

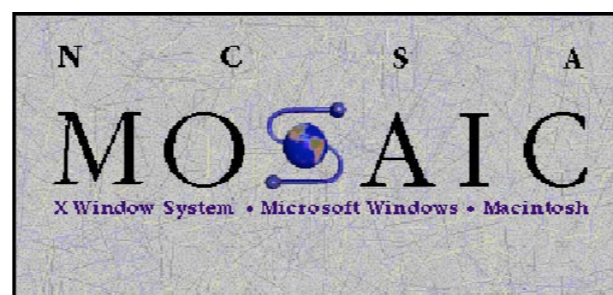


# **A Brief History of Mozilla**

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# 1992

- Marc Andreessen and Eric Bina at the NCSA begin developing a web browser that they call Mosaic.
- Unlike other browsers at the time, Mosaic supports images.



# 1993

- Mosaic is posted for download
- Downloads are in the thousands
- So popular that it makes the front page of the New York Times business section



# 1994

- Mark (and Silicon Graphics founder Jim Clark) found the Mosaic Comm. Corp.
- Marc and team start working to create a new browser. (SSL also dev'd.)
- Oct. 13, 1994: Mosaic Netscape Released
- NCSA sues Mosaic Communications Corp.
- s/Mosaic Communications/Netscape/
- Spyglass obtains a Mosaic license.



# 1995

- Netscape IPO
- Spyglass licensed to Microsoft. Becomes IE - released with Win95
- Brendan Eich devs Javascript.
- IE 2.0 released



# 1996

- NC 2.0 released
- Browser war heats up
- Feature wars - lots of incompatibilities
- NC 3.0 released
- IE 3.0 released



# 1997

- NC 4.0 released
- IE 4.0 released
- Incompatibilities between IE and NC make the lives of web developers everywhere more difficult



# 1998

- IE overtakes the market
- Mozilla.org founded
- NC5.0 open sourced, but dev effort isn't a success
- AOL acquires Netscape





# 1999

- IE 5.0
- New rendering engine: Gecko
- Mozilla dev started



# 2000

- IE 5.5
- Mozilla 0.6 -> NC 6.0



# 2001

- IE 6.0
- Mozilla 0.92 -> NC 6.1



# 2002

- Mozilla 1.0 -> NC 7.0
- Netscape/AOL files anti-trust compliant against Microsoft
- Mozilla 1.4 <split> Phoenix 0.1
- Monolithic <split> Modular
- ~~Phoenix~~ Firebird



# 2003

- Anti-trust compliant settled
- ~~Firebird~~ Firefox
- Browser war over
- AOL lays off the Mozilla team.
- Some crazy people (like our fearless leader Mitchell Baker) keep on working.
- Mozilla Foundation formed.
- Lots of awesome people come onside



# 2004

- Mozilla 1.7
- Firefox 1.0
- Mozilla Affiliates in Europe and Japan
- Spread Firefox
- Two page NYTimes ad
- Strong focus on advocacy, community and marketing because we need market share to help open up the Web.





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Introducing Mozilla

# Firefox 1.0

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— Justin Roseberry, *USA*

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— Janet Hillman, *Author*

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# 2005

- Firefox 1.5
- Mozilla Affiliate in China
- Mozilla Corp founded. Great board (but a bit busy)
- Bob Lisbonne, Brian Behlendorf, Brendan Eich, Carl Malamud, Joi Ito, Mitch Kapor, Mitchell Baker.





# 2006

- Firefox 2.0
- FFox market share up to about 8 - 20%, depending on region.
- IE 7.0
- Crazy volunteers make Firefox crop circle. So big it shows up on Google Maps





# 2007

- Working to keep the Net open and accessible. Lately, this means:
  - Firefox and Thunderbird development via the Mozilla Corporation
  - Grant programs focused on the Mozilla Community and on accessibility (also so some support for OpenBSD/OpenSSH)
  - Supporting open certificate authorities



# The Future

- Firefox 3

- Mozilla Manifesto

`http://www.mozilla.org/about/mozilla-manifesto.html`

- Actively looking to the future

- Corp. working hard to make great software.

- Supporting the community

- Internet as a Public Good Symposium

- Expanding Mozilla Foundation staff so we can do more



# The Future

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