

# Computer visionary wins national medal

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■ Atherton's Douglas Engelbart invented the computer mouse.

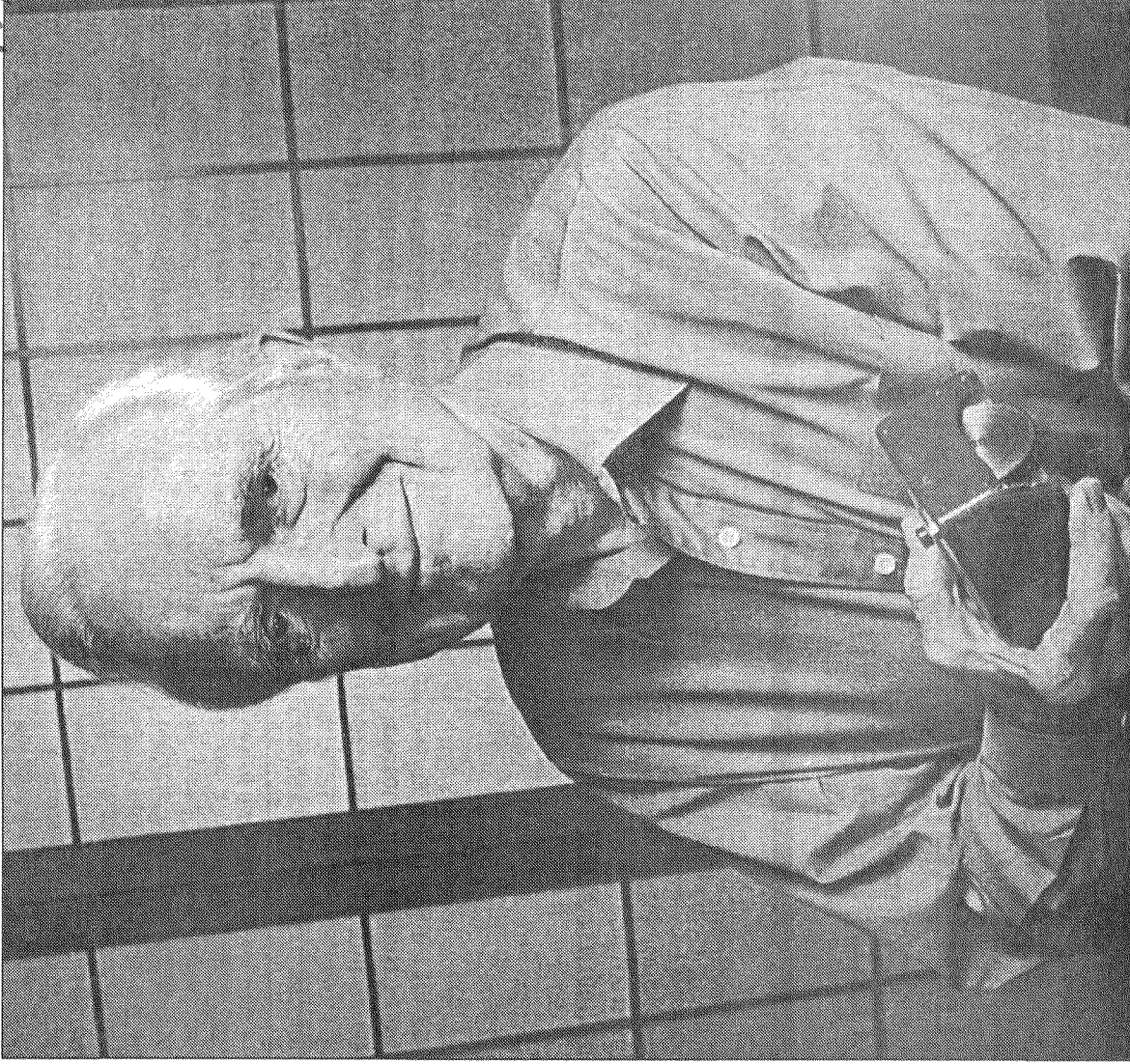
Douglas C. Engelbart of Atherton, who converted the humble mouse from a small gray rodent to a computer gadget familiar to the world, has now been recognized with the nation's highest honor for technological achievement.

On December 1 in Washington, D.C., Dr. Engelbart received the National Medal of Technology for 2000 from Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta on behalf of President Clinton.

Mr. Engelbart was credited with creating the foundations of personal computing and the Internet while working at Menlo Park's Stanford Research Institute, now SRI International, during the 1960s.

Most famous among Dr. Engelbart's inventions is the computer mouse, which has become almost as common as its furry namesake. But his research, aimed at using computers to augment human intelligence, also yielded other basic elements that are familiar to any teenager surfing the Internet or researching a term paper. They include hypertext linking, real-time text editing, shared-screen teleconferencing, online journals, and collaboration at a distance via computer.

Dr. Engelbart's work is closely linked with that of one of the 1999 National Medal of Technology winners, Robert



**Douglas Engelbart** of Atherton, shown here with the original computer mouse developed at Stanford Research Institute, received the National Medal of Technology for creating the foundations of today's personal computing.

W. Taylor of Woodside.

As an administrator with the Advanced Research projects Agency (ARPA) in Washington, D.C., Mr. Taylor steered

federal funds to Dr. Engelbart's

group at SRI, and helped establish the technology that created the ARPAnet and its successor, today's Internet.

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