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Important Dates

Date	Event
1975	Microsoft founded
Jan. 1, 1979	Microsoft moves from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Bellevue, Washington
June 25, 1981	Microsoft incorporates
Aug. 12, 1981	IBM introduces its personal computer with Microsoft's 16-bit operating system, MS-



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Date	Event
	DOS 1.0
Feb. 26, 1986	Microsoft moves to corporate campus in Redmond, Washington
March 13, 1986	Microsoft stock goes public
Aug. 1, 1989	Microsoft introduces earliest version of Office suite of productivity applications
May 22, 1990	Microsoft launches Windows 3.0
Aug. 24, 1995	Microsoft launches Windows 95
Dec. 7, 1995	Bill Gates outlines Microsoft's commitment to supporting and enhancing the Internet
June 25, 1998	Microsoft launches Windows 98
Jan. 13, 2000	Steve Ballmer named president and chief executive officer for Microsoft
Feb. 17, 2000	Microsoft launches Windows 2000
June 22, 2000	Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer outline Microsoft's .NET strategy for Web services
May 31, 2001	Microsoft launches Office XP
Oct. 25, 2001	Microsoft launches Windows XP
Nov. 15, 2001	Microsoft launches Xbox
Jan. 15, 2002	Bill Gates outlines Microsoft's commitment to Trustworthy Computing

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April 24, 2003	Microsoft launches Windows Server 2003
Oct. 21, 2003	Microsoft launches Microsoft Office System
July 20, 2004	Microsoft announces plans to return up to \$75 billion to shareholders in dividends and stock buybacks
Nov. 22, 2005	Microsoft launches Xbox 360
July 20, 2006	Microsoft announces a new US\$20 billion tender offer and authorizes an additional share-repurchase program of up to \$20 billion over five years
Jan. 30, 2007	Microsoft launches Windows Vista and the 2007 Microsoft Office System to consumers worldwide
Feb. 27, 2008	Microsoft launches Windows Server 2008, SQL Server 2008 and Visual Studio 2008
June 27, 2008	Bill Gates transitions from his day-to-day role at Microsoft to spend more time on his work at The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
June 3, 2009	Microsoft launches Bing decision engine
Oct. 22, 2009	Microsoft launches Windows 7; opens first physical store in Scottsdale, Arizona
June 15, 2010	Microsoft launches general availability of Office 2010
Nov. 10, 2010	Microsoft launches Windows Phone 7

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Nov. 17, 2010	Microsoft announces availability of Microsoft Lync
June 28, 2011	Microsoft launches Office 365
Oct. 13, 2011	Microsoft closes its acquisition of Skype
June 25, 2012	Microsoft acquires Yammer
Sept. 4, 2012	Microsoft launches Windows Server 2012
Sept. 12, 2012	Microsoft launches Visual Studio 2012
Oct. 18, 2012	Microsoft employee giving tops US\$1 billion
Oct. 23, 2012	Microsoft introduces new entertainment experience from Xbox
Oct. 26, 2012	Microsoft launches Windows 8 and Microsoft Surface
Jan. 29, 2013	Microsoft launches Office 2013, expands Office 365
Feb. 18, 2013	Microsoft launches Outlook.com
May 21, 2013	Microsoft unveils Xbox One
July 11, 2013	"Microsoft One" reorganization realigns company to enable innovation at great speed, efficiency
Sept. 3, 2013	Microsoft announces decision to acquire Nokia's devices and services business,

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	license Nokia's patents and mapping services
Oct. 17, 2013	Microsoft launches Windows 8.1
Oct. 22, 2013	Microsoft launches Surface 2 and Surface Pro 2
Nov. 22, 2013	Microsoft launches Xbox One
Feb. 4, 2014	Satya Nadella named chief executive officer for Microsoft
March 27, 2014	Microsoft launches Office for iPad
April 25, 2014	Microsoft completes acquisition of Nokia Devices and Services business
June 20, 2014	Microsoft launches Surface Pro 3
Sept. 15, 2014	Minecraft to join Microsoft announcement
Nov. 6, 2014	Microsoft announces Office apps for Android tablets
May 5, 2015	Microsoft releases Surface 3
July 29, 2015	Microsoft launches Windows 10
Sept. 22, 2015	Microsoft launches Office 2016
Oct. 6, 2015	Microsoft announces Surface Book, Surface Pro 4, Microsoft Band 2, Lumia 950 and Lumia 95 XL

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Oct. 26, 2015	Microsoft opens flagship store in New York City
Nov. 12, 2015	Microsoft opens flagship store in Sydney, Australia
Jan. 19, 2016	Microsoft Philanthropies announces \$1B in donations putting Microsoft Cloud to work for the public good
June 1, 2016	Microsoft launches SQL Server 2016
July 6, 2016	Microsoft introduces Microsoft Dynamics 365
Sept. 29, 2016	Microsoft forms what is now the Technology + Research Group
Oct. 18, 2016	Microsoft researchers achieve human parity in conversational speech recognition
Oct. 26, 2016	Microsoft introduces Surface Studio, Surface Dial, new Surface Book and Windows 10 Creators Update
Dec. 8, 2016	Microsoft completes acquisition of LinkedIn
March 7, 2017	Microsoft releases Visual Studio 2017
March 17, 2017	Microsoft Teams rolls out to Office 365 customers worldwide
May 2, 2017	Microsoft introduces new technology for education, including Windows 10 S, new Surface Laptop and Microsoft Teams for classrooms

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May 23, 2017	Microsoft announces Windows 10 China Government Edition and the new Surface Pro
June 14, 2017	Surface Laptop and new Surface Pro available in 25 markets worldwide
Sept. 21, 2017	Microsoft, Facebook and Telxius complete "Marea," the highest-capacity subsea cable to cross the Atlantic Ocean
Oct. 17, 2017	Windows 10 Fall Creators Update and Mixed Reality Headsets become available; Surface Book 2 announced
Nov. 6, 2017	Microsoft launches Xbox One X
Nov. 28, 2017	Microsoft announces major Redmond campus renovation
Dec. 5, 2017	Microsoft breaks ground on new sustainable Silicon Valley campus
Feb. 22, 2018	Microsoft opens new campus in Dublin, Ireland
May 15, 2018	Microsoft announces Surface Hub 2
May 16, 2018	Microsoft unveils Xbox Adaptive Controller
Aug. 2, 2018	Surface Go becomes available
Oct. 26, 2018	Microsoft completes GitHub acquisition
Jan. 16, 2019	Microsoft announces \$500 million commitment to advance affordable housing in Puget Sound region

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Feb. 24, 2019	Microsoft introduces HoloLens 2
July 11, 2019	Microsoft opens flagship store in London
Oct. 2, 2019	Microsoft announces five Surface products for late 2019, plus two new dual-screen devices, Surface Neo and Surface Duo, coming in late 2020
Dec. 12, 2019	Microsoft announces Xbox Series X, coming in late 2020
Jan. 16, 2020	Microsoft announces plan to become carbon negative by 2030
March 30, 2020	Microsoft introduces new Microsoft 365 Personal and Family subscriptions
April 15, 2020	Microsoft announces plan to help protect biodiversity of the world's ecosystems
May 6, 2020	Microsoft introduces Surface Go 2, Surface Book 3, Surface Headphones 2 and Surface Earbuds
June 30, 2020	Microsoft commits to helping 25 million people acquire new digital skills
Sept. 21, 2020	Microsoft announces it will replenish more water than it consumes by 2030
Sept. 21, 2020	Microsoft announces plans to acquire ZeniMax Media and its game publisher, Bethesda Softworks
Oct. 1, 2020	Microsoft introduces Surface Laptop Go
Oct. 20, 2020	Microsoft introduces Azure Space

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Jan. 11, 2021	Microsoft introduces Surface Pro 7+ for Business
Feb. 4, 2021	Microsoft introduces Microsoft Viva employee experience platform
Feb. 11, 2021	Microsoft announces plans to expand its presence in Atlanta
March 2, 2021	Microsoft introduces Microsoft Mesh mixed-reality platform
June 24, 2021	Microsoft introduces Windows 11
July 14, 2021	Microsoft unveils Windows 365
Nov. 9, 2021	Microsoft introduces Windows 11 SE to support the K-8 classroom
March 4, 2022	Microsoft completes acquisition of Nuance
Oct. 12, 2022	Microsoft introduces Surface Pro 9, Surface Laptop 5, Surface Studio 2+, Microsoft Designer and Image Creator
Jan. 18, 2023	Microsoft and OpenAI extend partnership
Feb. 7, 2023	Microsoft reinvents search with new AI-powered Bing and Edge
March 16, 2023	Microsoft introduces Microsoft 365 Copilot with next-generation AI
May 23, 2023	Microsoft introduces Windows Copilot
Sept. 21, 2023	Microsoft announces Microsoft Copilot, your everyday AI companion

Date	Event
Oct. 13, 2023	Microsoft completes acquisition of Activision Blizzard
Jan. 15, 2024	Microsoft Copilot Pro introduced
Feb. 29, 2024	Microsoft Copilot for Finance introduced
March 21, 2024	Microsoft introduces Surface Pro 10 for Business and Surface Laptop 6 for Business
May 20, 2024	Microsoft introduces Copilot+ PCs
Oct. 1, 2024	Microsoft introduces Copilot Labs and Copilot Vision
Feb. 19, 2025	Microsoft introduces Majorana 1 chip carving new path for quantum computing

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Operation Centers

Role	Location
Licensing, Manufacturing, Operations and Logistics	Dublin, Ireland
Licensing and Operations	Reno, Nevada, USA
Operations and Logistics	Singapore

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Microsoft Subsidiaries

Albania	Germany	Nigeria
Algeria	Ghana	Norway
Angola	Greece	Oman
Argentina	Guatemala	Pakistan

Armenia	Honduras	Panama
Australia	Hong Kong SAR	Paraguay
Austria	Hungary	Peru
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Philippines
Bahrain	India	Poland
Bailiwick of Jersey	Indonesia	Portugal
Bangladesh	Iraq	Puerto Rico
Barbados	Ireland	Qatar
Belarus	Isle of Man	Romania
Belgium	Israel	Russia
Bermuda	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Bolivia	Jamaica	Senegal
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Japan	Serbia
Brazil	Jordan	Singapore
Brunei	Kazakhstan	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Kenya	Slovenia
Cambodia	Korea	South Africa
Cameroon	Kuwait	Spain
Canada	Latvia	Sri Lanka
Chile	Lebanon	Sweden
China	Libya	Switzerland
Colombia	Lithuania	Taiwan
Costa Rica	Luxembourg	Tanzania

Côte d'Ivoire	Macao SAR	Thailand
Croatia	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	Trinidad & Tobago
Cyprus	Malaysia	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Malta	Turkey
Denmark	Mauritius	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Ukraine
Ecuador	Montenegro	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Morocco	United Kingdom
El Salvador	Mozambique	United States
Estonia	Myanmar	Uruguay
Finland	Namibia	Venezuela
France	Netherlands	Vietnam
Georgia	New Zealand	

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Current employment headcount

Total Employees

International	102,000
United States	126,000
Worldwide	228,000

As of June 30, 2024

Additional information and details about the demographics of our workforce can be found on the [Microsoft Global Diversity & Inclusion site \(http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/inside-microsoft/default.aspx\)](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/inside-microsoft/default.aspx).

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