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When did containerized shipping first develop?

Malcom McLean (1913-2001), often called “the father of containerization”, developed in 1956 the metal shipping container, which replaced the traditional break bulk method of handling dry goods and revolutionized the transportation of freight worldwide. Upon his death in 2001, Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta stated, “Malcom revolutionized the maritime industry in the 20th century. His idea for modernizing the loading and unloading of ships, which was previously conducted in much the same way the ancient Phoenicians did 3,000 years ago, has resulted in much safer and less-expensive transport of goods, faster delivery, and better service.”