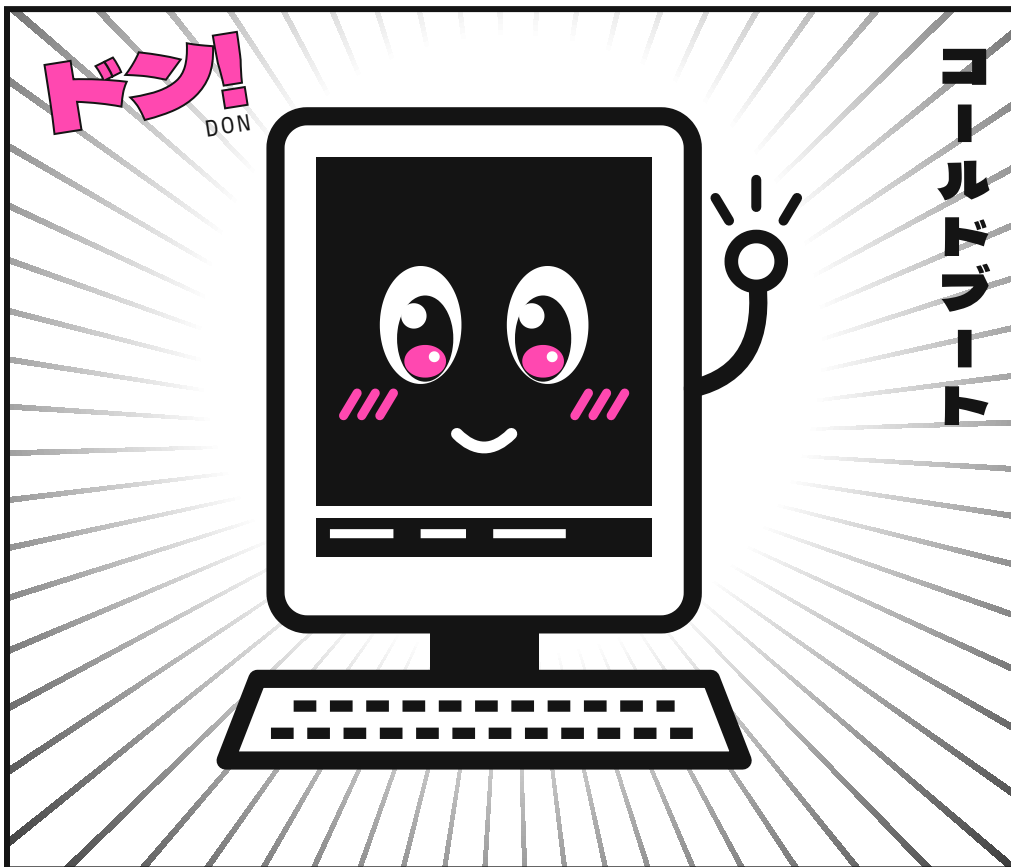
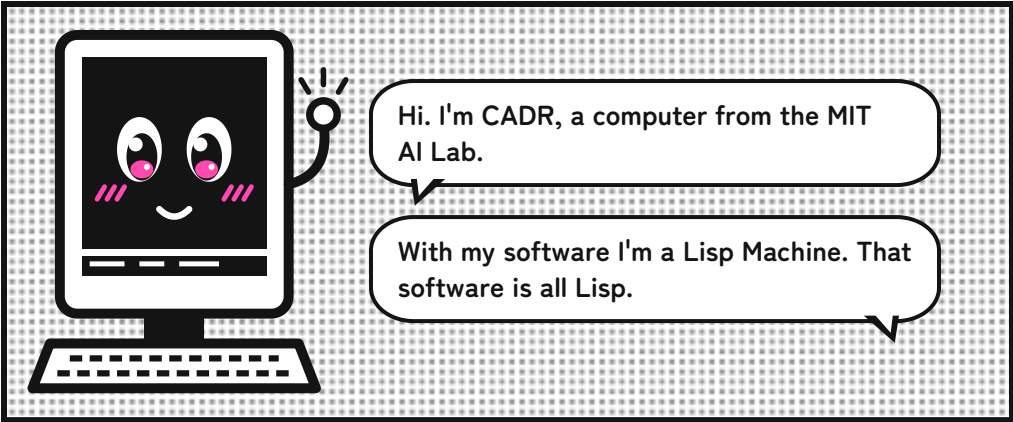


COLD BOOT



MIT built about thirty CADR Lisp Machines. None of them is available today. This issue boots one anyway.

System 100 · microcode 323 · muir · ozd



Don't believe it? Read my files.

```
window/basstr.lisp
the window system
io/disk.lisp
the disk driver
zwei/poss.lisp
part of the editor
```

Who wrote all of it?

“The Lisp Machine is a product of the efforts of many people too numerous to list here and of the unique environment of the M.I.T. Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.”

Lisp Machine Manual, 4th edition, 1981

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Summer 1974

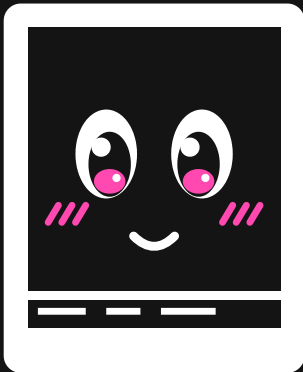
MIT AI Lab, summer 1974.

Richard Greenblatt, Jack Holloway and Tom Knight start building CONS, a computer made to run Lisp.

Lisp came from MIT too. John McCarthy invented it in the late 1950s.

AI Memo 8, March 1959
*Recursive Functions of
Symbolic Expressions*

CONS came first. I'm the improved one.



CADR

Designed by

Tom Knight
David Moon
Jack Holloway
Guy Steele

A 32-bit microcoded processor, 145 ns per microcycle.

Dec 1978

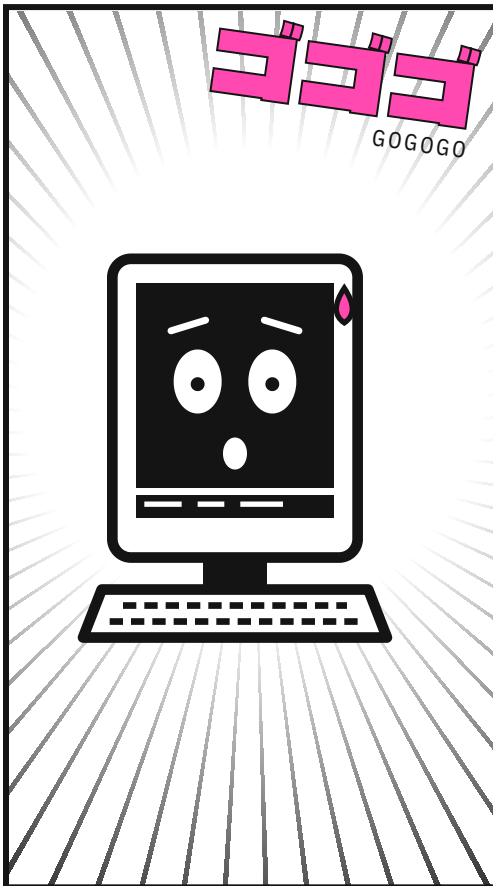
Four CADRs are running.

1980. The Lab's machine goes commercial.

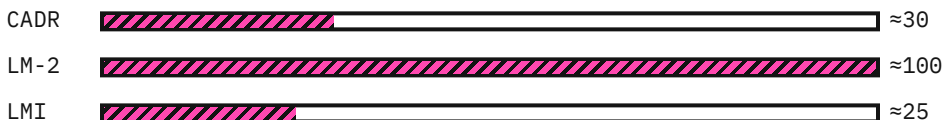
Two companies sell me under an MIT license: Symbolics as the LM-2, and LMI as the LMI-CADR.

\$240K

A complete LM-2 system, on the October 1980 price list. The base machine alone was about \$80K.



How many were built? Roughly:



The tapes

Decades later, MIT's old backup tapes are read again.

ウィーン

TAPE TID/671
PROJECT MIT Tapes of Tech
Square
FOUND System 99.32
RESTORED System 100
 microcode 323

LM-3 restored MIT's System 99.32 as System 100. It's the one I boot in this issue.



muir's fetch script downloads the System 100 disk pack and its sources, and checks every file against its SHA-256 sum.

Meet the crew



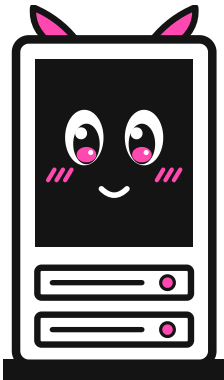
muir

The CADR in software, down to the chips.

MASCOT CADR, the computer it plays
WRITTEN Rust
IN



Speed of each engine, log scale. The tick is a real CADR.



ozd

OZ, the Chaosnet services host of MIT's Lisp Machines, as a daemon.

MASCOT OZ, a cabinet with a daemon's horns
HOST MIT-OZ, at 3060
SERVES

STATUS	TIME	UPTIME	FILE
HOSTAB	NAME		

First boot

You need a Linux or macOS shell, git and a VNC viewer. Rust comes from rustup.

Two programs: muir is me, and ozd is OZ.

Install Rust, then open a new shell.

```
$ curl --proto '=https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://sh.rustup.rs | sh
```

Build muir and fetch System 100.

```
$ git clone  
https://github.com/metebalci/  
muir  
$ cd muir  
$ cargo build --release  
$ tools/fetch-system-100.sh
```

Build ozd beside it.

```
$ cd ..  
$ git clone  
https://github.com/metebalci/  
ozd  
$ cd ozd  
$ cargo build --release
```

Both pin their compiler in `rust-toolchain.toml`, so the first cargo command installs it.

カタカタ



Start OZ first. Without it the CADR still boots, but it asks you for the date and cannot read any files.

...Files? The time? Fine. I'm up.

In the ozd directory. OZ listens on UDP port 42042.

```
$ mkdir -p ~/lisp  
$ target/release/ozd --address 3060 \  
  --name MIT-OZ,OZ,system=UNIX \  
  --root ~/lisp \  
  --root tree=$PWD/../muir/vendor/system-100-0/sys,ro \  
  --host 3050,MIT-LISPM-1,CADR-1,CADR1,LM1,system=LISPM
```

Then start the CADR in the muir directory. On one computer each program needs its own port, so the CADR takes 42043.

```
$ target/release/muir \  
  --disk-pack vendor/run/disk-sys-100-0.img \  
  --chaos-address 3050 --chaos-udp 42043 \  
  --chaos-udp-peer 3060@127.0.0.1:42042 \  
  --terminal 0.0.0.0:5900
```

Chaosnet addresses are octal. The band's own host table puts the CADR, MIT-LISPM-1, at 3050 and OZ, MIT-OZ, at 3060.

`vnc://your-computer:5900`

--terminal 0.0.0.0:5900 lets a VNC viewer on another computer in. There is no password, so use it only on a network you trust.

It boots.

Lisp Listener 1!

```
MIT System, band 2 of MIT-LISPM-1.
2048K physical memory, 16127K virtual memory.
Experimental System 100.0
Microcode          323
MIT Lisp Machine One, with associated machine OZ.
```

1
2
3
4

- ① band 2 of MIT-LISPM-1. Band 2 is the partition LOD2. MIT-LISPM-1 is the pack name in the disk label.
- ② 2048K physical memory. Here K is 1024 words, not bytes. muir's default is 32 memory boards of 64K words each.
- ③ System 100.0, Microcode 323. The band's system, and the microcode that is running.
- ④ associated machine OZ. That is ozd, answering on Chaosnet.

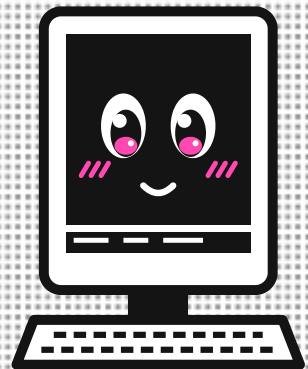
```
Lisp Listener 1
```

```
09/07/26 04:48:31
```

```
USER: Keyboard
```

The bottom line is the who-line. **Keyboard** means the Listener is waiting for you to type. **USER:** is the package it reads in. Once you log in, your name shows to its left.

Every page of this zine ends with one.



Getting around

The Lisp Machine keyboard has keys yours doesn't. muir puts them on your function keys.

F1 →	TERMINAL	F2 →	SYSTEM	F3 →	NETWORK
F4 →	STATUS	F5 →	RESUME	F6 →	ABORT
F7 →	CALL	F8 →	HELP	F9 →	CLEAR INPUT
F10 →	CLEAR SCREEN	F11 →	BREAK	F12 →	QUOTE
Esc →	ALT MODE	Alt →	META	Win →	SUPER

CONTROL, META, SUPER and HYPER are the modifier keys. Scroll Lock with S, H, G or T gives SUPER, HYPER, GREEK or TOP.

Note: system keys like Win reach the machine only when the VNC viewer is full screen. Or change muir's key map: `muir --keyboard-mapping-dump` writes it to a file, and `--keyboard-mapping` reads it back.

Press **SYSTEM**, let go, then type a letter. You switch to that program.

L Lisp	E Editor
I Inspector	P Peek
C Converse	F Font Edit
S Supdup	T Telnet

Hold CONTROL on the letter to get a new one. **SYSTEM** **HELP** lists them all.

TERMINAL, then a letter, talks to the window system.

M MORE on or off	F Finger
H Chaosnet hosts	G GC status

Lost? **SYSTEM** **HELP**.

The Lisp Listener reads what you type, and prints the answer.

```
(+ 1 2)  
3
```

Five things to type first.

```
(login "you")
```

Log in. OZ gives you a home directory, /you/.

```
(si:print-herald)
```

Print the herald again.

```
(apropos "pack-name")
```

Find every symbol with pack-name in its name.

```
(describe 'si:get-pack-name)
```

Tell me about this symbol.

```
(who-calls 'si:get-pack-  
name)
```

Find the code that uses it.

In the editor, **SYSTEM** **E**, **M-**.
jumps to the source of a function.
The source comes from OZ.



Try M-. on print-herald.

You land in io/disk.lisp. The
herald is Lisp too.

Look at the who-line below: it has your name in it now.

Links and docs

LINKS

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TO BE CONTINUED

Cold Boot is made by Mete Balci, with help from Claude Opus 5 and OpenAI GPT-6 Astra. Set in Dela Gothic One, Zen Maru Gothic and IBM Plex Mono, in two colours: black and fluorescent pink. The screens are from muir. Send feedback to coldboot@metebalci.com.

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