

How Microsoft Mogul Reinvented An Industry And Made Himself The Richest Man In The World

Bill Gates is a name that is synonymous with success. He is the co-founder of Microsoft, one of the most successful companies in history. Gates has been instrumental in the development of the personal computer and the software that runs it. He is also a philanthropist and has given away billions of dollars to charity.

Gates was born in Seattle, Washington, in 1955. He showed an early interest in computers and began programming at the age of 13. In 1975, he dropped out of Harvard University to start Microsoft with his friend Paul Allen. Microsoft's first product was a BASIC interpreter for the Altair 8800 microcomputer.



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Gates is a controversial figure. He has been criticized for his business practices and his wealth. However, there is no doubt that he is one of the most successful businessmen in history. He has revolutionized the way we use computers and he has made a significant contribution to society.

Gates' Early Life and Education

Bill Gates was born in Seattle, Washington, on October 28, 1955. His father, William H. Gates Sr., was a lawyer, and his mother, Mary Maxwell Gates, was a schoolteacher. Gates has two sisters, Kristianne and Libby.

Gates attended Lakeside School, a private preparatory school in Seattle. He was a bright student and excelled in mathematics and science. He also showed an early interest in computers and began programming at the age of 13.

In 1973, Gates enrolled at Harvard University. He planned to study law, but he soon dropped out to start Microsoft with his friend Paul Allen.

The Founding of Microsoft

In 1975, Gates and Allen founded Microsoft. The company's first product was a BASIC interpreter for the Altair 8800 microcomputer. The BASIC interpreter was a success, and Microsoft soon began to develop other software for personal computers.

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Gates' Philanthropy

Gates is a generous philanthropist. He has given away billions of dollars to charity. In 2000, he and his wife, Melinda, founded the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation. The foundation focuses on improving global health and education.

Gates has also pledged to give away the majority of his wealth to charity. He is a member of The Giving Pledge, a group of wealthy individuals who have committed to giving away at least half of their fortunes.

Bill Gates is a complex and controversial figure. He is a brilliant businessman who has revolutionized the way we use computers. He is also a generous philanthropist who has given away billions of dollars to charity.

Gates is a self-made billionaire who has achieved great success through hard work and determination. He is a visionary leader who has changed the world for the better. He is an inspiration to entrepreneurs and philanthropists around the world.



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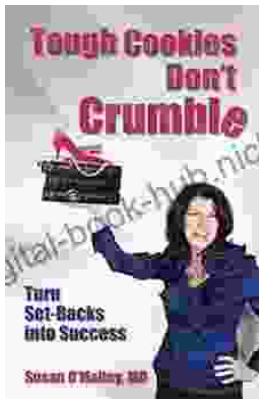
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