

The empty stadium echoed eerily as the mechanised police-droids methodically scanned the building for bugs. Ironic how such a word can go full-circle. The word bug first arose when the world's first computers had to be swept for insects at the beginning of every computational round to prevent the short-circuiting of those monolithic counting machines – and thus errors in their product. Now the only bugs on the planet were computers themselves. Computers that were infinitely superior to those old mainframes, as they were called, and infinitely more dangerous.