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Full Name	:	William Henry Gates III
Date of Birth	:	October 28, 1955 (age 69)
Place of Birth	:	Seattle, Washington, U.S.
Education	:	Harvard University (dropped out)
Spouse	:	Melinda French (m. 1994; div. 2021)
Children	:	3
Parents	:	Bill Gates Sr., Mary Maxwell

Professional Summary

Visionary entrepreneur, technologist, and philanthropist with a proven track record of revolutionizing the technology industry and addressing global challenges. Co-founder of Microsoft, the world's leading software company, and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the largest private charitable organizations. Recognized for innovation, leadership, and commitment to improving lives worldwide.

Key Achievements

- Co-founded Microsoft in 1975, transforming it into a global leader in software development and personal computing.
- Played a pivotal role in the development of the Windows operating system, which became the most widely used OS worldwide.
- As CEO of Microsoft (1975–2000), grew the company's market value to over \$600 billion.

- Authored *The Road Ahead* (1995) and *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* (2021), sharing insights on technology and global challenges.
 - Co-founded the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2000, committing over \$50 billion to initiatives in global health, education, and poverty alleviation.
 - Spearheaded efforts to eradicate polio, reduce malaria, and improve access to vaccines in developing countries.
 - Ranked among the world's wealthiest individuals and consistently recognized for philanthropic impact.
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Professional Experience

Co-Chair

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | 2000 – Present

- Oversee the foundation's strategy and investments in global health, education, and climate change.
- Partner with governments, NGOs, and private sector leaders to address pressing global issues.
- Launched initiatives such as Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

Co-Founder and Former CEO

Microsoft Corporation | 1975 – 2000

- Built Microsoft into a global technology powerhouse, pioneering software solutions like MS-DOS and Windows.
- Led the company's expansion into new markets, including productivity software (Microsoft Office) and gaming (Xbox).
- Championed innovation in cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and enterprise software.

Chairman and Chief Software Architect

Microsoft Corporation | 2000 – 2014

- Guided the company's long-term technology vision and product development.
- Played a key role in the launch of Windows XP, Windows 7, and Microsoft Azure.

Advisor

Microsoft Corporation | 2014 – 2020

- Provided strategic guidance to Microsoft's leadership team, focusing on innovation and corporate responsibility.
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Education

Harvard University

Attended 1973–1975

Studied mathematics and computer science before leaving to pursue Microsoft.

Lakeside School

Graduated 1973

Developed an early interest in programming and technology.

Skills

- Strategic Leadership
 - Technology Innovation
 - Global Health Advocacy
 - Public Speaking
 - Philanthropy and Social Impact
 - Business Development
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Awards and Honors

- Presidential Medal of Freedom (2016)
 - Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) (2005)
 - Time Magazine's Person of the Year (2005, with Melinda Gates and Bono)
 - Forbes List of the World's Most Powerful People (Multiple Years)
 - Honorary Doctorates from Harvard University, Cambridge University, and others
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Publications

- *The Road Ahead* (1995)
- *Business @ the Speed of Thought* (1999)

- *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* (2021)
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Philanthropic Initiatives

- **Global Health:** Funded research and delivery of vaccines, diagnostics, and treatments for diseases like HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis.
 - **Education:** Supported initiatives to improve K-12 education and expand access to higher education in the U.S.
 - **Climate Change:** Invested in clean energy technologies and advocated for policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
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