



National Bureau of Standards (NBS) computer programmer Ethel Marden is shown seated at the control console of the SEAC (Standards Electronic Automatic Computer) in 1959. The SEAC was an NBS-designed first-generation digital computer that became operational in 1950. Marden used SEAC to test HAYSTAG, a program she wrote for the U.S. Patent Office that automated searches of chemistry literature.

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