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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"

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."

Turing Award 1983