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Dennis Ritchie

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Unix
With Ken Thompson, Ritchie was instrumental in the development of the Unix operating system.

"UNIX is very simple, it just needs a genius to understand its simplicity" – Dennis Ritchie

C
Ritchie created the C programming language to use with the Unix operating system (it followed Ken Thompson's B language).

"[C has] the power of assembly language and the convenience of … assembly language." – DR

Turing Award 1983

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