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Obraz počítače jako prostředku zábavy a komunikace v časopisech ABC a Věda a technika mládeži v letech 1980-1990

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Abstract

The computer is a phenomenon of modern times. Nowadays, we probably can not even imagine our lives without having a one. The beginnings of computer technology dates back to the 50s of the 20th century, which is many years before our examined period. It naturally took some time to move the computer occupying a whole room to a "box" that fits on a desk. 80s of the 20th century was the era of computer technology immense development. Desktop computers slowly began appearing in ordinary households. But for the former Czechoslovakia it was also a time of political problems. How were the Czechoslovak magazines for children and youth dealing with the computer oriented themes? I will try to map the image of the computer on the example of two popular scientific periodicals of that time. In what aspects was tihe computer presented. Was it rather a means of entertainment, or just a tool for educational purposes? Have the computer games been available? My aim is to answer these and some other questions by applying a method of the quantitative content analysis. The research sample covers all years of the decade, 1980 -1990. The results of the analysis should therefore provide a relevant picture of how the magazines ABC mladých techniků a přírodovědců and Věda a technika mládeži processed the computer as a topic.

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