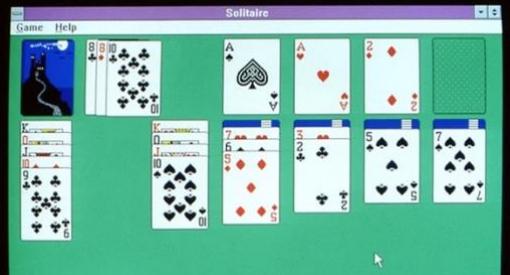**Microsoft 50th Anniversary**
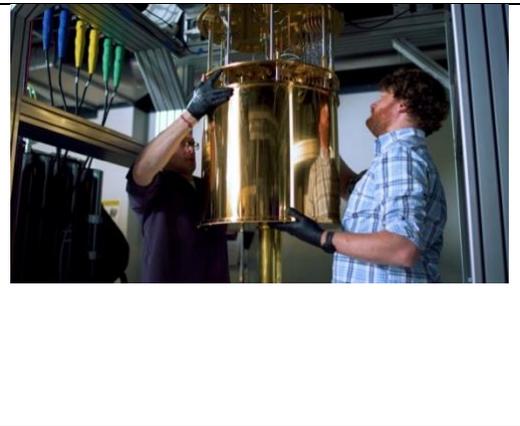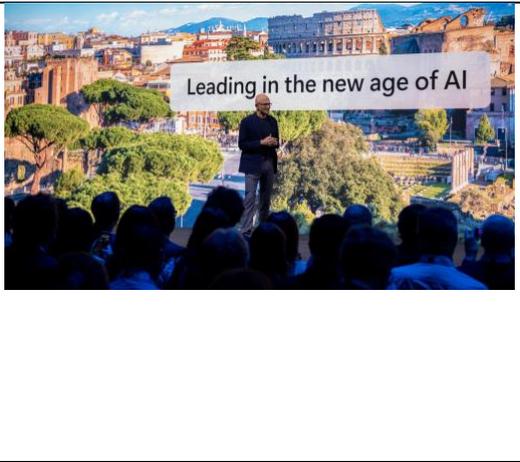*Image Gallery Information*

Decade	Image	Information
1970s		1975: Microsoft Co-Founders Bill Gates and Paul Allen
		The original Microsoft logo, used between 1975 and 1980
		An early Microsoft office in Albuquerque, NM. The company was based there from 1976-1978, before relocating to Washington State.
		1978: Microsoft's founding employees gather to take a portrait before the company moved from Albuquerque to Redmond, WA. Front row (left to right): Bill Gates, Andrea Lewis, Marla Wood, and Paul Allen. Middle row: Bob O'Rear, Bob Greenberg, Marc McDonald, and Gordon Letwin.

		Back row: Steve Wood, Bob Wallace, and Jim Lane. Not pictured: Miriam Lubow.
1980s		March 13, 1986: Microsoft goes public with an initial public offering of 3,095,000 shares of common stock, priced at $21 per share.
		February 28, 1988: A group of Microsoft Canada employees gather outside the Toronto office. Former Microsoft Canada President Malcom MacTavish is seen standing behind the Microsoft sign, wearing a white T-shirt.
		August 1989: Aerial photo of Microsoft's Redmond Campus
		June 19, 1989: The first version of Microsoft Office hits the market.

1990s		Spring 1990: Windows 3.0 is released and includes the free game Solitaire for the first time.
		1992: Used in an employee recruiting brochure, this photo shows a typical Microsoft office of the time.
		May 26, 1995: Bill Gates sends "The Internet Tidal Wave" memo to staff, predicting the internet's transformative potential.
		August 24, 1995: Bill Gates announces Windows 95 at a press event held in Redmond.
		September 18, 1996: Microsoft employees Nathan Myhrvold and Mike Murray pushing Christine Betts and Moshe Dunie (wearing a blue bandana over his eyes) during the Dryland Yacht Races at the Microsoft Giving Games
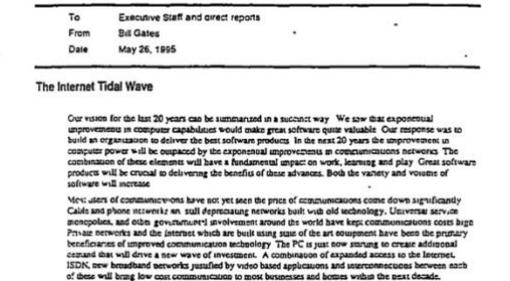
2000s		January 13, 2000: Steve Ballmer becomes Microsoft's second CEO, succeeding Bill Gates, who hired him in 1980 as the company's first business manager.
		October 25, 2001: Windows XP goes on sale. This ad was photographed in New York City ahead of the launch.
		November 15, 2001: The original Xbox goes on sale. Bill Gates stands in New York's Times Square days ahead of its release.
		October 27, 2008: Former Chief Software Architect Ray Ozzie announces Windows Azure, Microsoft's first foray into cloud computing, onstage at the company's Professional Developers Conference.

2010s		October 26, 2012: Microsoft's first in-house designed PC, Surface, is released. Pictured is Glenn, who bought the first Surface at the Microsoft pop-up store in New York.
		February 2014: Three generations of Microsoft CEOs celebrate as Steve Ballmer passes the baton to Satya Nadella. Satya began working at Microsoft in 1992 and ushered in an era of openness and innovation for the company.
		October 5, 2017: Microsoft launches TechSpark, a national civic program aimed at fostering greater economic opportunity and job creation in rural and smaller metropolitan communities. Pictured: TechSpark partners from the US and Mexico gather with Microsoft President Brad Smith.
		May 16, 2018: The launch of the Xbox Adaptive Controller makes gaming accessible to players with disabilities worldwide.
2020s		October 5, 2021: Windows 11 becomes available, marking a new era for the PC.

		February 7, 2023: Microsoft embraces AI with the announcement of an all new, AI-powered Bing search engine and Edge browser.
		September 21, 2023: Microsoft heralds the era of AI with the announcement of Microsoft Copilot, your everyday AI companion. Divya Kumar, Microsoft General Manager of Search and AI Marketing, speaks onstage in New York City.
		September 10, 2024: Microsoft creates the first platform for reliable quantum computing, announcing it has the most reliable logical qubits on record, and marking a significant step toward achieving the vision of quantum at scale.
		October 23, 2024: Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella showcases the transformative power of artificial intelligence for Italy's growth at Microsoft AI Tour in Rome, coinciding with recent global investments in cloud and AI infrastructure, and AI skilling.