**Digital Research Computers – History**

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Digital Research Computers were in no way related to Digital Research Inc. in California of CP/M fame.  They were located in Garland TX., and started off as an electronic parts and component supplier primarily advertising in magazines and selling through mail order.  Somewhat similar to [SD Systems](http://www.s100computers.com/Hardware%20Folder/SD%20Systems/History/SD%20Systems%20History.htm) and [Jade Computer Products](http://www.s100computers.com/Hardware%20Folder/Jade/History/History.htm).

They started (as did most) in the S-100 board business making RAM and ROM boards.  However they also had a few other interesting cards. Worthy of particular note was their S-100 Sound Card. They also made an 8K RAM card for the SWTPC 6800 computer (like [Seals Electronics](http://www.s100computers.com/Hardware%20Folder/Seals%20Electronics/History/History.htm)).

Actually their big success came not from S-100 boards but from a single board computer called the "BigBoard" which they came out with in 1980. This was followed two years later by the BigBoard II.  They were Z80 based single-board computers designed by Jim Ferguson and provided a complete CP/M compatible computer system on a single printed circuit board, including CPU, memory, a disk drive interface, keyboard and video monitor interface all for less than $500. The printed circuit board was sized so as to allow its attachment to the top of an 8 inch floppy disk drive. The Big Board II added a hard disk drive interface, enhancements to system speed (4MHz vs. 2.5MHz) and enhancements to the terminal interface.



The board really caught on and had a loyal following.  Even Xerox Corp. licensed it for use in their 820 Microcomputer system.
I have no further information about the company itself however, its founders or what happened to it.