HISTORY

Lotus: *20 Years of Technology Innovation*

TECHNOLOGY MILESTONES

1982-1987

April 23, 1982
Lotus Development Corp. is incorporated. Mitch Kapor founder.

Fall 1984
Lotus opens its first international office in Windsor, England.

March 1986
The first Lotus software developers conference was held in Cambridge.

April 1986
Jim Manzi named President and CEO.

1986
Lotus became the first company to lend its support to an AIDS walk, providing a model soon followed by numerous other corporate sponsors.

1987
Lotus Week at the World Trade center.

January 1983
Lotus releases its first product, Lotus 1-2-3. Combining spreadsheet analysis, graphing and databases into a single, fast, easy-to-use application, Lotus 1-2-3 becomes the company's first blockbuster, displacing VisiCalc, the previous spreadsheet standard.

November 1984
Lotus announces Jazz for Macintosh – an all-in-one program incorporating a spreadsheet, datasheet, database, graphics, word processing, and communication.

1987
Lotus 1-2-3 becomes the best-selling spreadsheet in Japan.

1988-1993

1990
Lotus establishes a day-care center for employees' children.

February 1991
Lotus acquires cc:Mail, Inc.

April 1992
Lotus acquires Organizer from Threadz, Ltd. in the UK.

1992
Lotus becomes the first major company to grant benefits for same-sex partners.

May 1993
Lotus acquires Iris Associates for $84 million in Lotus common stock.

December 1993
First annual Lotusphere conference in Orlando, Florida.

1989
First shipment of Notes. Lotus' release of the first version of Notes puts groupware – a new class of software – on the map.

1993
SmartSuite ships with a Bonus Pack (which made it possible for applications to share data) and with Notes integration (which enabled such operations as using 1-2-3 for expense reports, then storing them for analysis in a Notes database.)

1994-1999

June 1994
Lotus acquires Soft*Switch for approximately $62 million in cash.

October 1996
Jeff Papows named President and CEO.

July 1995
IBM acquires Lotus and pays $3.5 billion cash. The combination packs double power in the industry, marrying IBM's strength in enterprise-wide hardware and Lotus' unique expertise in the groupware arena.

October 1995
Michael Zisman named executive vice president and CEO; Jeff Papows named executive vice president and COO.

May 1998
Acquisitions of Ubique and Databeam.

April 1994
cc:Mail reaches 5 million user mark.

January 1996
Lotus announces Lotus Notes release 4; installed base of 13.6 million seats.

July 1996
Lotus ships Domino, turning the corner into the Internet era and sheds its proprietary roots for open standards.

September 1996
Lotus announces LearningSpace, the market's first collaborative distance learning solution.

June 1997
Lotus announces availability of Domino.doc.

February 1998
Lotus ships eSuite WorkPlace – the world's first complete Java-based productivity solution.

March 1998
Notes R5 ships with an installed base of more than 20 million; total installed base of messaging seats exceeds 40 million.

January 1999
Lotus ships Sametime 1.0 – a family of products that allow organizations to share and collaborate on documents in real-time, as well as immediately find and converse with colleagues and partners worldwide.

April 1999
Lotus ships QuickPlace 1.0 – a groundbreaking teamware product for the web that delivers a rich collaboration environment to distributed teams for fast, easy and secure Web collaboration.

October 1999
At Lotusphere Europe, Lotus unveils a new knowledge management suite code-named "Raven."

2000-2002

January 2000
Al Zollar joined Lotus as President and CEO.

January 2000
Lotus unveils Lotus iNotes and Lotus Mobile Notes as part of the Lotus Notes client family.

May 2000
IBM launches Mindspan Solutions to signify their entrance into the elearning software and services arena.

April 2001
Lotus ships Discovery Server as stand-alone offering.

June 2001
Lotus introduces the Web Development toolkit, enabling IBM customers to customize their business applications for the increasingly-popular Web services architecture.

July 2001
Lotus announces availability of iNotes Web Access.

August 2001
IBM Mindspan Solutions introduces LearningSpace 5.0. Lotus announces increased integration between Domino, DB2 and WebSphere, highlighting Lotus' role as a key part of the IBM SWG portfolio.

September 2001
Lotus rolls out an entire family of Domino Everyplace servers and reinforces Lotus' role in IBM's overarching pervasive strategy.

January 2002
IBM announces Lotus Notes and Domino 6 – the next version of Lotus' industry-leading messaging and collaboration platform – to be available in Q3 2002; reaches 82 million messaging seats.

Other Lotus firsts:
On-screen help system
Tutorial on floppy
PC customer support program