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Mechanical Clocks. In the early to midth century, large mechanical clocks began to appear in the towers of several Italian cities. There is no record of any working models preceding these public clocks that were weight-driven and regulated by verge-and-foliot escapements.

So I say thank you to the Chinese for inventing such a magnificent thing, even if one of the earliest models was 30 feet high. The first mechanical clock was made in A. In a few years after it was built the bronze and iron mechanism started to corrode, and in cold weather the water would freeze. Chang Ssu Hsiin built the same clock except he used mercury instead of water, but few details of this clock survive. A clock made by Su Sung, an astronomer, on the order of emperor Ting Zong in was 30 feet tall and was used to clock the planets and stars, and to keep track of the time. Inside the tower was a smaller celestial globe whose movements were the same as the one on the roof and which could be viewed in bad weather or if the one on the roof was crowded. On the front of the tower was a pagoda-like structure of five floors, each housing numerous wooden puppets. The puppets would appear about every quarter of an hour day and night, and would play drums, bells, gongs, and string instruments. The clock was powered by a huge water wheel with scoops on the ends of each blade. Water dripped into a scoop until it was full,, and then the wheel would turn, causing the water in the scoop to be poured out into a basin and the next scoop to progress and start the process all over again. When the wheel turned the puppets would change and so would the astronomical clocks. The design for these Chinese clocks was later copied by the Europeans, and they were even originally credited for first inventing them. The clocks made by the Chinese are to me one of the best things that the Chinese invented. They look astounding in pictures, but must have been breath taking in real life. Pies are on the next page. Dorling Kindersley, Williams, Suzanne. Pacific View Press, Temple, Robert. The Genius of China. Ballan The Books, Ronan, Colin. McGraw-Hill book Company,

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Click here for audio of Episode Today, we look for the first mechanical clock. Mechanical clocks replaced the old water clocks, which, by the 13th century, had been around for millennia. Water flowed steadily into a vertical tank and the rising water level indicated the time of day. Like mechanical clocks, they tolled the hours and displayed the planets. An escapement ticks in a steady rhythm and lets the gears move forward in a series of little equal jumps. The first escapement was the verge and foliot mechanism see the full image below. The foliot is a horizontal bar with weights on either end. It sits on a vertical rod, called a verge. The verge has pallets to engage and release the main gear which is turned by a heavy stone on the end of a cable. The verge nudges the foliot back and forth in an inertial rhythm, and that determines the pace of the gear train. It was complex and very creative, but when did it come about? Rather, it was a whole new technology and a whole new metaphor. Instead, he built a kind of almost-clock -- a gadget that steadily pointed at the sun as it moved across the sky. After that, monastery records mention the bells, gearing, and towers that went with either kind of clock, while they ignore the heartbeat of the clock. The first clear drawing of an escapement was given by Jacopo di Dondi and his son in So we can only guess that the first mechanical clocks were made in the late s. But now, engineers began to cut that error in half every thirty years , right up into the 20th century. The defining technology of an age might not be the most obvious one. Great changes often come in on little cat feet. And we might well wonder what technology is doing just that, today. Theme music Usher, A. Oxford University Press, , , , Chapter 7. This is a greatly reworked version of Episode

Chapter 3 : Physics of Time Keeping-Mechanical Clocks

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I promise to use it only to send you Clock Collecting Tips. What time does the meeting start? What time should we come over for dinner? When does the movie start? How much time should we allow to pass through security before our flight leaves? Modern life is controlled by punctuality, being to the designated place on time. We owe much of our current lifestyle that is governed by precise time to the early mechanical clocks that regulated the lives of monks in the fourteenth century. Monastic Influences From earliest times the monastic life was an orderly one, with time intervals set aside for work, meals, sleep, and, of course, daily prayers. During these early centuries, monks and townspeople were content to divide a day into 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of nighttime based upon the sun. Since the amount of daylight varies with the seasons, dividing daylight into 12 equal units made the length of an hour also vary with the seasons. When the first mechanical clocks were built in the fourteenth century, the idea of 24 fixed length hours became the norm in Europe. While the first mechanical clocks were used in the monasteries, as European towns expanded in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, civil governments wanted their own clocks to regulate life in the towns. The earliest clocks were built into turrets in the local churches or in specially constructed bell towers. Rather than keeping time with hands on a dial, many of these early clocks employed a hammer mechanism that struck the bell to announce the hour. Eliminating the Human Timekeeper These early mechanical clocks are some of the first devices to directly replicate human effort with a machine. This explains why many of the old European town clocks feature a carved man, called the clock jack, who comes out of his house and strikes the clock bell. This once was a real job, being the town bell ringer. One ledger record dated indicates that the bell ringer at St. The oldest known mechanical clock of this era can be found in Salisbury Cathedral in England, which was made in to strike the hour on the church bell. In it was restored to its original design using reproductions of the verge and foliot escapement to replace the pendulum that was added in later centuries. Another similar early mechanical clock is located in the church in Wells, England which features a wooden clock jack who strikes the hour with a hammer and the quarter hour with his heels. The Wells clock also displays fighting knights on the hour. It is likely that these clocks were built at the request of Bishop Erghum who was bishop at Salisbury from to and bishop at Wells from until The Clock Mechanism Remember that these early mechanical clocks did not need to move hands on dial; these clocks just rang the bell the correct number of times at fixed intervals. This principle of back-and-forth motion is at the heart of the early mechanical clocks, technically called the crown-verge escapement. The crown-verge escapement features the foliot which is a pivoting beam lever arm with a moveable weight at each end. As this weighted beam oscillates, it drives a series of gear wheels at a relatively constant rate. The last gear is called the crown wheel because its shape resembles a crown. The pointed tips of the crown wheel are blocked and released by pallets on the gear axle which are called the verge. These blocking and releasing functions of the verge control the oscillations of the lever arm or foliot. The crown gear is also called the escape wheel because this gear allows the rotating motion of the gear train to click over or escape one tooth at a time. The length of the foliot and the position of the moveable weights on the foliot combine to control the rate at which teeth on the crown wheel escape and regulate the length of time before the bells strike again. While these early mechanical clocks were not particularly accurate and required constant maintenance, they did introduce uniformity to life for townspeople throughout Europe.

Chapter 4 : Mechanical Clocks

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Renaissance Turret Clock, German, circa Spring driven Matthew Norman carriage clock with winding key Clockmakers developed their art in various ways. Building smaller clocks was a technical challenge, as was improving accuracy and reliability. Clocks could be impressive showpieces to demonstrate skilled craftsmanship, or less expensive, mass-produced items for domestic use. Spring-driven clocks appeared during the 15th century, [25] [26] [27] although they are often erroneously credited to Nuremberg watchmaker Peter Henlein or Henle, or Hele around This resulted in the invention of the stackfreed and the fusee in the 15th century, and many other innovations, down to the invention of the modern going barrel in Early clock dials did not indicate minutes and seconds. A clock with a dial indicating minutes was illustrated in a manuscript by Paulus Almanus, [31] and some 15th-century clocks in Germany indicated minutes and seconds. Some of the more basic table clocks have only one time-keeping hand, with the dial between the hour markers being divided into four equal parts making the clocks readable to the nearest 15 minutes. Other clocks were exhibitions of craftsmanship and skill, incorporating astronomical indicators and musical movements. The next development in accuracy occurred after with the invention of the pendulum clock. Galileo had the idea to use a swinging bob to regulate the motion of a time-telling device earlier in the 17th century. Christiaan Huygens , however, is usually credited as the inventor. He determined the mathematical formula that related pendulum length to time about The first model clock was built in in the Hague , but it was in England that the idea was taken up. It was also at this time that clock cases began to be made of wood and clock faces to utilize enamel as well as hand-painted ceramics. Clement also introduced the pendulum suspension spring in The concentric minute hand was added to the clock by Daniel Quare , a London clockmaker and others, and the second hand was first introduced. Hairspring[edit] In , Huygens and Robert Hooke invented the spiral balance spring , or the hairspring, designed to control the oscillating speed of the balance wheel. This crucial advance finally made accurate pocket watches possible. The great English clockmaker, Thomas Tompion , was one of the first to use this mechanism successfully in his pocket watches , and he adopted the minute hand which, after a variety of designs were trialled, eventually stabilised into the modern-day configuration. During the 20th century there was a common misconception that Edward Barlow invented rack and snail striking. In fact, his invention was connected with a repeating mechanism employing the rack and snail. George Graham invented the deadbeat escapement for clocks in Marine chronometer[edit] A major stimulus to improving the accuracy and reliability of clocks was the importance of precise time-keeping for navigation. The position of a ship at sea could be determined with reasonable accuracy if a navigator could refer to a clock that lost or gained less than about 10 seconds per day. This clock could not contain a pendulum, which would be virtually useless on a rocking ship. In , the British government offered large financial rewards to the value of 20, pounds, [42] for anyone who could determine longitude accurately. John Harrison , who dedicated his life to improving the accuracy of his clocks, later received considerable sums under the Longitude Act. In , Harrison built his first chronometer, which he steadily improved on over the next thirty years before submitting it for examination. In , Eli Terry and some other Connecticut clockmakers developed a way of mass-producing clocks by using interchangeable parts. Electric clock In , Francis Ronalds published the first electric clock powered by dry pile batteries. In , he first patented the electromagnetic pendulum. By the end of the nineteenth century, the advent of the dry cell battery made it feasible to use electric power in clocks. Spring or weight driven clocks that use electricity, either alternating current AC or direct current DC , to rewind the spring or raise the weight of a mechanical clock would be classified as an electromechanical clock. This classification would also apply to clocks that employ an electrical impulse to propel the pendulum. In electromechanical clocks the electricity serves no time keeping function. These types of clocks were made as individual timepieces but more commonly used in synchronized time installations in schools, businesses, factories, railroads and government facilities as a master clock and slave clocks. Electric clocks that are powered from

the AC supply often use synchronous motors. The rotor of the motor rotates at a speed that is related to the alternation frequency. Appropriate gearing converts this rotation speed to the correct ones for the hands of the analog clock. The development of electronics in the 20th century led to clocks with no clockwork parts at all. Time in these cases is measured in several ways, such as by the alternation of the AC supply, vibration of a tuning fork , the behaviour of quartz crystals, or the quantum vibrations of atoms. Electronic circuits divide these high-frequency oscillations to slower ones that drive the time display. Even mechanical clocks have since come to be largely powered by batteries, removing the need for winding. Quartz[edit] The piezoelectric properties of crystalline quartz were discovered by Jacques and Pierre Curie in Nicholson after which, the first quartz crystal oscillator was built by Walter G. Horton at Bell Telephone Laboratories in Canada. The National Bureau of Standards now NIST based the time standard of the United States on quartz clocks from late until the s, when it changed to atomic clocks. They are considerably more accurate than quartz clocks as they can be accurate to within a few seconds over thousands of years. Although it was less accurate than existing quartz clocks , it served to demonstrate the concept. All modern clocks use oscillation. Although the mechanisms they use vary, all oscillating clocks, mechanical, digital and atomic, work similarly and can be divided into analogous parts. The pulses are then counted by some type of counter, and the number of counts is converted into convenient units, usually seconds, minutes, hours, etc. Finally some kind of indicator displays the result in human readable form. Power source[edit] Keys of various sizes for winding up mainsprings on clocks. In mechanical clocks, the power source is typically either a weight suspended from a cord or chain wrapped around a pulley , sprocket or drum; or a spiral spring called a mainspring. Mechanical clocks must be wound periodically, usually by turning a knob or key or by pulling on the free end of the chain, to store energy in the weight or spring to keep the clock running. In electric clocks , the power source is either a battery or the AC power line. In clocks that use AC power, a small backup battery is often included to keep the clock running if it is unplugged temporarily from the wall or during a power outage. Battery powered analog wall clocks are available that operate over 15 years between battery changes. Oscillator[edit] The timekeeping element in every modern clock is a harmonic oscillator , a physical object resonator that vibrates or oscillates repetitively at a precisely constant frequency. In some early electronic clocks and watches such as the Accutron , it is a tuning fork. In atomic clocks , it is the vibration of electrons in atoms as they emit microwaves. In early mechanical clocks before , it was a crude balance wheel or foliot which was not a harmonic oscillator because it lacked a balance spring. As a result, they were very inaccurate, with errors of perhaps an hour a day. The possible precision achievable by a harmonic oscillator is measured by a parameter called its Q , [68] [69] or quality factor, which increases other things being equal with its resonant frequency. Balance wheels and pendulums always include a means of adjusting the rate of the timepiece. Quartz timepieces sometimes include a rate screw that adjusts a capacitor for that purpose. Atomic clocks are primary standards , and their rate cannot be adjusted. Synchronized or slave clocks[edit] Some clocks rely for their accuracy on an external oscillator; that is, they are automatically synchronized to a more accurate clock: Slave clocks , used in large institutions and schools from the s to the s, kept time with a pendulum, but were wired to a master clock in the building, and periodically received a signal to synchronize them with the master, often on the hour. Synchronous electric clocks do not have an internal oscillator, but count cycles of the 50 or 60 Hz oscillation of the AC power line , which is synchronized by the utility to a precision oscillator. The counting may be done electronically, usually in clocks with digital displays, or, in analog clocks, the AC may drive a synchronous motor which rotates an exact fraction of a revolution for every cycle of the line voltage, and drives the gear train. Although changes in the grid line frequency due to load variations may cause the clock to temporarily gain or lose several seconds during the course of a day, the total number of cycles per 24 hours is maintained extremely accurately by the utility company, so that the clock keeps time accurately over long periods. Computer real time clocks keep time with a quartz crystal, but can be periodically usually weekly synchronized over the Internet to atomic clocks UTC , using the Network Time Protocol NTP. Sometimes computers on a local area network LAN get their time from a single local server which is maintained accurately. In atomic clocks the controller is an evacuated microwave cavity attached to a microwave oscillator controlled by a microprocessor. A thin gas of caesium atoms is released into the cavity where they

are exposed to microwaves. A laser measures how many atoms have absorbed the microwaves, and an electronic feedback control system called a phase-locked loop tunes the microwave oscillator until it is at the frequency that causes the atoms to vibrate and absorb the microwaves. Then the microwave signal is divided by digital counters to become the clock signal. The higher Q of resonators in electronic clocks makes them relatively insensitive to the disturbing effects of the drive power, so the driving oscillator circuit is a much less critical component. It usually has a provision for setting the clock by manually entering the correct time into the counter. In mechanical clocks this is done mechanically by a gear train , known as the wheel train. The gear train also has a second function; to transmit mechanical power from the power source to run the oscillator. Often pushbuttons on the case allow the hour and minute counters to be incremented and decremented to set the time.

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Classic Mechanical Clocks. Most of the modern clocks now utilize these next few methods for keeping time. All but the quartz watchs use a device known as an escape mechanism.

Chapter 7 : Early Mechanical Clocks

The first mechanical clock was made in A.D. by a monk and mathematician I-Hsing. It was an astronomical clock and he called it the "Water Driven Spherical Birds-Eye-View Map of The Heavens". In a few years after it was built the bronze and iron mechanism started to corrode, and in cold weather the water would freeze.

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