



Computers and videogames in 1980s GDR

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- By VEB Halbleiterwerk Frankfurt an der Oder
- Chips imported from Texas Instruments from „Nichtsozialistisches Wirtschaftsgebiet“ (non-socialist area of commerce)
- First showings of the GDR's plan to showcase their capabilities in terms of modern technology and IT.
- Expensive for individuals and families, so mostly used in youth centers and educational institutions.



Robotron A 5120 (1982)

robotron

VEB Kombinat Robotron (Dresden, 1990)



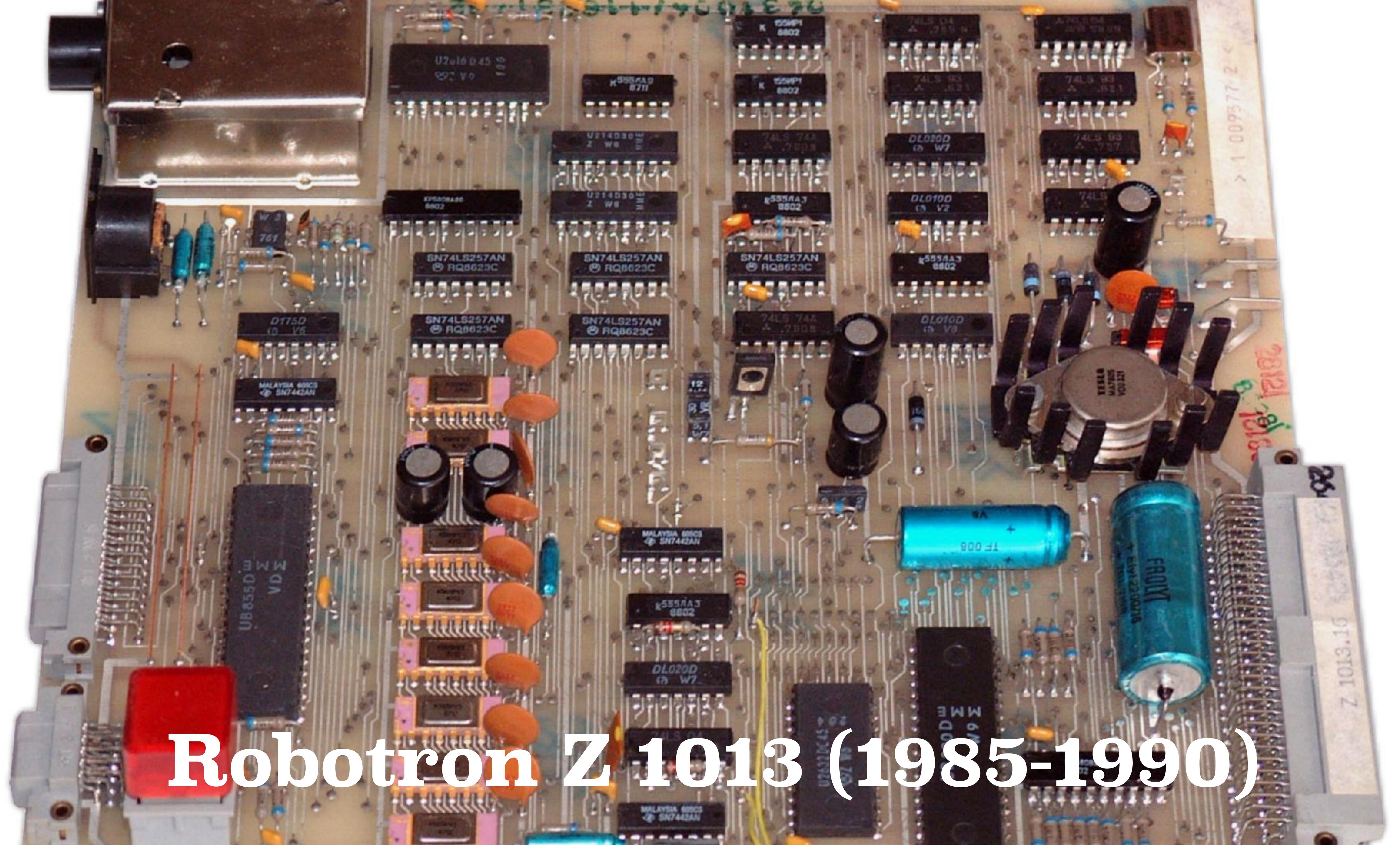
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KC 85/1



Robotron KC 85/1 (1985-1987)

VEB Mikroelektronik Mühlhausen KC 85/2 (1985-1986)





Robotron Z 1013 (1985-1990)





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zur Entwicklung berufsermöglicher
Fähigkeiten und Fertigkeiten
Vermittlung von Grundkenntnissen
des Programmierens am Beispiel des
Computers Z 8001 mit Peripherie-Geräten:
Color-Vision TS RC 6041
Kassettenrecorder
Thermodrucker K 6803
Manipulator



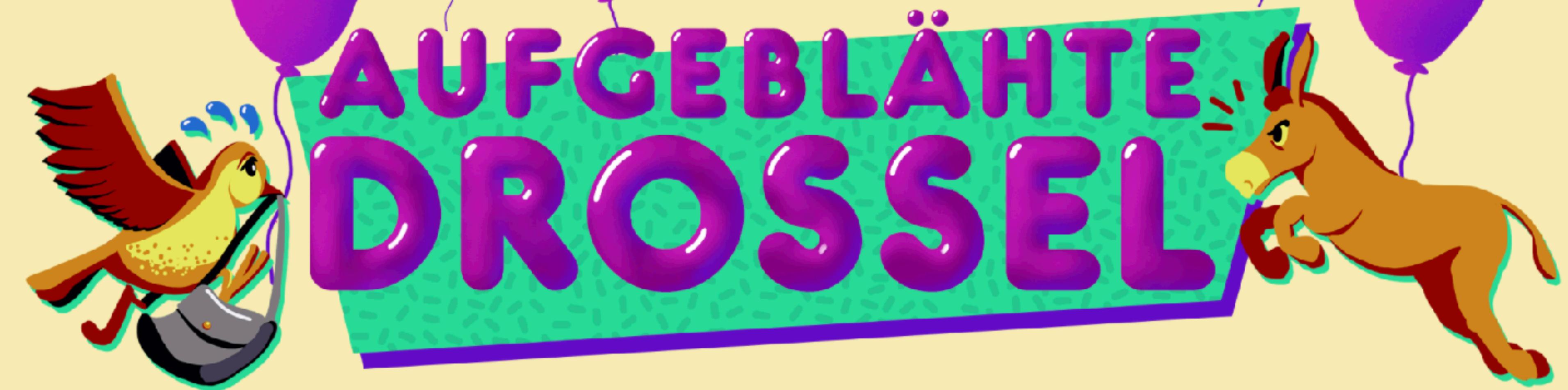
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THE GAME

Aufgeblähte Drossel (/aʊ̯fɡə,ble:tə 'drosəl/) is a retro-styled arcady action game in which you control a bird that delivers East-German consumer goods to the citizens. But balloons, donkeys, and other obstacles are in the way that inflate the bird upon contact. When it pops for good, you lose a life.

WHY GERMAN?

The game is intended to look and feel like it was made in the late East Germany (DDR) on an East German [KC 85/4](#) computer. That's why the entire game is in German. But don't worry, it's rather self-explanatory.

Thank you!

