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Bull Products:
the computers products designed and/or marketed by Bull.
In the present edition, some imprecision subsists about dates. Products performances are generally omitted. Those omissions will be corrected later.

Card equipments
the main products at the origin of Compagnie des Machines Bull
Series 150
Gamma 3
Gamma 3 contributors
Series 300
Gamma 10

Gamma 60
an off-course venture of Machines Bull into large computer business
Gamma 60 contributors

Small Systems (Gamma 5, GE-55, Level 61)
Bull small systems contributors

Other pre-1968 Bull products
Gamma M-40, a Bull process control computer

Programmateur numérique and Geadac
Gamma 140, a product only shipped by the Czech company Tesla
Gamma 140 contributors

RCA systems
close-gap first OEM import
Gamma 30 (RCA 301)
Gamma 40 (RCA 3301) not delivered

SEA systems
the other French computer company in 1950s and early 1960s
SEA CAB500
SEA 3900-4000

CAE systems
RW-300
RW-530
CAE 510
130 military computers
SDS systems

CII systems
the Plan Calcul alternative to an "Americanized" Bull
10010
Iris 50 family
Iris 80 family
Mitra
Unidata Series X

Transac systems
T15/20

General Electric systems
GE-100 (Olivetti-General Electric)
GE-200
GE-400
Datanet-30
Datanet 355

Honeywell
H-400/800
H-316/516
H-200/2000

GE later Honeywell
the proprietary product lines of the 1970-current period

Large Systems (GE-600, Level66, DPS-9000)
Multics history site

GCOS 64 and GCOS 7 product line
GCOS7 product line description

GCOS64 origin
GCOS64/7 contributors

GCOS 62 and GCOS 4 product line

GCOS 6 minicomputers product line

Distributed Systems Architecture

Bull Microcomputers
Micral
Zenith

UNIX and Bull

68000 products (Honeywell DPX, SM-90 - Bull SPS-7, DPX-2)
MIPS alliance
PowerPC based servers
Intel based servers

Isis supercomputer project

Bull peripherals
Card equipments
Printers
Magnetic devices
Terminals

Financial Products
Smart Card CP-8
ATM

Software

Services

Plants & Laboratories

Sales & Maintenance Network

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