

Moon-landing Computer Team



This is Margaret Hamilton with printouts of all the computer code for the NASA moon-landing rocket in 1969.



She didn't write it all herself, but led a team of 350 programmers who all contributed. The programs were then installed in the computer's memory for the trip to space.



The memory was a complex mesh of wires and magnets. This was woven by a group of women who'd previously worked in watch-making factories.



The work of all these people meant the rocket's computer could guide its flight to the moon and the astronauts could land successfully.