

Re: Zero on the keyboard

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In article <ffo55b\$1bpb\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> magidin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Arturo Magidin) writes:

In article <1193252746.514774.87540@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, mensanator@xxxxxxxxxxx <mensanator@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

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And many early typewriters didn't even have a zero, you used a capital "o".

Not just early; "the" electric typewriter in my home in the 70s (when I was growing up), purchased in the early 70s, had no zero and no one; you were expected to use a capital "o" and lower case ell, respectively.

Not just typewriters. Early Honeywell-Bull computers when using punched cards had a card code where O and 0 had the same code, as had I and 1. I do not know exactly when that coding was changed, but it must have been somewhere in the sixties.

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