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WORLD'S LARGEST COMPUTING SOCIETY MAKES THOUSANDS OF RESEARCH ARTICLES FREELY AVAILABLE; OPENS FIRST 50 YEARS BACKFILE

ACM Takes Major Step in Its Transition To Become a Fully Open Access Publisher

New York, NY, April 7, 2022 – ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, today announced that its first 50 years of publications, from 1951 through the end of 2000, are now open and freely available to view and download via the [ACM Digital Library](#). ACM's first 50 years backfile contains more than 117,500 articles on a wide range of computing topics. In addition to articles published between 1951 and 2000, ACM has also opened related and supplemental materials including data sets, software, slides, audio recordings, and videos.

Making the first 50 years of its publications and related content freely available expresses ACM's commitment to open access publication and represents another milestone in the organization's transition to full open access within the next five years.

"We at ACM are especially proud to make this announcement now as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of our organization," said ACM President Gabriel Kotsis. "ACM has published many of the foundational works by pioneers of the computing field, and we are delighted to share this treasure trove with the world. And in doing so, we take another large step in our evolution to become a fully open access publisher."

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