VisiCalc—The First Spreadsheet

At the time the Apple 2 was introduced, no one expected it to become a key tool for economic analysis and business planning. But two programmers from Boston created the first automated spreadsheet program called VisiCalc. This program catapulted the Apple 2 onto many business desktops because it allowed easy exploration of many "what ifs."

Without knowing what the applications would be, Apple had provided a medium in which others could create a new category of software tools.

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