



## History

### Atari Timeline

- 196?: As an engineering student at the University of Utah, Nolan Bushnell liked to sneak into the computer lab.
- 1972: Bushnell founded Atari with \$250 of his own money and another \$250 from business partner Ted Dabney.
- 1976: Warner Communications buys Atari from Bushnell for \$28 million.
- 1977: Atari introduces the Atari Video Computer System (VCS), later renamed the Atari 2600.
- 1978: December - Atari announces the Atari 400 and 800 personal computers.
- 1979: October - Atari begins shipping the Atari 400 and Atari 800 personal computers.
- 1979: December - Atari produces the first coin-operated Asteroids game machine.
- 1981: May - Atari announces the 8KB Atari 400 is being discontinued.
- 1982: January - Atari begins shipping all Atari 800 units with GTIA graphics chips, allowing three more colors.
- 1982: December - Atari issues a US\$55 rebate on the Atari 400, dropping its retail price to under US\$200.
- 1983: January - Atari introduces the 1200XL home computer.
- 1983: May - Atari offers a US\$100 rebate on the Atari 800, bringing its retail price to below US\$400.
- 1983: June - Atari introduces the Atari 600 XL.**
- 1983: June - Atari introduces the Atari 800 XL, with 64 KB RAM.**
- 1983: June - Atari introduces the Atari 1450 XL, with built-in 300 bps modem.
- 1983: June - Atari introduces the Atari 1450 XLD, with built-in 300 bps modem and disk drive.
- 1983: October - Atari begins shipping its XL computers.
- 1983: - Atari cancels production of the Atari 1200XL, due to compatibility and other problems.
- 1984: July - Jack Tramiel, President of Commodore International, leaves Commodore in January and buys Atari.
- 1984: - Atari introduces the Atari 7800 ProSystem.
- 1985: January - Atari introduces the 65XE, for US\$120.
- 1985: Atari introduces the 130XE, with 128KB RAM.
- 1985: Atari introduces the 130ST for US\$400.
- 1985: Atari introduces the 520ST for US\$600.
- 1987: January - At the Winter CES, Atari announces a US\$1500 laser printer.
- 1988: September - Atari introduces the Atari TT.
- 1989: - Atari Computer introduces the Portfolio, a 1-pound DOS-based PC, which runs on three AA batteries.

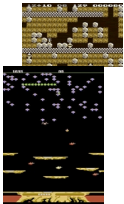


**Atari 600/800 XL (1983)**  
**Atari 600/800 XL (1983) Tape en Floppy disk drive**  
**Printer**

**Technical Specs**

<b>CPU</b>	MOS 6502C @1.77Mhz (1.79 on NTSC)
<b>RAM</b>	600XL: 16 KB expandable to 48 KB
	800XL: 64 KB expandable to 128 KB
<b>ROM</b>	24 KB
<b>VIDEO</b>	320x192 with 16 colors (with 16 intensities)
<b>AUDIO</b>	4 channel mono
<b>EXTERNAL STORAGE</b>	Cartridges, tapes, Floppy discs

**Screenshots**



**Boulderdash**  
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