



## YEARS OF RAISING HUMAN POTENTIAL

For the last 40 years, **Don Johnston** has tried to make education **work for everyone**—from basic access to raising human potential. Join the **Don Johnston** team in showcasing what the last 40 has looked like—and help us plot the **next 40**.

2020

### QUIZBOT

Don Johnston releases the first smart quiz-generator for Google Forms. **2018**



### READTOPIA

Don Johnston releases Readtopia, an experiential reading and learning curriculum. **2017**



### HYPERLOOP

Elon Musk announces "hyperloop"—a giant, pneumatic tube transport system. **2013**



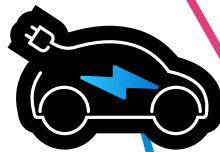
### ANDROID

Google Android Phone. **2008**



### TESLA ROADSTER

Tesla releases their first electric car the "Roadster" based on the Lotus Elise chassis. **2008**



ENERGY

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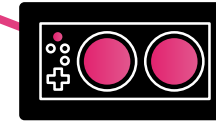
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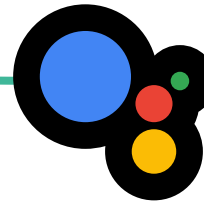
GAMING

SOCIAL



### XBOX ADAPTIVE CONTROLLER

Microsoft releases the first mainstream accessible game controller. **2018**



### GOOGLE ASSISTANT

Google releases its first AI-powered assistant on the Google Pixel phone. **2016**



### UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Don Johnston makes accommodations truly "Universal," working across Chrome, iPad, and desktop. **2014**



### DRIVERLESS CAR

Google Driverless Car. **2012**



### IPAD

Apple releases its touchscreen tablet computer, the iPad. **2010**

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**SOLO**

Don Johnston's SOLO Learning Suite is released, guiding students from reading comprehension through written expression. **2005**



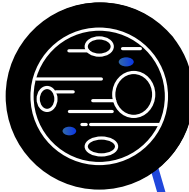
**GMAIL**

Gmail launches. **2004**



**MARS ODYSSEY**

NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey space probe begins to map the surface of Mars. **2002**



**ARTIFICIAL HEART**

AbioCor Artificial Heart. **2001**



**BLUETOOTH**

Bluetooth invented. **2000**



**HTTP**

HTTP invented. **1999**



**KINDLE**

Amazon.com launches its Kindle electronic book (e-book) reader. **2007**



**IPHONE**

Apple introduces a touchscreen cellphone called the iPhone. **2007**



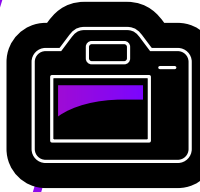
**YOUTUBE**

The first video is uploaded to the online video hosting service YouTube. **2005**



**OLED CAMERA**

The world's first digital camera with an organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display is released by Kodak. **2003**



**MUSIC DOWNLOAD**

David Bowie's *Hours* becomes the first complete music album by a major artist available to download over the Internet in advance of the physical release. **1999**



**START-TO-FINISH**

Start-to-Finish accessible book series gives students access to the most important stories of all time. **1998**



2005



2000

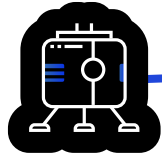
### BIONIC ARM

Edinburgh Modular Arm System, the world's first bionic arm, is fitted. **1998**



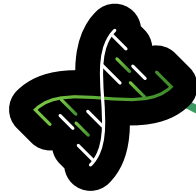
### LUNAR PROSPECTOR

The Lunar Prospector spacecraft is launched into orbit around the Moon and later finds evidence for frozen water on the moon's surface. **1998**



### FIRST SEQUENCE

The genome of Haemophilus influenzae is the first genome of a free living organism to be sequenced. **1995**



### VOIP

Israeli computer scientists Alon Cohen and Lior Haramaty invent VoIP for sending telephone calls over the Internet. **1994**



### CO:WRITER

Don Johnston releases Co:Writer word prediction. **1992**



### BROADBAND

High speed internet. **1997**



### SOCIAL NETWORK

The first social media site is launched under the name "Six Degrees." **1997**



### GOOGLE SEARCH

The Google web search engine originates as "BackRub," a research project using PageRank by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, PhD students at Stanford University, California. **1996**



### AMAZON

Jeff Bezos launches Amazon. **1994**



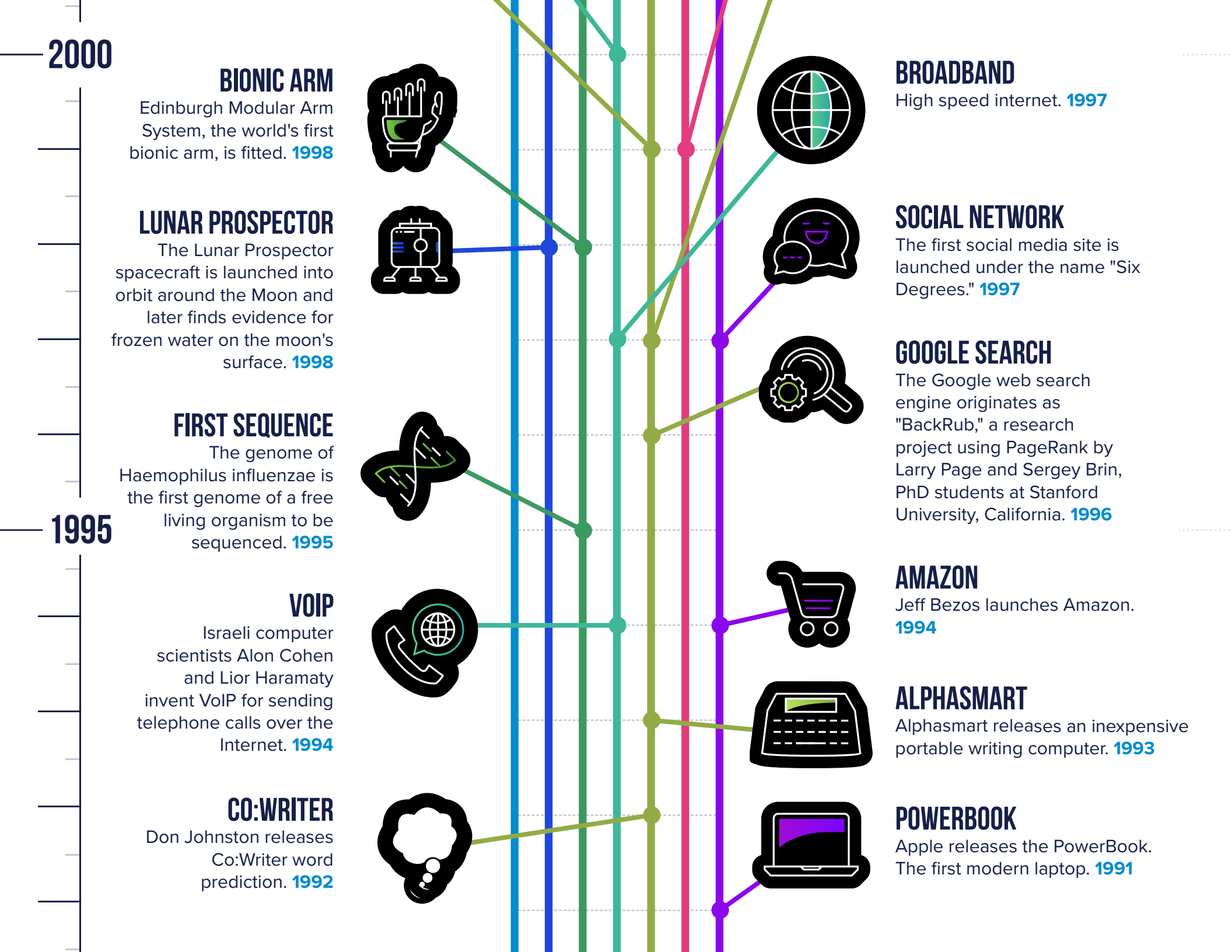
### ALPHASMART

Alphasmart releases an inexpensive portable writing computer. **1993**



### POWERBOOK

Apple releases the PowerBook. The first modern laptop. **1991**



## 1990 SHUTTLE DISCOVERY

The Space Shuttle Discovery places the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit. **1990**

## FIRST LAPTOP

IBM unveils the PC Convertible, the first laptop computer. **1986**

## FIRST DOMAIN NAME

The first commercial Internet domain name is registered to symbolics.com, a computer systems firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts. **1985**

## 1985 MOBILE PHONE

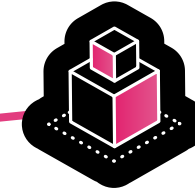
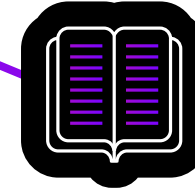
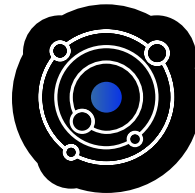
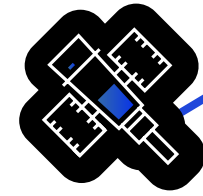
The mobile phone platform is invented. **1983**

## PIONEER 10

Pioneer 10 passes the orbit of Neptune, becoming the first man-made object to travel beyond the major planets of the solar system. **1983**

## LASER EYE SURGERY

Patricia Bath develops laser eye surgery for removing cataracts. **1981**



## PREDICT IT

Don Johnston releases "Predict It" forming the early foundation for word prediction and what would become Co:Writer. **1990**

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME

Physicist Stephen Hawking publishes *A Brief History of Time*. **1988**

## 3D PRINTING

3D printing is developed by Charles Hull. **1986**

## MACINTOSH GUI

Apple Computer places the Macintosh personal computer on sale in the United States—the first successful PC to use a graphical user interface (GUI). **1984**

## ADAPTIVE FIRMWARE

Don Johnston partners release Adaptive Firmware Card giving physical access to computers. **1983**

## TRON

Sci-fi movie *Tron* is the first feature film to use computer animation extensively. **1982**

## 1980 SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

The first launch of NASA's reusable manned space shuttle—designed to take multiple flights into orbit. **1981**

## ASPERGER

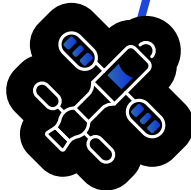
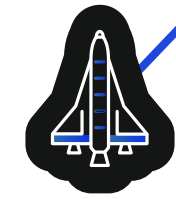
English psychiatrist Lorna Wing introduces the term "Asperger syndrome." **1981**

## PERSONAL COMPUTER

Microsoft's Bill Gates agrees to create an operating system for the new IBM Personal Computer. **1980**

## 1975 SKYLAB

America's first space station, Skylab, is deliberately allowed to burn up on atmospheric entry. **1979**



## WORD PREDICTION

Don Johnston partner Paul Schwejda develops first word prediction (Predictive Linguistic Program) through the University of Washington. **1981**

## DON JOHNSTON FOUNDED

Don Johnston founded company developing learning and access products. **1980**

## COMPACT DISC

Philips publicly demonstrates a prototype of an optical digital audio disc (CD / Compact Disc) at a press conference in Eindhoven, Netherlands. **1979**

## WALKMAN

Sony releases first personal portable music player, the Walkman. **1979**



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