

HISTORY OF WIRELESS

From the brick phone to the first text to the app store, wireless has evolved from a niche market to an essential part of everyday business and life. It hasn't been that long, but we've come a long way.

BELL LABS

Engineers at Bell Labs develop cellular technology.



1947



THE MOBILE PHONE

Chicago, Illinois, is home to the first commercial mobile phone service, which became available on October 13 thanks to Ameritech's Advanced Mobile Phone Service.



1983

LOL!

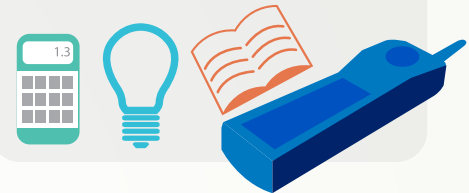
The world's first text message was sent over the Vodafone GSM network.



1992

SMARTY PANTS

The first smart phone (IBM's Simon) with calendar, address book, email and calculator is released.



1994

WELCOME TO WIRELESS



Wi-Fi IS INTRODUCED

1999

DIGITAL WORLD

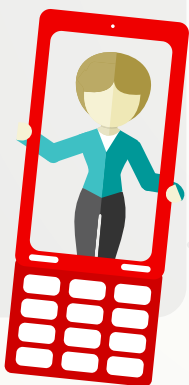
For the first time, digital wireless users surpass analog subscribers.



2000

SELFIES!

The first camera phone is introduced in the U.S. The first selfie soon followed.



2002

iCULTURE

The iPhone is introduced, revolutionizing the mobile industry.



2007

BILLIONS

There are now 7 billion mobile connections in the world. Nearly one for every person on Earth.



2014

OPEN THE DATA TAP

Monthly data usage is expected to top 2,289 MB per person with 70% of that streaming!



2019?

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