

# **This Résumé For Elon Musk Proves You Never, Ever Need To Use More Than One Page**

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Let's say you are Elon Musk, one of the most influential entrepreneurs in tech history whose career spans two decades of successful startups.

Let's say your accomplishments range from creating an electronic-payments industry and invigorating the solar-energy market to inventing high-performance electric cars and launching a commercial space and rocket industry.

All of that would surely need a couple of pages to explain on a résumé, right?

Not at all, say the experts at online résumé-writing firm Novorésumé, who believe in the less-is-more concept for writing résumés.

They created a sample résumé for Musk to prove "even a highly successful career like his can be presented in a one page résumé," cofounder Andrei Kurtuy tells Business Insider.

Now there's a few tongue-in-cheek elements to this résumé that you wouldn't want to copy for your own résumé. For instance, in a list of "Skills and competencies," one of his skills is "micromanaging."

Musk is famous for his high standards, and he has a reputation for being a rough guy to work for. He once described himself as a "nano-manager," a play on words meaning he's even more controlling than a micromanager. ("I have OCD on product-related issues. I only see what's wrong. I never see what's right. It's not a recipe for happiness," was how he explained his management style).

This résumé also includes a four-level rating system in which some of the skills listed are not rated at a full four bars. You might want to reconsider that idea before adopting it.

Still, it proves that with the right design, you never, ever, need more than one page for a résumé.

# Elon Musk

Aiming to reduce global warming through sustainable energy production and consumption, and reducing the "risk of human extinction" by "making life multi-planetary" and setting up a human colony on Mars.



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## Work Experience

06/2006 - Present

San Mateo, USA

### Chairman SolarCity

#### Accomplishments

Created a collaboration between SolarCity and Tesla to use electric vehicle batteries to smooth the impact of rooftop solar on the power grid.  
Provided the initial concept and financial capital.

03/2004 - Present

Palo Alto, USA

### CEO and Product Architect Tesla Motors

#### Accomplishments

Currently oversee the company's product strategy – including the design, engineering and manufacturing of more and more affordable electric vehicles for mainstream consumers.  
Insisted on using carbon fiber composite materials in the hull to minimize weight, developed the battery module and even some elements of design, like the headlights.  
Received Global Green 2006 product design award for Tesla Roadster design.

06/2002 - Present

Hawthorne, USA

### CEO and CTO SpaceX

#### Accomplishments

Plans to reduce space transportation costs to enable people to colonize Mars.  
Oversee the development of rockets and spacecraft for missions to Earth orbit and ultimately to other planets.  
Developed the Falcon 9 spacecraft which replaced the space shuttle when it retired in 2011.

03/1999 - 10/2002

San Jose, USA

### CEO X.com and PayPal

#### Accomplishments

Involved in the development of new business models, conducted a successful viral marketing campaign, which led to a rapid increase in the number of customers.  
Created a method of securely transferring money using a recipient's e-mail address.

01/1995 - 02/1999

California, USA

### Co-founder Zip2

#### Accomplishments

Created a platform where newspapers – including credible ones as New York Times – could offer their customers some additional commercial services.

## Education

09/1992 - 06/1995

### Bachelor of Science in Economics Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

09/1992 - 06/1995

### Bachelor of Science in Physics Penn's College of Arts and Sciences

## Skills & Competences

Thinking through first principles

Micromanaging

Goal oriented

Future focused

Critical thinking

Resiliency

Verbal and written communication

Leadership

Creativity

Time Management

## Achievements & Certificates

### IEEE Honorary Membership (2015)

Given to people who have rendered meritorious service to humanity in the IEEE's designated fields of interest.

### Businessperson of the Year by Fortune Magazine (2013)

Prize received for the following companies: 'SpaceX', 'Tesla Motors' and 'SolarCity'

### FAI Gold Space Medal (2010)

One of the highest honors in the aerospace industry, shared with prominent personalities like Neil Armstrong and John Glenn.

### Honorary doctorate in Design from the Art Center College of Design

### Honorary doctorate (DUniv) in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Surrey

### Honorary doctorate of Engineering and Technology from Yale University

## Languages

English

Afrikaans

## Interests

Physics | Sustainability | Philanthropy | Extraterrestrial life |  
Alternative energy sources | Space engineering | Reading |  
Video games



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