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At this point the electronics revolution began to influence many areas of science. It provided an alternative to journals in the form of memory banks, and it has affected publication in other ways. An important early achievement was computer-controlled composition. Today Science is composed in this way, as are many other journals, including all of the 16 published by the American Chemical Society.

One of the pioneers in computer-controlled composition was the National Library of Medicine (NLM). It first produced Index Medicus by this means in 1964. The NLM now indexes about 20,000 articles a month from about 3000 journals. Since the information in Index Medicus is in the computer, it is available for machine searching. Beginning in 1971, on-line searching became possible nationwide, and today, with time-sharing, searches are made at the rate of about 1 million a year. Users include individuals in 40 countries

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Houston	387.00	274.00	Washington, D.C.	180.00	143.00	

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