

KDF9 Software and sample programs.

This is just a holding page, hopefully soon to be updated.

Since 2007 there has been a renewed interest in KDF9 software archaeology. This has resulted in a great deal of emulation activity over the last two years and the placing on-line of impressive amounts of original documentation. Refer to <http://sw.ccs.bcs.org/KDF9/> Links will be found to much useful KDF9 source documentation, working software, photographs and KDF9 reminiscences. The people involved in this work include David Holdsworth, Brian Wichmann, Bill Findlay and Hans Pufal.

Notable activities include the emulation of the KDF9 Director. To paraphrase Bill Findlay, "Up to four programs could be run at once under the control of this elegantly simple operating system. Later operating systems included multi-access features, usually with PDP-8 front ends to handle the interactive terminals. They included Eldon 2, at the University of Leeds; and Egdon, COSEC and COTAN, developed primarily at UKAEA Culham Laboratories. The English Electric Kidsgrove and Whetstone Algol 60 compilers were among the first of their class".