

# APPENDIX B

## TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

Broadband arrives. Fast internet access became widespread, leading users to want faster browsing and web site display) (see, e.g. <https://gcn.com/Articles/2007/12/06/25-years--A-technology-timeline.aspx?Page=3>)

WIFI came out, users became interested in more battery – efficient laptop computers since they didn't need a network cable, so were cable free as long as the battery held out.

AGP graphics port introduced, faster video display

DVDs prompt users to want faster displays to display video

Li-Ion battery makes laptop computers more practical and longer lasting without power cable

Intel Pentium II 233 was a big improvement in speed over Pentium

Powerful Apple Mac desktop G3 became a thing to be desired by Mac users for its speed

Intel MMX chip provides faster multimedia processing

Facebook craigslist and Netflix became objects of web browsing desire, stimulating desire for computers with faster displays (see, e.g., <http://www.computerhope.com/history/1997.htm>)

In 1996, computers were just a very good typing machine. In 1997 all the above stuff happened

No broadband in 1996, see above for 1997 arrival (see also <http://techblogbiz.blogspot.com/2006/08/technology-1996-what-we-had-and-hadnt.html>)

Microsoft proposes On Now fast startup for computers, makes an otherwise fast computer available quickly instead of in minutes

USB and FireWire appear, allow much easier connection of peripherals

Large screen monitors, and small inexpensive computers will make their debut (see <http://www.nytimes.com/1996/04/09/science/personal-computers-your-new-1997-pc-or-maybe-not.html>)

Continuous speech recognition appears, taking advantage of faster processing (see <https://books.google.com/books?id=040APvtF3UwC&pg=PA4&lpg=PA4&dq=pc+breakthroughs+1997&source=bl&ots=NUqEfAoJUZ&sig=gGGtwzt6yUk5qZhMuLXP9MifmiM&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjI97Cs mNnSAhXoqVQKHUWIDO8Q6AEIUzAJ#v=onepage&q=pc%20breakthroughs%201997&f=false>)