

Technology Company Relationships

Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in 1975. The company acquired GitHub in 2018 for \$7.5 billion. GitHub was previously led by Chris Wanstrath, who co-founded the company with Tom Preston-Werner.

Satya Nadella became CEO of Microsoft in 2014, succeeding Steve Ballmer. Under Nadella's leadership, Microsoft also acquired LinkedIn in 2016. LinkedIn was founded by Reid Hoffman and is based in Sunnyvale, California.

GitHub competed with GitLab and Bitbucket in the version control market. GitLab was founded by Dmitriy Zaporozhets and Sytse Sijbrandij. Atlassian, which owns Bitbucket, also owns Jira and Confluence.

Microsoft's acquisition strategy put them in competition with Google, which had previously tried to acquire GitHub. Google later acquired Fitbit in 2021 and previously bought YouTube in 2006.

The connections between these companies form a complex web of acquisitions, competitions, and leadership changes that shaped the modern technology landscape.