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English mathematician and computer scientist who developed some of the earliest computers, cache memory, and wide-bandwidth local area networks. He was awarded the prestigious Kyoto Prize for Advanced Technology in 1992. In addition to his work on the EDSAC (Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Computer), Wilkes helped set standards and paradigms for the emerging field of computer programming for stored program computers—that is, computers that store the entire set of instructions (or program) in internal memory.