

Elon Musk

Elon Reeve Musk FRS (/ˈɪlɒn/ *EE-lon*; born June 28, 1971) is a business magnate and investor. He is the founder, CEO, and chief engineer of SpaceX; angel investor, CEO, and product architect of Tesla, Inc.; founder of The Boring Company; and co-founder of Neuralink and OpenAI. With an estimated net worth of around \$238 billion as of September 26, 2022,^[4] Musk is the wealthiest person in the world according to both the *Bloomberg Billionaires Index* and *Forbes*' real-time billionaires list.^{[5][6]}

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[FRS](#)



Musk in 2018

Born	<div>Elon Reeve Musk</div> <div>June 28, 1971</div> <div>Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa</div>
Education	University of Pennsylvania (BA, BS)
Title	<div>Founder, CEO, and chief engineer of SpaceX</div> <div>CEO and product architect of Tesla, Inc.</div> <div>Founder of The Boring Company and X.com (now part of PayPal)</div> <div>Co-founder of Neuralink, OpenAI, and Zip2</div> <div>President of Musk Foundation</div>
Spouses	<div>Justine Wilson (m. 2000; div. 2008)</div> <div>Talulah Riley (m. 2010; div. 2012) (m. 2013; div. 2016)</div>
Partner	Grimes (2018–2022) ^[1]
Children	10 ^{[a][3]}

Parents	Errol Musk (father)
	Maye Musk (mother)
Relatives	Kimbal Musk (brother)
	Tosca Musk (sister)
	Lyndon Rive (cousin)
Family	Musk family
Awards	List of honors and awards
Signature	
	

Musk was born and grew up in [Pretoria](#), South Africa,. He attended the [University of Pretoria](#) before moving to Canada at age 17, acquiring citizenship through his Canadian-born mother. Two years later, he matriculated at [Queen's University](#) (Ontario) and transferred to the [University of Pennsylvania](#), where he received bachelor's degrees in economics and physics. He moved to California in 1995 to attend [Stanford University](#) but decided to instead pursue a business career, co-founding the web software company [Zip2](#) with his brother, [Kimbal](#). The startup was acquired by [Compaq](#) for \$307 million in 1999. The same year, Musk co-founded the online bank [X.com](#), which merged with [Confinity](#) in 2000 to form [PayPal](#). [eBay](#) bought PayPal in 2002 for \$1.5 billion.

In 2002, Musk founded SpaceX, an [aerospace](#) manufacturer and space transport services company, and is its CEO and chief engineer. In 2004, he was an early investor in the electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla Motors, Inc. (now Tesla, Inc.). He became its chairman and product architect, eventually assuming the position of CEO in 2008. In 2006, he helped create [SolarCity](#), a solar energy company that was later acquired by Tesla and became [Tesla Energy](#). In 2015, he co-founded OpenAI, a nonprofit research company promoting [friendly artificial intelligence](#) (AI). In 2016, he co-founded Neuralink, a [neurotechnology](#) company focused on developing [brain-computer interfaces](#), and he founded The Boring Company, a tunnel construction company. Musk has proposed a [hyperloop](#) high-speed [vactrain](#) transportation system and is the president of the Musk Foundation, which donates to scientific research and education.

Musk has been criticized for making unscientific and controversial statements, such as spreading [misinformation about the COVID-19 pandemic](#) and promoting contentious perspectives regarding politics and various technologies, especially on Twitter. In 2018, the [U.S. Securities and Exchange](#)

[Commission](#) (SEC) sued Musk for tweeting that he had secured funding for a private takeover of Tesla, which the SEC characterized as false and misleading. He settled with the SEC but did not admit guilt, and he temporarily stepped down from his Tesla chairmanship. In 2019, he won a defamation case brought against him by a British caver who had advised in the [Tham Luang cave rescue](#). In 2022, Musk [agreed to purchase Twitter](#) for \$44 billion but later submitted a termination letter of the deal, leading to lawsuits between both parties.

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