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Computer Art
The V&A's Archive of Art and Design (AAD) holds the working papers of individual artists and designers, as well as the records of companies and associations involved in all aspects of applied art and design. The archives can be consulted by appointment at Blythe House, located near Olympia in West London.

Computer art is represented in the archives by a diverse array of material that spans over 50 years, from the 1960’s onwards. The archives of both the Computer Arts Society and Patric Prince, an American art historian and computer art archivist, chart the rise of computer-generated art.

An extensive collection of books on the field of computer art and computer graphics are available to see and these are listed on the National Art Library catalogue. In addition, the archive includes artist files, conference papers and proceedings, exhibition catalogues and booklets (1953–2001), press cuttings and reviews of exhibitions, slides, photographs, posters, AV material, and journals such as PAGE, Computer Graphics (1977–2004) and Computers and Automation (1963–1980).

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Computer Art in the AAD

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- Patric Prince, American art historian and collector of computer art: papers, 1953–2005  
AAD/2009/19

- Aaron Marcus, computer artist: papers, 1943–2017  
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You can also consult the Guide to the Archive of Art and Design, Victoria & Albert Museum by Elizabeth Lomas (London: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers in association with the Victoria and Albert Museum, 2001), which not only lists the AAD archives, but also identifies related material in the V&A and other institutions.

Access

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