

# #RetroGadgetsSG

You have snapped photos of your retro gadgets and shared them on Instagram for The Straits Times #RetroGadgetsSG contest in partnership with Infocomm Development Authority. In this last part of a four-part series, we look at some of the interesting entries that caught our attention and jolted memories from the past.

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## Slide rules

Slide rules were used in the 1950s and 60s for multiplication and division, and also for functions such as roots, logarithms and trigonometry, way before digital calculators came on the scene.

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## Public bus fare machine

Before EZ-Link cards were introduced in 2002, this ticket machine was what greeted passengers when they boarded a bus. You can still spot them on some buses today, but they are not in use anymore.

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## Casio BG-15 "Boxing Calculator"

This Casio calculator came with a knock-out punch; besides arithmetic and timekeeping functions, it came with a boxing game. Understandably, it was very popular among school children in the early 80s.

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## Diehl Multimat electric time switch

The electric time switch was used in the past to cut off electricity after a preset period of time, before appliances came with built-in timers. This particular model had a timer that could go up to 24 hours.

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## Coin phone

The orange coin phone was a common sight in the 1980s, a time when people had to keep 10-cent coins handy to make phone calls if they were out and about. They are far less common now, with the ubiquity of mobile phones.

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fookmun Presenting the HardCard40 from as early as

## Hardcard 40

The Hardcard was basically a hard disk that was installed directly into an expansion slot, instead of the usual drive bay, of a PC in the late 1980s. This model had 40MB of storage space.

Contestants with the most retro entries stand to win a \$100 CapitaMalls voucher each.

This week's two winners are:

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