

SOFTWARE

THE WORLD NEEDS ONLY FIVE COMPUTERS

21.07.2007

The history of this quote is difficult to trace. [cnet believes it is wrong](#) to attribute it to IBM Chairman Thomas J. Watson. Anyway here is a photo that I took in September 1984 in Sheffield, GB – note the TV screens as we didn't even have computer screens at all. Since 1986 I was programming a Sharp handheld and later on a Schneider/Amstrad.



CC-BY-NC Science Surf accessed 11.01.2026 [↗](#)