MOORE'S LAW

In 1965, Gordon Moore (co-founder of Intel) gave a paper in which he observed that new memory chips had roughly twice the capacity of their predecessors, and were released 18-24 months following the previous chips.

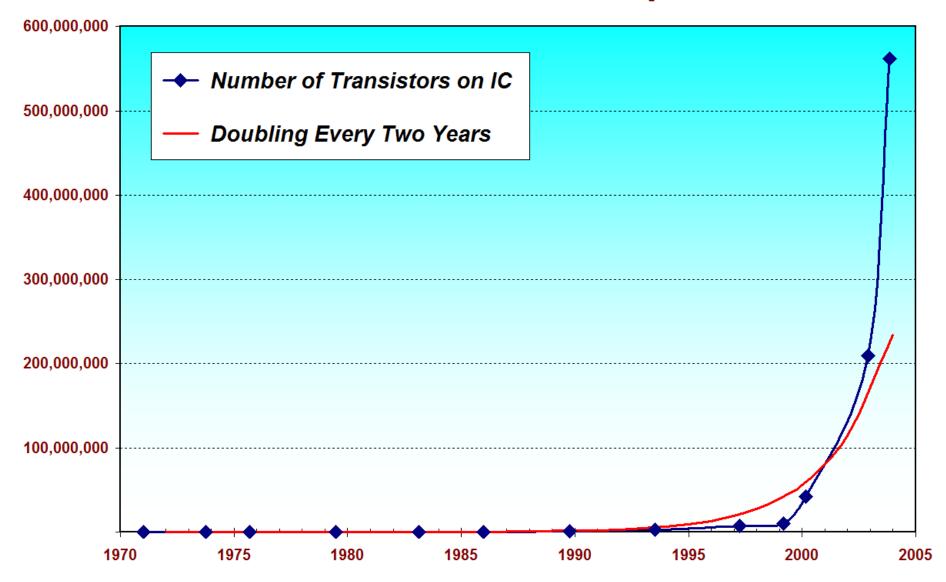
The trend continued, and has become known as <u>Moore's</u> <u>Law</u>.

But it is more than just a description. It has become the game plan of the entire computing industry, and a self-fulfilling prophesy. Software and hardware engineers plan their innovations assuming that the necessary performance will be available on schedule.

Need more capacity or performance to accomplish a particular task? You can predict when it will be available!

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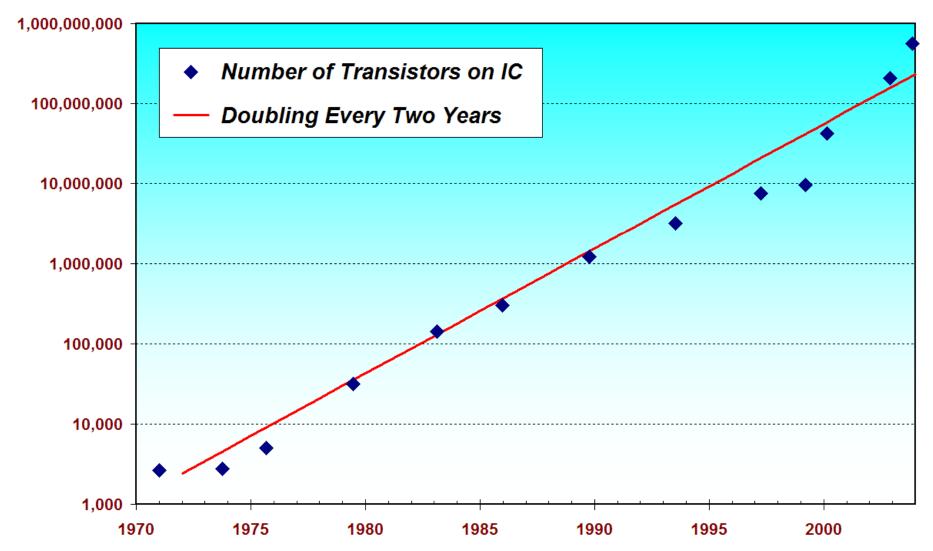
Number of Transistors per IC



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