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Leonardo & Steve

THE YOUNG GENIUS WHO BEAT APPLE TO MARKET BY 800 YEARS

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The first personal computing revolution took place not in Silicon Valley in the 1980s but in Pisa in the 13th century. The medieval counterpart to Steve Jobs was a young Italian called Leonardo, better known today by the nickname Fibonacci. Thanks to a recently discovered manuscript in a library in Florence, the story of how this little-known genius came to launch the modern commercial world can now be told.

This lecture is based on Devlin's book "The Man of Numbers: Fibonacci's Arithmetical Revolution" (Walker & Co, July 2011) and his co-published companion e-book "Leonardo and Steve: The Young Genius Who Beat Apple to Market by 800 Years."