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[http://www.truebasic.com/pages\\_content.asp?page\\_id=7](http://www.truebasic.com/pages_content.asp?page_id=7)

About True Basic:

Overview:

BASIC was invented in 1964 by Dartmouth College Professors John G. Kemeny and Thomas E. Kurtz so that their students could quickly write useful computer programs and at the same time understand what they were doing. English-like functions and statements helped ordinary folks perform extraordinary feats with their computer programs. True BASIC is still unequalled for raw power, logical approach, and easy-to-comprehend useability.

From Academic Use to a Commercial Company:

In 1983 a group of graduating Dartmouth students persuaded Kemeny and Kurtz to offer their programming language as a commercial product. The company, True BASIC Inc., was formed and versions of the language were created for both the DOS and Mac operating systems. What had been Dartmouth BASIC 7 became the first version of True BASIC. From the beginning, True BASIC was a fully structured language.

Early on John Kemeny insisted that operating systems would change dramatically in the coming years and that True BASIC should NOT be limited to one computer platform. Today versions of True BASIC are available for DOS, MacOS, Windows, Unix, and Linux systems. The functions and statements are the same on all platforms and give you unequalled portability for your source code.

Now, 20-years later, True BASIC continues to be one of the oldest surviving and most widely used programming languages. It allows folks who know their field or subject to write useful programs without dedicating their lives to mastering hard-to-understand computer languages. True BASIC will always be available -- either as a commercial product or as an open source resource. While other languages come and go, True BASIC continues to gain more and more users as they discover its inherent power and simplicity.

Roger Bagula wrote:

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Actually True Basic was the Basic "definition"  
language. ( the first one)  
Pet Basic, Microsoft Basic , HPBasic Apple Basic all came later.  
The current version is upwardly compatible with most of the old stuff.  
It is translatable machine to machine on most modern computers.  
It was one of the five "built-in" languages of the original Unix system.  
sam ende wrote:

Roger Bagula wrote:

Dear sam ende,  
The program runs in the student version of True Basic  
or a Bronze version.  
True basic is also translatable to QBasic or VisualBasic.  
True basic links:  
<http://www.truebasic.com/>  
<http://www.truebasic.com/demo.asp>

basic as what the commodore 64 ran on ? crikey.  
i'll have a look at it, thanks :)

sammi