Microsoft Word History

Microsoft’s ubiquitous word processing program, Microsoft Word, has a 35-year history dating back to its 1983 debut. Boasting an array of new formatting features, the DOS-based program offered a more user-friendly interface than did its predecessors **(Source 2)**.

In 1989, Word for Windows launched, selling for $498 per installation, though it was scant in popularity due to the overwhelming dominance of Apple operating systems **(Source 1)**. With the release of Microsoft Office 2007, users were introduced to a Fluent User Interface (FUI) called a “ribbon”, revolutionizing the user experience with the program.



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