Elon Musk

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Entrepreneur and engineer. Born June 28, 1971, in Pretoria, South Africa; citizen of South Africa, Canada and the United States.

Experience

Founder, CEO and chief engineer May 2002 — present
SpaceX
- xAI became a SpaceX subsidiary in 2026.

CEO and product architect 2008 — present
Tesla
- Led the Series A round and joined as chairman in February 2004; stepped down as chairman in May 2020.
- Tesla acquired SolarCity, which Musk had conceived and funded, for $2 billion in 2016.

Founder July 2023 — present
xAI

Owner October 2022 — present
X, formerly Twitter
- Closed the acquisition of Twitter on October 27, 2022, for about $44 billion; later stepped down as CEO.

Co-founder 2016
Neuralink
- Co-founded the company with a $100 million investment.

Founder 2017
The Boring Company

Co-founder and board member December 2015 — 2018
OpenAI

Co-founder and CEO 1999 — 2000
X.com, then PayPal
- X.com merged with Confinity in March 2000 to form PayPal; eBay acquired PayPal in 2002 for $1.5 billion in stock.

Co-founder 1995 — 1999
Zip2
- Founded with Kimbal Musk and Greg Kouri; sold to Compaq in February 1999 for $307 million in cash.

Public service

Advisor to the President; de facto head of DOGE January 2025 — May 2025
Department of Government Efficiency

Education

University of Pennsylvania Awarded 1997
BA in physics; BS in economics, Wharton School

Queen's University 1990 — 1992
Transferred to Pennsylvania after two years *Kingston, Ontario*
- Accepted to a materials science graduate program at Stanford University in 1995; did not enroll.

Honors

- Fellow of the Royal Society

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