

# Re: How Were Those Tables Computed?

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qquito wrote:

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- > ... (2) Were the computation done manually by
- > some hard-working mathematicians?

A quick look in the dictionary reveals that, in the mid 17 century, "computer" meant "A person who makes calculations; spec. a person employed for this in an observatory etc."

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I don't know who you are Sir, or where you come from,  
but you've done me a power of good.

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