

Japan's Most Popular 16-bit Computer

Registration No.	Number 00221		
Registration Date	September 13, 2016	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	PC-9801		
Location	Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo		
	NEC Personal Computers, Ltd.		
Owner (Custodian)	NEC Personal Computers, Ltd.		
Manufacturer (Company)	NEC Corporation		
Year Manufactured	1982		
Year first appeared	1982		
Reason For Selection	This 16-bit computer has a 640×400-dot display accelerated by a graphics display controller (GDC) and a 16-bit external bus, as well as an optional JIS Level 1 Kanji ROM for processing kanji. This highly scalable hardware was equipped with N88-BASIC (86) software to play an OS-type role and was compatible with the already-popular 8-bit computer. From the late 1980s onwards, this computer was popularized as the de facto standard machine in Japan for more than ten years; in the industrial world, it was also the first generation machine in the 98-series that undergirded many production sites. The base price was 298,000 yen.		
Registration Standard	2-A (Played a notable role in improving people's way of life and creating new ways of living.)		

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