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# WHERE HAS IBM BUILDING 051 GONE?

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In 2002, when I retired from IBM in San Jose, I was working in Building 051 on their Cottle Road site. At that time most of the people in the building were developing software and microcode that was part of IBM storage products, such as the Shark storage subsystem. Here is what Building 051 looked like just before that time, in 1998.



*IBM Building 051 in 1998*

I recently moved into an apartment building just off Cottle Road in San Jose, which occupies part of the same site where I used to work. IBM had sold the site to Hitachi, and Hitachi had in turn sold some of it to developers, who tore down the existing buildings and began to rebuild.

By comparing new and old aerial photos, I found out that the site of Building 051 is located on Raleigh Road, and it now consists of a percolation pond and new townhouses. Here is what it looks like today.



*IBM Building 051 site in 2016*

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