tatelman emphasized that the company that emerged from the 2015 proceedings is an entirely new company, and went on to affirm that the old RadioShack did not re-emerge from bankruptcy, calling it "defunct". [172] Less than one year after the bankruptcy events of 2015, Ron Garrigues and Marty Amschler stepped down from their respective chief executive officer and chief financial officer positions; Garriques had held his position for nine months.[173][174][175] 2017: Bankruptcy It was speculated on March 2, 2017 that General Wireless was preparing to take RadioShack through its second bankruptcy in two years.[176] This was evidenced when dozens of corporate office employees were laid off and two hundred stores were planned to be shuttered. [177] and further evidenced when the RadioShack website began displaying "all sales final" banners for in-store purchases at all locations. RadioShack's Chapter 11 bankruptcy was formally filed on March 8, 2017.[178] Of the then 1,300 remaining stores, several hundred were converted into Sprint-only locations.[179] Despite declaring Chapter 7 (liquidation), the company engaged in liquidation of all inventory, supplies, and store fixtures, as well as auctioning off old memorabilia.[9][180] On May 26, RadioShack announced plans to close all but 70 corporate stores closed after Memorial Day Weekend of 2017.[8] Of the remaining stores, 50 more closed by the end of June 2017.[181] [182] One particular store closing in April 2017 garnered widespread media attention when a Facebook account, calling itself "RadioShack - Reynoldsburg, Ohio", began lashing out at customers with messages such as "We closed. F—k all of you.", "Always hated all you pr—k customers anyway."[183] RadioShack addressed these posts on their official Facebook page denying any involvement. [184] On June 29, 2017, RadioShack's creditors sued Sprint, claiming that it sabotaged its co-branded locations with newly built Sprint retail stores—which were constructed near well-performing RadioShack locations as determined by confidential sales information. The suit argued that Sprint's actions "destroyed nearly 6,000 RadioShack jobs". [185] General Wireless announced plans on June 12, 2017 to auction off the RadioShack's creditors, Kensington Capital Holdings, obtained the RadioShack brand and other intellectual properties for US\$15 million.[187] Kensington was the sole bidder.[188] In October 2017, General Wireless officially exited bankruptcy and was allowed to retain the company's warehouse, e-commerce site, dealer network operations, and up to 28 stores.[189][190] Post-bankruptcy In late July 2018, RadioShack partnered up with HobbyTown USA to open up around 100 RadioShack "Express" stores.[191][192] HobbyTown owners select which RadioShack products to carry.[193] RadioShack dealerships had re-opened around 500 stores. by October 2018.[194] By November 2018, it had signed 77 of HobbyTown's 137 franchise stores.[191] Retail Ecommerce Ventures (REV) In November 2020, RadioShack's intellectual property and its remaining operations—about 400 independent authorized dealers, about 80 Hobbytown USA affiliate stores, and its online sales operation—were purchased by Retail Ecommerce Ventures (REV), a Florida-based company that had previously purchased defunct retailers Pier 1 Imports, Dress Barn, Modell's Sporting Goods, and Linens 'n Things, along with The Franklin Mint.[195] Corporate headquarters In the 1970's RadioShack had a new headquarters "Tandy Towers" built in downtown Fort Worth on Throckmorton St. In 2001, RadioShack bought the former Ripley Arnold public housing complex and had a
900,000 square feet (84,000 m2) corporate headquarters campus built after the City of Fort Worth approved a 30-year economic agreement to ensure that the company was left on a rent-free lease of the building, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that the company was considering a new site for its headquarters.[196] The Tampa Bay Business Journal reported rumors among Tampa as the site of its headquarters.[197] In 2010, however, RadioShack announced efforts to remain at its current site.[198] The headquarters was ultimately reduced to a small group after the second bankruptcy filing. [180] On September 2017, what was left of RadioShack of about 50 people left the downtown location moving to a warehouse on Terminal Road just north of "The Stockyards". [199] International operations Intertan Inc. Main article: InterTANIn 1986, Tandy Corp. announced it would create a spinoff of its international retail operations, called Intertan Inc. The new company would take over operations of over 2,000 international company-owned and franchised stores, while Tandy retained its 7,253 domestic outlets and 30 of its manufacturing facilities. [200] Intertan had two main units, Tandy Electronics Ltd., which operated in Canada, the U.K., France, Belgium, West Germany, and the end of 1989, there were 1,417 stores operated by Intertan under the Tandy or Radio Shack names. [202] Intertan operated Tandy or Radio Shack stores in the UK until 1999 and Australia until 2001.[203] RadioShack branded merchandise accounted for 9.5% of InterTAN's inventory purchases in its 2002-2003 fiscal year, the last complete year before the Circuit City acquisition, and later disappeared from stores entirely.[204] Canada See also: The Source (retailer)Following the creation of Intertan, Tandy Electronics operated 873 stores in Canada, [200] and owned the rights to the RadioShack name. [205] In 2004, Circuit City, a competitor of Radio Shack purchased Intertan, which held the rights to use the RadioShack name in Canada until 2010. Radio Shack Corp., which operated Radio Shack stores in the U.S., sued Intertan in an attempt to end the contract for the company name early. On March 24, 2005, a U.S. district court judge ruled in favour of RadioShack, [206] requiring InterTAN stop using the brand name in products, packaging or advertising by June 30, 2005. The Canadian stores were rebranded under the name The Source by Circuit City. [207] Radio Shack briefly re-entered the Canadian market, [208] but eventually closed all stores to refocus attention on its core U.S. business. [209] Asia In March 2012, Malaysian company Berjaya Retail Berhad, entered into a franchising agreement with Radio Shack. [210] Later that year, the company announced a second franchising deal with Chinese company, Cybermart. [211] Berjaya had six stores in Malaysia before it quietly ceased operations in 2017. [212] Mexico RadioShack de México S.A. de C.V.Amamos la technología RadioShack store in the Macroplaza shopping mall in Tijuana, Mexico (2019)Trade nameRadioShackTypeSubsidiaryIndustryE-commerce, RetailFounded1986; 35 years ago (1986)Mexico City, MexicoHeadquartersMexico City, MexicoNumber of locations225 (all company owned)Area servedMexicoProductsConsumer electronicsParentGrupo Gigante (2015-present)Websitewww.radioshack.com.mx In 1986, Grupo Gigante signed a deal with Tandy Corporation to operate Radio Shack branded stores in Mexico. After growing their electronics chain within Mexico to 24 stores, Grupo Gigante signed a new deal with Tandy in 1992 to form a new joint ventured called Radio Shack de México RadioShack store in a shopping mall in Puerto Vallarta. Mexico (2005) in which both companies had an equal share. As part of the deal, Grupo Gigante transferred their electronics stores to Radio Shack de México. [213] In 2008, Grupo Gigante separated from Radio Shack, (then renamed Radio Shack Corporation) and sold its share of the joint venture to Radio Shack Corp. for \$42.3 million.[214] In June 2015, Grupo Gigante repurchased 100 percent of RadioShack de Mexico, including stores, warehouses, and all related brand names and intellectual properties for use within Mexico, from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware for US\$31.5 million. The chain had 247 stores in Mexico at the time of the sale, all Radio Shack stores, warehouses, brands, assets, and related trademarks in Mexico are currently owned by RadioShack de México S.A. de C.V., a subsidiary of Grupo Gigante.[215][216] A major Mexican news magazine had reported in March 2015 that Grupo Gigante actually purchased 100% of the stock in RadioShack Corporation for US\$31.8 million, two months prior to the bankruptcy filing, but had only had to hand over US\$11.8 million to RadioShack Corp. for also assuming approximately US\$20 million in debt liabilities.[219] While Radio Shack was facing a second bankruptcy in the United States, Grupo Gigante announced in October 2017 that they planned to expand the Radio Shack brand within Mexico by opening eight more stores.[220] Latin America RadioShack (Unicomer)Trade nameRadioShackTypeSubsidiaryIndustryE-commerce, RetailPredecessorRadioShack CorporationFoundedJanuary 1998; 23 years ago (1998-01)El SalvadorHeadguartersSan Salvador, El SalvadorNumber of locations60 (company owned)245 (franchised)Area servedCentral America, South America, CaribbeanProductsConsumer electronicsParentGrupo Unicomer Websiteradioshackla.com RadioShack store in Trinidad (2017), showing the slightly different logo used by Unicomer When Radio Shack Corporation filed for bankruptcy the first time in 2015, the Unicomer Group (Grupo Unicomer) purchased the Radio Shack brand from the bankruptcy court for its exclusive use in Latin America and the Caribbean, except Mexico.[221][222] Unicomer, through its corporate parent Regal Forest Holding Co. Ltd., paid \$5 million for the brand.[223] The company's relationship with Radio Shack dated back to 1998, when Unicomer opened its first Radio Shack franchise store in El Salvador. It later expanded into Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. By January 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack stores distributed throughout four countries within Central America.[222] In April 2015, Unicomer had 57 Radio Shack franchises in several countries that Unicomer had not previously had a business presence in.[222] It expanded into Trinidad in 2016,[224] Jamaica in 2017,[226] and Guyana in 2017,[227] By the end of 2017, Unicomer had company-owned stores located in the countries of Barbados, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Trinidad while receiving franchise payments from independent franchised stores located in the countries of Antigua, Aruba, Costa Rica, Paraguay and Peru in which Unicomer did not have a business presence in. [222] Since 2014, the independent company Coolbox is an authorized dealer for RadioShack products in Peru. [228] In April 2018, the RadioShack brand returned to Bolivia when franchisee Cosworld Trading opened two franchised stores for Unicomer in the capital city of La Paz. [229] The previous RadioShack stores had closed in 2015 as a result of RadioShack first bankruptcy filing.[229] Middle East Radio Shack EgyptTrade nameRadioShackTypeSubsidiaryIndustryE-commerce, RetailPredecessorRadioShack CorporationFounded1998; 23 years ago (1998)Nasr City, EgyptHeadquartersGiza, EgyptNumber of locations65 (company owned)15 (franchised)Area servedEgyptProductsConsumer electronicsParentDelta RS for TradingWebsiteradioshack.com.eg When Radio Shack brand from the bankruptcy court for its exclusive use in Middle East and North Africa for \$US5 million.[230] Delta RS for Trading, as Radio Shack Egypt, had opened its first Radio Shack franchised store in 1998 in Nasr City. By March 2003, Radio Shack Egypt had 65 company-operated stores plus 15 sub-franchised stores.[231] In 2017, the Egyptian government accused Radio Shack Egypt and its parent Delta. RS in aiding the suspected anti-government terrorist organization known as the Muslim Brotherhood. [232][233] Other operations Corporate citizenship In 2006, RadioShack supported the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children by providing store presence for the StreetSentz program, a
child identification and educational kit offered to families without charge.[234] RadioShack supported United Way of America Charities to assist their Oklahoma and Texas relief efforts after the 2013 Moore tornado. RadioShack's green initiative promotes the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation, which accepts end-of-life rechargeable batteries and wireless phones dropped off in-store to be safely recycled. [235] Other retailer partnerships In August 2001, RadioShack opened kiosk-style stores inside Blockbuster outlets, only to abandon the project in February 2002; CEO Len Roberts announced that the stores did not meet expectations. [236]

RadioShack operated wireless kiosks within 417 Sam's Club discount warehouses from 2004 to 2011. The kiosk operations, purchased from Arizona-based Wireless Retail Inc., [237] operated as a subsidiary, SC Kiosks Inc., with employees contracted through RadioShack Corporation. No RadioShack-branded merchandise was sold. The kiosks closed in 2011, costing RadioShack an estimated US\$10–15 million in 2011 operating income. [238] RadioShack then attempted a joint venture with Target to deploy mobile telephone kiosks in 1,490 Target stores by April 2011. [239] [240] In April 2013, RadioShack's partnership with Target ended and the Target Mobile in-store kiosks were turned over to a new partnership with Brightstar and MarketSource. [241] No-contract wireless & Partnership with RadioShack On September 5, 2012, RadioShack in a partnership with Cricket Wireless, began offering its own branded no-contract wireless services using Cricket and Sprint's nationwide networks. The service from RadioShack continued on August 7, 2014; clients who had already purchased the service from RadioShack In 2009, the company became the main sponsor of a new cycling team, Team RadioShack, with Lance Armstrong and Johan Bruyneel. [243] RadioShack featured Armstrong in a number of television commercials and advertising campaigns. [244] [245] RadioShack came under fire for having Armstrong as a spokesperson in 2011, when allegations that the cyclist had used performance-enhancing drugs surfaced. [246] Lawsuits and litigation In 2004, AutoZone brought suit against RadioShack for using the name PowerZone to promote a section of its retail stores, citing trademark infringement. The lawsuit was dropped due to lack of evidence. [247] In June 2011, a customer sued Sprint and RadioShack after finding pornography on their newly purchased cell phones. [248] In 2012, a Denver jury awarded \$674,938 to David Nelson, age 55 (as of 2007[update]), a 25-year RadioShack employee who had been fired by his supervisor in retaliation after complaining about age discrimination.[249] In 2013, a federal jury awarded over \$1 million in an age discrimination suit to a 54-year-old, longtime RadioShack store managed since 1998.[250] A 2013 class action judgement found that RadioShack had violated privacy requirements between August 24, 2010 and November 21, 2011 by printing the expiration date of clients' credit or debit cards on store receipts. [251] A July 2014 ruling in Verderame v. RadioShack Corp., 13-02539 in the US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) found that RadioShack owed its store managers a possible US\$5.8 million for unpaid overtime in the state. [252] In popular culture A "Radio Shock" store (owned by the "Dandy Corporation") appeared in the original 1991 release of Space Quest IV, displaced by "Hz. So Good" in later editions because of threats of legal action by Tandy. [253] Radio Shack is featured prominently in Short Circuit 2, which serves as a "clinic" for Johnny 5 while he repairs himself after being assaulted by thieves. [254] Radio Shack is mentioned and briefly featured on the pilot episode of Young Sheldon. [255] Visits to RadioShack are a frequent plot point in the Young Sheldon series, building off allusions to childhood visits made by the character Sheldon Cooper in its parent series, The Big Bang Theory. The family returns to the Radio Shack appears in the second season of the Netflix series Stranger Things as the workplace of Bob Newby. [256] In one scene, an Armatron (a product actually sold at Radio Shack during that period) can be seen on a shelf above his head. 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Also, 8-bit CPU and ALU architectures are those that are based on registers or data buses of that size. Memory addresses (and thus addresses) buses) for 8-bit CPUs are generally larger than 8-bit, usually 16-bit, while they could in theory be 8-bit, and in some situations 8-bit addresses mainly used. '8-bit' is also a generation of microcomputers in which 8-bit microprocessors were the norm. The term '8-bit' is also applied to the character sets that could be used on computers with 8-bit bytes, the best known being various forms of extended ASCII, including the ISO/IEC 8859 series of national character sets – especially Latin 1 for English and Western European languages. The IBM System/360 introduced byte-addressable memory with 8-bit bytes, as opposed to bit-addressable or word-addressable memory, although its general-purpose registers were 32 bits of those addresses. Different models of System/360 had different internal data path widths; the IBM System/360 Model 30 (1965) implemented the 32-bit System/360 architecture, but had an 8-bit native path width, and performed 32-bit arithmetic 8 bits at a time.[1] The first widely adopted 8-bit microprocessor was the Intel 8080, being used in many hobbyist computers of the late 1970s and early 1980s, often running the CP/M operating system; it had 8-bit data words and 16-bit addresses. The Zilog Z80 (compatible with the 8080) and the Motorola 6800 were also used in similar computers. The Z80 and the MOS Technology 6502 8-bit CPUs were widely used in home computers and second- and third-generation game consoles of the 1970s and 1980s. Many 8-bit CPUs or microcontrollers are the basis of today's ubiquitous embedded systems. Details An 8-bit register can store 28 different values. The range of integer values that can be stored in 8 bits depends on the integer representation used. With the two most common representations, the range is 0 through 255 (28 – 1) for representation as an (unsigned) binary number, and -128 (-1 × 27) through 127 (27 – 1) for representation as two's complement. 8-bit data bus and can therefore access 8 bits of data in a single machine instruction. The address bus is typically a double octet (16 bits) wide, due to practical and economical considerations. This implies a direct address space of 64 KB (65,536 bytes) on most 8-bit processors. Most home computers from the 8-bit era fully exploited the address space, such as the BBC Micro (Model B) with 32 KB of RAM plus 32 KB of ROM. Others like the very popular Commodore 64 had full 64 KB RAM, plus 20 KB ROM, meaning with 16-bit addressing you couldn't use all of the RAM by default (e.g. from the included BASIC language interpreter in ROM);[2] without exploiting bank switching, which allows for breaking the 64 KB (RAM) limit in some systems. Other computers would have as low as 1 KB (plus 4 KB ROM), such as the Spectrum ZX80 (while the later very popular Sinclair ZX Spectrum had more memory), or even only 128 bytes of RAM (plus storage from a ROM cartridge), as in an early game console Atari 2600 and thus 8-bit addressing would have been enough for the RAM, if it wouldn't have needed to cover ROM too). The commercial failure, Commodore 128, and other 8-bit systems, meaning still with 16-bit addressing, could use more than 64 KB, i.e. 128 KB RAM, also the BBC Master with it expandable to 512 KB of RAM. Further information: Zero page While in general 8-bit CPUs have 16-bit addressing in some architectures you have both, such as in the MOS Technology [6502 CPU, where the zero page is used extensively, saving one byte in the instructions that page, and also having 16-bit addressing instructions that take 2 bytes for the address plus 1 for the opcode. Commonly index registers are 8-bit (while other "8-bit" CPUs, such as Motorola 6800 had 16-bit index registers), such as the 6502 CPU, and then the size of the arrays addressed using indexed addressing to each individual array. Notable 8-bit CPUs The first commercial 8-bit processor was the Intel 8008 (1972) which was originally intended for the Datapoint 2200 intelligent terminal. Most competitors to Intel started off with such character oriented 8-bit microprocessors. Modernized variants of these 8-bit machines are still one of the most common types of processor in embedded systems. Another notable 8-bit CPU is the MOS Technology 6502. It, and variants of it, were used in a number of personal computers, such as the Apple II, the Atari 8-bit family, the BBC Micro, and the Commodore PET and Commodore VIC-20, and in a number of video game consoles, such as the Atari 2600 and the Nintendo Entertainment System. 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