



Today in History

May 16, 1881

▲ The world's first electric tram line opened in Lichterfelde near Berlin, Germany, using a trolley pole to feed power from electric wires strung above the tram route

1888: In the U.S., Emile Berliner first demonstrated the recording of sound on a flat disc, as opposed to a drum

1888: Nikola Tesla demonstrated his alternating current induction motor

2008: A report claimed that numbers of birds, animals, marine and freshwater creatures had fallen by more than a quarter since 1970

2013: Apple hit 50 billion downloads on its App Store, just five years after its launch