

## Who Started What

**MICROSOFT.** Founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen on April 4, 1975 to develop and sell BASIC interpreters for the Altair 8800. Microsoft rose to dominate the home computer operating system market with MS-DOS in the mid-1980s, followed by the Microsoft Windows line of operating systems.

**APPLE.** Founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak created Apple Computer on April 1, 1976, and incorporated the company on January 3, 1977, in Cupertino, California. Product lines are the iPhone smart phone, iPad tablet computer, iPod portable media players, and Macintosh computer line.

**GOOGLE.** Founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin incorporated Google as a privately held company on September 4, 1998. An initial public offering followed on August 19, 2004.

**WWW.** Founder Tim Berners-Lee. Publicly accessible on August 23, 1991. The first web page may be lost, but Paul Jones of UNC-Chapel Hill in North Carolina revealed in May 2013 that he has a copy of a page sent to him in 1991 by Berners-Lee which is the oldest known web page. Jones stored the plain-text page, with hyperlinks, on a floppy disk and on his NeXT computer.

**SKYPE.** Founded in 2003 by Janus Friis, from Denmark, and Niklas Zennström, from Sweden. The Skype software was created by Estonians Ahti Heinla, Priit Kasesalu, and Jaan Tallinn. The first public beta version was released on 29 August, 2003. The name for the software is derived from "Sky peer-to-peer", which was then abbreviated to "Skyper". However, some of the domain names associated with "Skyper" were already taken. Dropping the final "r" left the current title "Skype", for which domain names were available. Microsoft purchased Skype 10 May, 2011.

**FACEBOOK.** Launched in February 2004. It was founded by Mark Zuckerberg with his college roommates and fellow Harvard University student Eduardo Saverin. The website's membership was initially limited by the founders to Harvard students, but was expanded to other colleges in the Boston area, the Ivy League, and gradually most universities in Canada and the United States, corporations, and by September 2006, to everyone of age 13 and older with a valid email address.

**TWITTER.** Created in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone and Noah Glass and launched by July 2006. It is an online social networking service that enables users to send and read short 140-character messages called "tweets".

**YOUTUBE.** Founded in May 2005 by Chad Hurley, Steve Chen, and Jawed Karim, who were all early employees of PayPal. Purchased by Google November 13, 2006. See YouTube history on [youtube.com/watch=P4dT-IW9260](https://www.youtube.com/watch=P4dT-IW9260)