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Leonardo of Pisa and the First Personal Computing Revolution

The first personal computing revolution took place not in Silicon Valley in the 1980s but in Pisa in the 13th Century. The medieval counterpart to Steve Jobs was a young Italian called Leonardo, better known today by the nickname Fibonacci. Thanks to a recently discovered manuscript in a library in Florence, the story of how the little known genius behind the famous name Fibonacci came to launch the modern commercial world can now be told.

Based on Devlin's book *The Man of Numbers: Fibonacci's Arithmetical Revolution* (Walker & Co, July 2011) and his co-published companion e-book *Leonardo and Steve: The Young Genius Who Beat Apple to Market by 800 Years* (Amazon Kindle).

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