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## Did You Know?



In 1979, two years before IBM® introduced its PC (1981), LexisNexis introduced "the little red terminal" – the UBIQ™ terminal, taking online research to another level.

The UBIQ offered the first-ever desktop access, allowing attorneys to retire the huge, cumbersome terminals operating on 300-baud modems. The advent of the 1200-baud modem around the same time was another leap forward for law firms, quadrupling the speed at which they could search Lexis' full-text database.

The UBIQ offered other conveniences besides desktop access – the use of a centralized printer, the world's first auto-dial feature and also featured function keys. Each key was labeled with exactly what function it performed allowing attorneys, especially those who couldn't type, the ability to issue commands to the service with one keystroke.

[To give a frame of reference – 300-baud modems operated at a rate of 300 bits per second. Today's computers operate at speeds of 56,000 to 10,000,000 bits per second.]

The UBIQ reinforced LexisNexis as one of the earliest entrants into the online information world and a pioneer of electronic legal information.

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