

# The History of Point of Sale



**1879**

The first cash register is invented by James Ritty in 1879. Called the "Incorruptible Cashier," the invention was the first in restaurant technology to track sales.



**1906**

Charles F. Kettering invents the first motorized cash register, allowing cashiers to process transactions more efficiently.



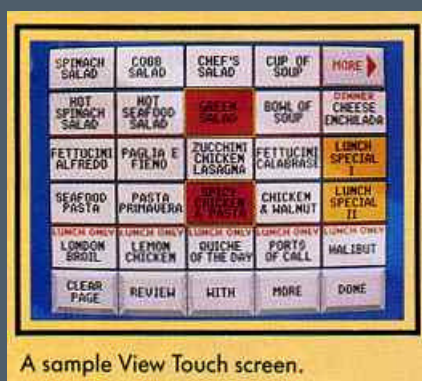
**1974**

The first microprocessor-controlled cash register system is invented by William Brobeck and Associates, which was first used by McDonalds.



**Mid-1970s**

The electronic cash register is invented by IBM and electronic point of sale systems start to become more popular.



A sample View Touch screen.

**1986**

The first graphical point of sale software is developed by Gene Mosher, complete with a touchscreen interface.



**1992**

The first POS software to run on Windows Microsoft is created by Martin Goodwin and Bob Henry.



**Early 2000s**

Cloud-based POS is introduced, rewards and gift cards are more mainstream, and Apple redefines smart devices with the iPhone's release in 2007.



**Now**

Cloud-based point of sale systems are now more popular, with iPad and tablet POS becoming more present in restaurant environments.

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