

Mobile History :

1984: The First Portable Mobile Device Almost 40 years ago, Motorola debuted the DynaTAC 8000X – the first mobile phone. With a price tag of \$4,000, it was never destined to become a must-have for the general population. It was clunky, weighing in at a whopping two pounds, earning its nickname “The Brick.” Is it the battery life? 30 minutes. The DynaTAC 8000X mainly was a status symbol. Nonetheless, it represents a big step in the evolution of the smartphone.

1992: The First Smartphone IBM announced the first smartphone in 1992, which wouldn’t be available for purchase for two more years. The Simon Personal Communicator (or SPC, commonly called IBM Simon) included many features familiar to modern smartphone users, such as a touch screen that required a stylus (a what?). However, proper touch screens were still more than a few years into the future. However, with a small monochrome LCD screen and a one-hour battery life, the SPC was still relatively primitive compared to today’s smartphones.

1997: The Start of Mobile Gaming Starting that year, Nokia 6110 users could play Snake, a game developed by Finnish software engineer Taneli Armanto. It was a simple, family-friendly game, so people quickly became hooked. Snake started the mobile gaming industry, now worth over \$152 billion. Ericsson coined the term “smartphone” in 1997 to describe their GS88, a prototype device that never reached the market – ten years before the iPhone’s debut.

2000: The First Camera Phone At the start of the new millennium, Sharp introduced the world to the wonders of the camera phone. Although the JSH04 was limited to Japan, it represented the start of a love affair between phone users and photography. And weighing just four ounces, the J-SHO4 was one step closer to today’s sleek and slim phones. Not surprisingly, the photo quality was nowhere near what modern smartphone users have come to expect: Its camera was only 110,000 pixels.

2007: Apple Takes a Bite of the Smartphone Market

2007 was a game-changer for smartphones. Steve Jobs announced the world’s first iPhone at January’s Macworld convention.

The first iteration included a touchscreen, iPod, camera, full internet access capabilities (a first!), and a wide LCD screen designed for video. It was sleek, lightweight, and available in 4GB (\$499) and 8GB (\$599) models.

2008: The First Android Smartphone

The first Android smartphone was the HTC Dream, also known as the T-Mobile G1. A collaboration between HTC and Google, it ran on Android 1.0, the first version of the Android operating system.

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The iPhone’s debut revolutionized smartphones and triggered a domino effect of rapidly advancing features and capabilities. It was a true turning point in smartphone history.

Modern cell phones have more memory, speed, and power than previously imaginable, and countless apps have become available and monetized.