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Apollo Flight Software

Hamilton was Director of the Software Engineering Division of the MIT Instrumentation Laboratory, which developed on-board flight software for the Apollo space program. This is the software that controlled the spacecraft on their passage to the moon. Her team also worked on the flight control software for Skylab.

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For things that we have to learn to do, we learn by doing them. Aristotle