

Co-Founder of Informatics: On Karl Steinbuch's 100th Birthday

Karl Steinbuch Coined the Term "Informatics" – The Visionary Conducted Research and Lectured in Karlsruhe



Karl Steinbuch when he left the company of Standard Elektrik Lorenz in 1958. (Photo: KIT Archives)

Karl Steinbuch is deemed one of the founders of informatics. This year, the visionary of the digital age would have turned 100. Nearly 60 years ago, he became professor in Karlsruhe. At an early stage, he studied artificial intelligence and attracted attention as a futurologist who made surprising prognoses. For instance, he predicted that we would watch films and transmit text messages on portable mini computers after the year 2000. In October, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) invites to a celebration commemorating the controversial pioneer of the information society.

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