



Technological Innovations over the past 30 years

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In celebrating 30 years at Cobwebb, we have put together a list what we feel are 6 true technological innovations from the past 30 years.

We hope you like them. We were quite surprised at some that we had to leave off the list because they were invented before 1986.

Did we miss anything?

What do you feel was a great technological innovation?

1. Graphical User Interface (GUI)

The GUI has changed surprisingly little since 1984, highlighting the genius of the original design. It has been the window through which billions of people have been able to access the power of computers.

1984 - Apple Macintosh
1992 - Windows 3.1
1995 - Windows 95

2. Global Positioning System (GPS)

With 31 active satellites in orbit, the use of GPS today is extensive and found in things such as mobile phones, navigation systems, airplanes, boats and even clothing and shoes. We'd be lost without it.

1957 - Navy tests first satellite navigation system
1990 - Mazda Eunos Cosmo became the first car with built-in GPS
1997 - Magellan also introduced the first handheld global satellite communicator
2005 - Google Maps

3. Digital Media

In 1991 digital media became prevalent in our daily lives with the digital camera. It is now integrated on our mobile devices and has revolutionized our ability to capture important moments forever.

1982 - Digital CD

1991 - Digital Camera
1993 - MP3
1995 - DVD
1999 - Napster

4. Mobile Connectivity

Mobile technology has ushered in a new age of connections. In 2016, over half of all web traffic and 90% of Facebook activity comes from the now ubiquitous mobile devices.

1983 - first commercial mobile phone.
1997 - Nokia 6110
1997 - Wifi 802.11
1998 - Bluetooth
2003 - WiFi 802.11g
2007 - iPhone

5. The World Wide Web

The organisation of the world's information into one easily accessible, searchable and navigable collection must surely be seen as one of human race's' greatest achievements.

1975 - TCP/IP
1983 - Ethernet technology standardised
1990 - The World Wide Web
1991 - HTTP
1991 - HTML
1993 - Mosaic web browser released
1994 - Full text web search engines
2001 - Wikipedia
2004 - Facebook
2005 - Youtube

6. Online Communication

With over 50% of the world now online, the multitude of communication channels have made the Global Village a reality.

1933 - Telex
1975 - Commercial Fax
1982 - Email
1982- Instant Messenger
1982 - SMS Text
1994 - VPN
2003 - Skype
2003 - LinkedIn
2004 - Facebook
2006 - Twitter
2010 - Instagram
2011 - Snapchat

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