

Kvalitní předpovědi

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- **„Everything that can be invented has been invented.“**
--Charles H. Duell, úředník U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.
- **„I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.“**
--Thomas Watson, šéf IBM, 1943
- **„Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons.“**
--časopis Popular Mechanics předpovídající pokrok vědy, 1949
- **„I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year.“**
--editor knih z businessu v nakladatelství Prentice Hall, 1957
- **„But what ... is it good for?“**
--inženýr v Advanced Computing Systems Division IBM, o mikročipu, 1968
- **„There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.“**
--Ken Olson, prezident, šéf a zakladatel Digital Equipment Corp., 1977
- **„640K ought to be enough for anybody.“**
-- Bill Gates, 1981

- **„The abdomen, the chest and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon.“**
-- Sir John Erickson, Surgeon Extraordinary to Queen Victoria, 1873)
- **„Heavier than air flying machines are impossible.“**
-- Lord Kelvin, 1885.
- **„I have not the smallest molecule of faith in aerial navigation other than ballooning“**
-- Lord Rayleigh, 1889.
- **„A few decades hence, energy may be free, just like unmetered air.“**
-- J. von Neumann, 1956.
- **„The possibility of travel in space seems at present to appeal to schoolboys more than to scientists.“**
-- Sir George Paget Thomson, 1956.

- **„A still more advanced stage of mechanization is to use something like a computing machine to control the controls and change them, so that, for example, a chemical reaction can be kept cooking for a pre-determined time at a given temperature and then the temperature raised or lowered or some other ingredients added. The computing machine may be made to calculate the time, which might depend, for example, on information derived from observations on the infra-red spectrum of a sample of the batch being cooked and fed into the calculating machine by a separate channel. These processes of control could be made more reliable than human beings and probably more economical. Ideally, a manager might come down to his factory in the morning, program its work for the day in accordance with the demand for his products by punching holes with a special typewriter in cards or a strip of paper, and leave the machinery to work unattended while he gets on with his correspondence. In practice one has a long way to go before this comes true but some big chemical works give a hint of it.“**

--Sir George Paget Thomson (Nobelova cena za objev elektrona) v knjizi „The Atom and The Foreseeable Future“ z roku 1955 v kapitoli „Some social consequences“: