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Abstract: It is no understatement to suggest that without the technology we enjoy today, my quality of life as well as presence in the world, would be severely compromise, leaving me with little ability to make a meaningful contribution to my community and society. Throughout my life, I have been my sponge to new technology, soaking up its potential as someone ready to enhance it to see how it can further develop my goal of making a difference to other disabled people. Explore with me how the history of personal computing is intertwined with my own personal journey, as both technology and myself as grown and developed in the last 40 years.