

The history of computing, as told by the hallways of Microsoft Building 41

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Microsoft Employees Are Hooked on the Company's Training Videos (WSJ paywall). But really, what I want to call attention to is the video that plays even if you don't have a subscription: I can tell that the scene was filmed on the fourth floor of Building 41.

Each of the six floors of Building 41 is themed after a stage in the development of computing.

First floor: Abacus (ca. 2700 BCE).



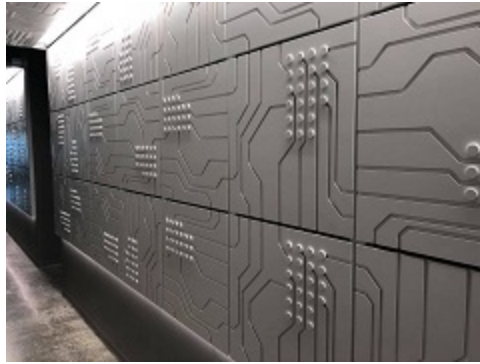
Second floor: Jacquard loom card (1804).



Third floor: Hollerith punch card (1890).



Fourth floor: Circuit board (1960).



Fifth floor: Social media and hashtags (2009).



Sixth floor: Cloud computing racks (2018).



