# The Mother of All Demos

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#### Project Overview & Brief History

Historical reenactment - Tableaux Vivants

The photo was taken in 1968 at "Augmentation Research Center" in Stanford Research Institute. "Behind the Scene" shot of Bill English working on the oNLine System. This photo leads up to the famous presentation named "The Mother of All Demos" by Engelbart

On December 9, 1968, Douglas Engelbart delivered a landmark demonstration years ahead of its time.

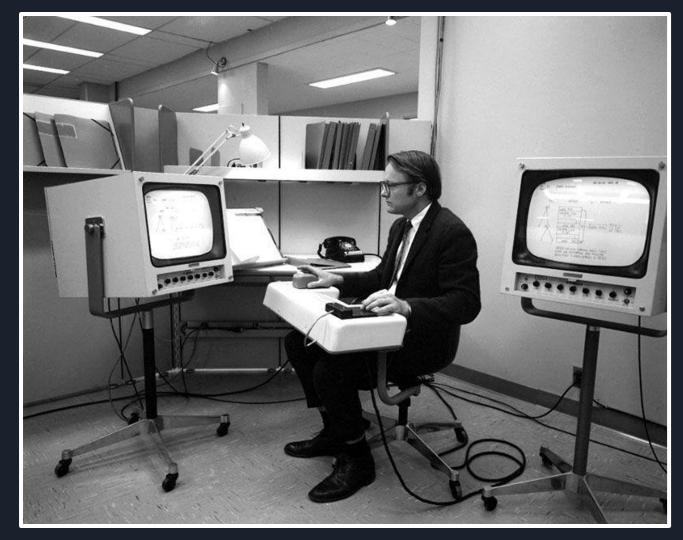
He introduced a complete computer hardware and software system called the oN-Line System or NLS in a demo lasting 90 minutes, that displayed nearly all the fundamental elements of modern computing.

It was the first presentation of its kind to publicly demonstrate all of the elements in a single system.

#### The Photo

This still photo displaying the demo in action is being performed by Bill English, the presentation's technical elements director.

Photo: SRI International/Computer History Museum.



#### **Our Process**

The photo was originally taken in Engelbart's lab in Stanford Research Institute

Set recreated in Professor Scarlatos's green screen room w/lights

#### Props:

- Two old computer monitors (one made from cardboard)
- Mouse and keypad, wires











## Setting up Scene/Photoshoot





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Original Image



## **Photoshop Progression**

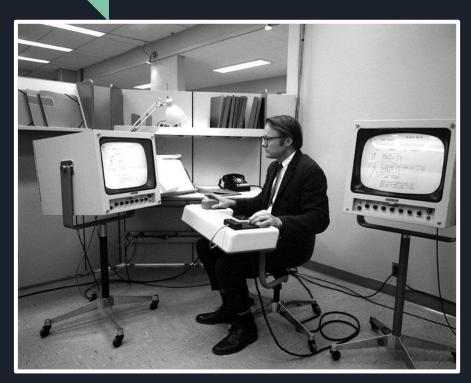




Final Product



# Comparison





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