
 Originating government labs or departments
 Direct or indirect spin-off of CRC

FAMILY TREE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH CENTRE

An agency of Industry Canada, the Communications Research Centre Canada (CRC) is the federal government's centre of excellence for communications R&D, providing independent advice for public policy purposes. In operation since the late 1940s, its mission is to advance innovation in Canada's communications sector by engaging in industry partnerships and supporting small and medium-sized high technology enterprises in the communications sector. Through these efforts, CRC has had a significant impact on the telecommunications sector across the country by stimulating the growth of new companies through its Innovation Centre, spin-offs and technology transfer.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

This 'family tree' shows the genealogy of high technology companies that had their principal origins in the Communications Research Centre (CRC) or its predecessor, the Defence Research Telecommunications Establishment (DRTE). The branches on the 'tree' refer to the sources of either their technology or their key people. The main criterion for source identification is based on the premise that the company would not have been formed if the technology or the people had not been involved at that particular point in time. It includes only new companies that were formed as a result of CRC or DRTE involvement as well as spin-offs from those companies. There are many other companies that have received technology and technical assistance from CRC and DRTE, but they are not included here unless such interaction resulted in the formation of new companies.

