

The Commodore PET (Personal Electronic Transactor) was the first true personal computer, being demonstrated in January 1977 at the Consumer Electronics Show in Chicago, months before the Apple II or Radio Shack TRS80 became available. The model 8032, with a huge-at-that-time 12" screen, was introduced in 1981. A number of upgrades were introduced over the next several years, but in 1986 Commodore discontinued the PET line of computers.

For a complete history, see <http://www.commodore.ca/commodore-products/commodore-pet-the-worlds-first-personal-computer/>

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