

Age and Tech Experience

As this chart shows, information technology changes so fast that the life experience of executives in their 40s and 50s is very different from the experience of younger folks. I originally started each vertical age line at 21, the year you start working, but a very smart editor suggested I bring it back to 1 year old since so many people have been plugged in more or less since birth.

Year	Technology Milestones	Age						Tech-Cultural Milestones
		55	45	40	35	30	25	
2006	HDTV Crossover	55	45	40	35	30	25	US pop 300 mil
2005	Video iPod / Skype / Wimax	54	44	39	34	29	24	850 mil iTunes
2004	Mobile Phone Cameras	53	43	38	33	28	23	DVD ripping / Prius hybrid
2003	Digital Rights Management / DTV / Windows XP	52	42	37	32	27	22	Iraq War / Weblogs / iTunes
2002	Tech Crash	51	41	36	31	26	21	Human Genome
2001		50	40	35	30	25	20	WTC Attack / iPod / Digital video
2000	MP3 players	49	39	34	29	24	19	Reality TV / Pres Bush II
1999	Internet Boom / Y2K Frenzy / Windows 98	48	38	33	28	23	18	Napster
1998	Streaming media / Embryonic stem cells	47	37	32	27	22	17	HDTV
1997	DVD	46	36	31	26	21	16	Fuel cells / <i>Grand Theft Auto</i>
1996	Windows 95 / MSIE / Flash / <i>Dolly</i> clone	45	35	30	25	20	15	Monica Lewinsky scandal
1995	Amazon.com / Real Audio / MSN	44	34	29	24	19	14	Ebay / Amazon.com
1994	Netscape / GPS / W3C / VRML	43	33	28	23	18	13	Yahoo!
1993	Pentium / MPEG-1 / CD-R	42	32	27	22	17	12	Leno & Letterman
1992	Windows 3.1 / Newton PDA / Linux	41	31	26	21	16	11	Pres Clinton
1991	1 million IP hosts / RAID disks / .JPEG	40	30	25	20	15	10	"Information Superhighway"
1990	Java / PhotoShop	39	29	24	19	14	9	SUVs / <i>Law & Order</i>
1989	100,000 IP hosts / Lotus Notes / .GIF	38	28	23	18	13	8	Tiananmen Square massacre
1988	10BaseT / IRC	37	27	22	17	12	7	Challenger crash / Pres Bush I
1987	10,000 IP hosts / VGA	36	26	21	16	11	6	Iran Contra
1986	Prodigy / Hypercard / Windows 1.0	35	25	20	15	10	5	Nintendo
1985	MS Excel / Intel 386	34	24	19	14	9	4	Cell phones / AOL
1984	Apple Macintosh / C++	33	23	18	13	8	3	"cyberspace"
1983	MS Mouse	32	22	17	12	7	2	Minivan / Final M*A*S*H episode
1982	Compaq / Sun / Novell	31	21	16	11	6	1	ATMs
1981	IBM PC / PC-DOS	30	20	15	10	5		Space Shuttle / MTV
1980	dbase II	29	19	14	9	4		Mt. St. Helens / Pres Reagan
1979	VisiCalc / First Comdex	28	18	13	8	3		CD Player / Digital Music
1978	WordStar / Xerox laser printer	27	17	12	7	2		The Source
1977	Apple II / TRS-80	26	16	11	6	1		
1976	CP/M / VAX	25	15	10	5			Pres Carter
1975	Microsoft founded / Telenet	24	14	9	4			Viet Nam withdrawal
1974	Intel 8080 / Zilog Z-80	23	13	8	3			Nixon Resigns
1973	Ethernet	22	12	7	2			
1972	HP Calculator	21	11	6	1			Atari Pong
1971	Microprocessor / Floppy Disk	20	10	5				
1970	PDP-11 / IBM 370	19	9	4				CompuServe
1969	UNIX	18	8	3				Moon Landing
1968	Data General Nova	17	7	2				Summer of Love
1967		16	6	1				
1966		15	5					
1965	PDP-8	14	4					
1964	IBM 360	13	3					Pres Johnson
1963		12	2					Kennedy Assassination
1962		11	1					SpaceWar! Computer Game
1961	IBM 1401	10						
1960	COBOL	9						Pres Kennedy

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