

References for the English Electric KDF9 computer.

Note that the background to all the early British stored-program projects from 1945 – 1951 is summarised in: ***Alan Turing and his Contemporaries: building the world's first computers***. Simon Lavington [ed]. Published by BCS in 2012. 111 pages; many illustrations. ISBN: 978-1-90612-490-8.

Another general account, spanning the period from the late 1940s to the mid-1960s, is: ***Early British Computers*** (Simon Lavington). Published by Manchester University Press (in the UK) and Digital Press (in the USA) in 1980. 139 pages, many illustrations. ISBN: 0-7190-0803-4. Available online at: <http://ed-thelen.org/comp-hist/EarlyBritish.html>

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Since 2007 there has been a renewed interest in KDF9 software archaeology. This has resulted in a great deal of emulation activity and the placing on-line of impressive amounts of original documentation. Refer to <http://sw.ccs.bcs.org/KDF9/> - where links will be found to much useful KDF9 source documentation, working software, photographs and KDF9 reminiscences. David Holdsworth, Brian Wichmann and Bill Findlay are amongst the people active in re-creating KDF9 software.