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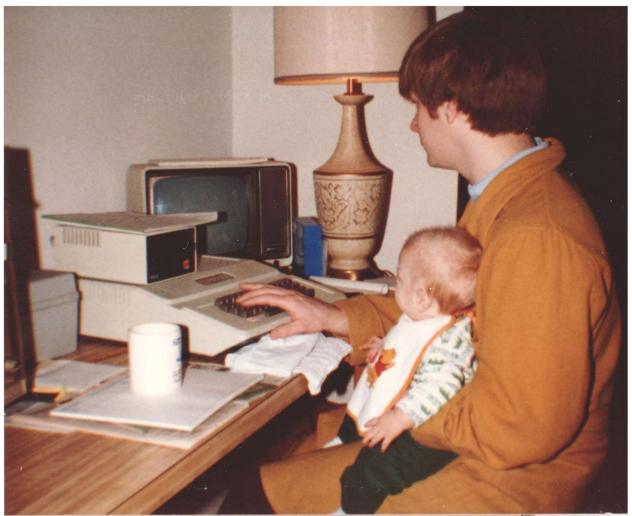
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Figure 1

Love for Computing



Note: The researcher's programming attention span remains approximately the same.

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