



My Drift

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Today in 2025, Elon Musk is the richest person in the world, with an estimated net worth of \$486 billion according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Musk's wealth comes primarily from his ownership stakes in Tesla and SpaceX.



Musk has ownership or stakes in several enterprises which include:



TESLA



As the co-founder and CEO of Tesla, Elon leads all product design, engineering and global manufacturing of the company's electric vehicles, battery products and solar energy products.

Since the company's inception in 2003, Tesla's mission has been to accelerate the world's transition to sustainable energy. In 2008, the company began production of its first car model, the Roadster sports car, followed by the Model S sedan in 2012, the Model X SUV in 2015, the Model 3 sedan in 2017, the Model Y crossover in 2020, the Tesla Semi truck in 2022 and the Cybertruck pickup truck in 2023. In June 2021, the Model 3 became the first electric car to sell 1

million units globally. In 2023, the Model Y was the best-selling vehicle, of any kind, globally. In January 2024, the Model Y became the best-selling BEV in history.



Ex Co-Worker and Friend Steve Barnes' New Tesla

SPACEX



Using \$100 million of the money he made from the sale of PayPal, Musk founded SpaceX, a spaceflight services company, in 2002. Building on the achievements of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy, SpaceX is working on a next generation of fully reusable launch vehicles that will be the most powerful ever built, capable of carrying humans to Mars and other destinations in the solar system.

Shattering launch records and Starship flights

SpaceX launched 98 orbital missions in 2023, a new record for the company at the time — but it left that mark in the dust the next year in 2024. The company's orbital tally in 2024, as of Dec. 23, is 131 — more than half the global total for the year.

The vast majority of the SpaceX liftoffs this year — 128 of them — were performed by its workhorse Falcon 9, with the powerful Falcon Heavy responsible for the other two.



SpaceX Falcon 9

And Starship launched four times as well, on suborbital test flights that lifted off in March, June, October and November of this year. The vehicle made serious progress on these trial launches. On the most recent three, for instance, both Starship elements — the Super Heavy first-stage booster and Ship upper stage — survived reentry to Earth's atmosphere and made it all the way to the planet's surface.

And on Flight 5, which lifted off on Oct. 13, Super Heavy came back safely to its launch tower, which grabbed the booster with its "chopstick" arms in a move that seemed like a scene from science fiction.

SpaceX's Starship vehicle launches on its sixth test flight from Starbase, Texas, on Nov. 19, 2024. SpaceX wants to catch both Super Heavy and Ship back at the launch tower, a strategy that will make inspection and re-flight of the mega rocket quicker and more efficient.

The Starship progress this year is important, because SpaceX and NASA have a relatively tight timeline for the rocket: It's the crewed lander for the agency's Artemis 3 moon mission, which is currently scheduled to lift off in mid-2027.

And SpaceX has big plans for the mega rocket beyond that effort. The company sees Starship's combination of power and full reusability as the breakthrough that will make the settlement of Mars — a long-held dream of Musk's — economically viable.

X (Twitter)



Twitter, officially known as X since July 2023, is a social networking service. It is one of the world's largest social media platforms and one of the most-visited websites. Users can share short text messages, images, and videos in short posts commonly known as "tweets" (officially "posts") and like other users' content. The platform also includes direct messaging, video and audio calling, bookmarks, lists, communities, a chatbot (Grok), job search, and Spaces, a social audio feature. Users can vote on context added by approved users using the Community Notes feature.

Twitter was created in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams, and was launched in July of that year. Twitter grew quickly; by 2012 more than 100 million users produced 340 million daily tweets. Twitter, Inc., was based in San Francisco, California, and had more than 25 offices around the world. A signature characteristic of the service initially was that posts were required to be brief. Posts were initially limited to 140 characters, which was changed to 280 characters in 2017. The limitation was removed for subscribed accounts in 2023. 10% of users produce over 80% of tweets. In 2020,

it was estimated that approximately 48 million accounts (15% of all accounts) were run by internet bots rather than humans.

The service is owned by the American company X Corp., which was established to succeed the prior owner Twitter, Inc. in March 2023 following the October 2022 acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk for US\$44 billion. Musk stated that his goal with the acquisition was to promote free speech on the platform. Since his acquisition, the platform has been criticized for enabling the increased spread of disinformation and hate speech. Linda Yaccarino succeeded Musk as CEO on June 5, 2023, with Musk remaining as the chairman and the chief technology officer. In July 2023, Musk announced that Twitter would be rebranded to "X" and the bird logo would be retired, a process which was completed by May 2024. Since Musk's takeover, data from app-tracking firms has shown that global usage of Twitter has declined by approximately 15%, compared to a decline of 5–10% in some other social media sites. The platform has disputed that usage has dropped at all, with Musk saying that membership had grown to 600 million users as of a May 2024 tweet. By October 2024, the platform was estimated to have lost about 72 percent of its value since Musk acquired it.

xAI



X.AI Corp., doing business as xAI, is an American startup company working in the area of artificial intelligence (AI). Founded by Elon Musk in March 2023, its stated goal is "to understand the true nature of the universe".



While Musk played a crucial role in the company's early days, he no longer owns or operates PayPal. Musk co-founded X.com, an online financial services company that merged with Confinity in 2000 to form PayPal. However, his tenure as CEO was short-lived.



Elon Musk co-founded OpenAI in 2015, along with Sam Altman and other Silicon Valley figures.

Mission: To develop artificial intelligence (AI) in a way that benefits humanity

Location: Headquartered in San Francisco

Musk left OpenAI in February 2018 due to a potential conflict of interest with his work at Tesla. Musk has said that he named OpenAI "Open" because it was created as an open source, nonprofit company. However, he has expressed discontent over the company's shift to a closed source, maximum-profit model.

NEURALINK



Elon Musk co-founded Neuralink in 2016 with a team of eight scientists and engineers, including Max Hodak, Benjamin Rapoport, Dongjin Seo, Paul Merolla, Philip Sabes, Tim Gardner, Tim Hanson, and Vanessa Tolosa.

Neuralink's goal is to create implantable brain-computer interfaces that allow people with disabilities to use computers and mobile devices with their thoughts.

First human implant: In January 2024, Neuralink implanted its first device in a patient who is paralyzed below the shoulders. The patient has used the device to play chess and learn French and Japanese.

Musk's long-term vision for Neuralink is to help humans "merge with AI" so that they won't be "left behind" as AI becomes more sophisticated. However, some experts and former Neuralink employees have raised concerns about the company's approach to the implants. They allege that Neuralink pushed for an unnecessarily invasive approach to advance Musk's goal, which could damage the brain.

ZIP2



Zip2 was a company that provided online city guide software to newspapers. Founded in 1995 by Elon and Kimbal Musk, along with Greg Kouri, Zip2's mission was to revolutionize how people accessed local business information.

Zip2's software included maps, directions, and yellow pages. The company partnered with major newspapers to bring local content online, expanding the reach and credibility of digital city guides

BORING



The Boring Company (TBC) is an American infrastructure, tunnel construction service, and equipment company founded by Elon Musk. TBC was founded as a subsidiary of SpaceX in 2017 and was spun off as a separate corporation in 2018. TBC has completed one tunneling project that is open to the public, as well as multiple test tunnels.

In 2018, TBC completed one tunnel for testing in Los Angeles County, California. In 2021, TBC completed the Las Vegas Convention Center (LVCC) Loop, which is a three-station transportation system consisting of 1.7 miles of tunnels. As of April 2024, a segment to Resorts World Las Vegas is also open, and tunnels to Encore and Westgate resorts are being finalized. The system is planned to expand to a total of 68 miles of tunnels in Las Vegas.

SOLARCITY



SolarCity Corporation was a publicly traded company headquartered in Fremont, California, that sold and installed solar energy generation systems as well as other related products and services to residential, commercial, and industrial customers. The company was founded on July 4, 2006, by Peter and Lyndon Rive, the cousins of SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. Tesla acquired SolarCity in 2016, at a cost of approximately US\$2.6 billion (equivalent to \$3.3 billion in 2023) and reorganized its solar business into Tesla Energy.

SolarCity heavily focused on door-to-door sales of leased systems, where customers would pay no upfront costs, but agreed to purchase the power generated by those panels from the company for 20 years. The business model became the most popular in the US and made the company the largest

residential solar installer, but it caused SolarCity to have over \$1.5 billion in debt by the time of its acquisition in 2016 (equivalent to \$1.9 billion in 2023).

Prior to its acquisition by Tesla, the two companies had a co-marketing relationship, announced in the 2006 first Tesla master plan. Tesla CEO Elon Musk served as the chairman of SolarCity, SolarCity offered free charging to Tesla Roadster owners at its charging stations, and SolarCity became one of the first installers of the Tesla Powerwall home energy storage battery.

MUSK CHARITY



Elon Musk's charitable foundation, the Musk Foundation, supports a variety of causes, including renewable energy research and advocacy, human space exploration research and advocacy, pediatric research, science and engineering education, and development of safe artificial intelligence.

However, some say that the foundation's money often stays close to Musk and his businesses:

- In 2023, the foundation gave \$25 million to a donor-advised fund, which is a charitable account that Musk controls.
- The foundation gave \$137 million in cash and stock to The Foundation, a nonprofit run by Musk's associates that established a private elementary school in Bastrop, Texas.
- The foundation gave \$5 million to a United Nations program that helps rural countries connect to the internet, and two of those countries became customers of Musk's Starlink satellite service.

- The foundation gave \$112 million to the XPRIZE Foundation, which honors researchers who remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and oceans.
- The foundation gave \$10 million to the University of Texas to study human population trends.

Other recipients of Musk Foundation grants include Doctors Without Borders, World Spine Care, Mirman School for Gifted Children, Artists for Peace and Justice, and Haitian Relief Organization.

Brief BIO

Elon Reeve Musk (born June 28, 1971) is a businessman known for his key roles in the space company SpaceX and the automotive company Tesla, Inc. He is also known for his ownership of X Corp. (the company that operates the social media platform X, formerly Twitter), and his role in the founding of the Boring Company, xAI, Neuralink, and OpenAI. Musk is the wealthiest individual in the world; as of December 2024, Forbes estimates his net worth to be US\$439 billion.

A member of the wealthy South African Musk family, Musk was born in Pretoria and briefly attended the University of Pretoria. At the age of 18 he immigrated to Canada, acquiring its citizenship through his Canadian-born mother, Maye. Two years later, he matriculated at Queen's University at Kingston in Canada. Musk later transferred to the University of Pennsylvania and received bachelor's degrees in economics and physics. He moved to California in 1995 to attend Stanford University but never enrolled in classes, and with his brother Kimbal co-founded the online city guide software company Zip2. The startup was acquired by Compaq for \$307 million in 1999. That same year, Musk co-founded X.com, a direct bank. X.com merged with Confinity in 2000 to form PayPal. In 2002, Musk acquired United States citizenship, and that October eBay acquired PayPal for \$1.5 billion. Using \$100 million of the money he made from the sale of PayPal, Musk founded SpaceX, a spaceflight services company, in 2002.

In 2004, Musk was an early investor in electric-vehicle manufacturer Tesla Motors, Inc. (later Tesla, Inc.), providing most of the initial financing and assuming the position of the company's chairman. He later became the product architect and, in 2008, the CEO. In 2006, Musk helped create SolarCity, a solar energy company that was acquired by Tesla in 2016 and became Tesla Energy. In 2013, he proposed a hyperloop high-speed vacetrain transportation system.

In 2015, he co-founded OpenAI, a nonprofit artificial intelligence research company. The following year Musk co-founded Neuralink, a neurotechnology company developing brain–computer interfaces, and the Boring Company, a tunnel construction company. In 2018 the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) sued Musk, alleging that he had falsely announced that he had secured funding for a private takeover of Tesla. To settle the case Musk stepped down as the chairman of Tesla and paid a \$20 million fine. In 2022, he acquired Twitter for \$44 billion, merged the company into the newly created X Corp. and rebranded the service as X the following year. In March 2023, Musk founded xAI, an artificial-intelligence company.

By early 2024, Musk became active in American politics as a vocal and financial supporter of US presidential candidate Donald Trump, becoming his second-largest individual donor in October 2024. After winning the election in November 2024, Trump announced that he had chosen Musk along with Vivek Ramaswamy to co-lead his planned Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) advisory board, which is tasked with removing regulations in order to reduce expenditures and increase government efficiency.



Musk and Trump

Personal Life

Musk has at least 12 children, one of whom is deceased. He met his first wife, Canadian author Justine Wilson, while attending Queen's University in Ontario, Canada; they married in 2000. In 2002, their first child died of sudden infant death syndrome at the age of 10 weeks. After the baby's death, the couple used in vitro fertilization (IVF) to continue their family; they had twins in 2004

followed by triplets in 2006. The couple divorced in 2008 and have shared custody of their children.

In 2022, the elder twin officially changed her name to Vivian Jenna Wilson, reflecting her gender identity as a trans woman and using her mother's surname because she no longer wished to be associated with Musk. Musk blamed the estrangement of his daughter on what the Financial Times characterized as "the supposed takeover of elite schools and universities by neo-Marxists" and has said that her gender transition is primarily what sparked his drive to "destroy the woke mind virus". In a July 2024 episode of Jordan Peterson's podcast, Musk said regarding Vivian that he had "lost [his] son, essentially" because of gender-affirming care. He commented: "You know, they call it deadnaming for a reason. The reason it's called deadnaming is because your son is dead", again referring to the "woke mind virus," stating that Vivian "is dead, killed by the woke mind virus". Vivian responded publicly, criticizing Musk for lying about her and the circumstances of her transition; saying that Musk was "cold", "quick to anger", "uncaring and narcissistic", and that his infrequent visits commonly involved him berating her for being feminine. On November 7, 2024, in response to a news article about his daughter's reaction to Trump's election, Elon Musk repeated "the woke mind virus killed my son."

In 2008, Musk began dating English actress Talulah Riley. They married two years later at Dornoch Cathedral in Scotland. In 2012, the couple divorced, before remarrying the following year. After briefly filing for divorce in 2014, Musk finalized a second divorce from Riley in 2016. Musk then dated Amber Heard for several months in 2017; he had reportedly been "pursuing" her since 2012.

In 2018, Musk and Canadian musician Grimes said that they were dating. Grimes gave birth to their son in May 2020. Musk and Grimes originally gave the baby the name "X Æ A-12", which would have violated California regulations as it contained characters that are not in the modern English alphabet, which they then changed to "X Æ A-Xii". They have received criticism for choosing a name perceived to be impractical and difficult to pronounce.

In December 2021, Grimes and Musk had a second child, a daughter born via surrogacy. Despite the pregnancy, Musk confirmed reports that the couple were "semi-separated" in September 2021; in an interview with Time in

December 2021, he said he was single. In March 2022, Grimes said of her relationship with Musk: "I would probably refer to him as my boyfriend, but we're very fluid." Later that month, Grimes tweeted that she and Musk had broken up again. In September 2023 it was reported that the pair had a third child, a son. In October 2023, Grimes sued Musk over parental rights and custody of their eldest son.

In July 2022, Insider published court documents revealing that Musk had twins via IVF with Shimon Zilis, director of operations and special projects at Neuralink, in November 2021. They were born weeks before Musk and Grimes had their second child via surrogate in December. The news "raised questions about workplace ethics", given that Zilis directly reported to Musk. Their third child together was born in early 2024 via surrogacy. Also in July 2022, The Wall Street Journal reported that Musk allegedly had an affair with Nicole Shanahan, the wife of Google co-founder Sergey Brin, in 2021, leading to their divorce the following year. Musk denied the report. Musk also had a relationship with Australian actress Natasha Bassett, who has been described as "an occasional girlfriend". In October 2024, The New York Times reported Musk bought a Texas compound for his children and the mothers of his children.

MY COMMENT: Elon Musk is a very intelligent man but in my humble opinion, he is not too smart when it comes to romance.



Some Burning Questions and Answers

Q – Is Elon Musk currently married or single?

A – As of January 2025, Musk is not married.

Q – What is Elon Musk's IQ?

A - Elon Musk's estimated IQ of 155-160 places him in the "highly gifted" category.

Q – Can Elon Musk be the President of the United States?

A - Elon Musk can't be president of the United States because he wasn't born in the United States.

Q – What is Elon Musk's height and weight?

A – He is 6 foot 2 inches tall and weighs 181 pounds.

Q – What was Elon Musk's first major accomplishment?

A - Elon Musk created a video game at the age of 12 years old and sold it to a computer magazine.

Q – What was Elon Musk's first job?

A - Musk's first job was at his cousin's farm in Saskatchewan, a small village with fewer than 300 people. He worked as a vegetable gardener and grain bin shoveler.

Q – What is Elon Musk best at?

A - Adaptability and innovation. Time and time again Elon Musk has demonstrated his ability to adapt, challenge the status quo, and innovate with new solutions and ideas. He has done this in every single industry he has been involved in ranging from space exploration to electric vehicles.

Q – How did Elon Musk get so rich so fast?

A - Most of Musk's wealth stems from Tesla (TSLA). As the CEO of the electric vehicle (EV) company, it's no secret that TSLA has been a rocket ship for Musk's net worth, with an astonishing 3,000% stock surge over the last decade.

Q – What was Elon Musk's GPA?

A - At the University of Pennsylvania, where Musk earned his degrees, his GPA was 3.9 or higher. Musk's educational path laid the foundation for his future success.

Q - What languages does Elon Musk speak?

A - Musk is fluent in English, which he uses primarily in his business ventures and public communications. Born and raised in South Africa, Musk also speaks Afrikaans, one of the country's official languages. His Afrikaans proficiency likely stems from his upbringing and education at Pretoria Boys High School.

Q - What is Elon Musk's Favorite food?

A - He enjoys sushi, appreciating its blend of flavors and potential health benefits. Steak is another staple in Musk's diet, providing protein and energy for his demanding lifestyle. This choice aligns with his need for sustaining foods that can fuel long work hours.

Q - What is the favorite color of Elon Musk?

A – Probably RED since this is the color of Musk's personal Model S Tesla.

Q - What are Elon Musk's favorite hobbies?

A - Elon Musk enjoys reading and playing video games in his free time. Other hobbies include collecting rare books, cars, and participating in sports like tennis and cricket.



Q - What animal does Elon Musk like best?

A - Elon Musk's pet dog Floki a Shiba Inu breed.

Q - What does Elon Musk want in the future?

A - He wants humanity to leave Earth — on his rockets

Space is Musk's paramount issue, as he believes that establishing self-sustaining human life on other planets is necessary to ensure a future for humanity.



This village suggests how humans could live on Mars

And last but not least....

Q – Why does Elon Musk like the letter “X” so much?

A - Elon Musk is fond of the letter X for many reasons, including its ambiguity, its association with the unknown, and its potential to represent a new, limitless future.

Musk has used the letter X in many ways, including:

- **X.com:** Musk's first venture, an online payment company that later merged with PayPal.
- **SpaceX:** Musk's space exploration company.
- **Model X:** The name of Tesla's first SUV model.
- **X Corp:** The legal name of Twitter after Musk became CEO.
- **xAI:** Musk's new artificial intelligence startup.
- **X Æ A-12:** The name of one of Musk's sons, which he calls X for short.

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