

# Life Paul Allen, who dragged Bill Gates away from Harvard, founded Microsoft

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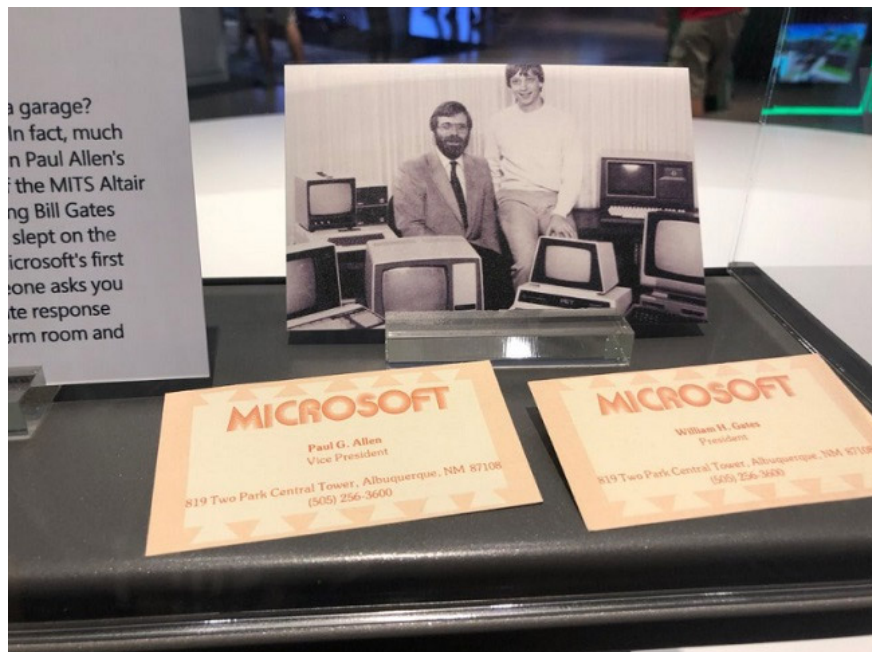
Paul Allen was born in 1953. He and Bill Gates attended secondary school together at Lakeside School. Here, the two hacked school computers to sign Gates into classes full of girls.



In 1975, Paul Allen brought Bill Gates, then attending Harvard, Popular Electronics magazine, with the ALTAIR 8800 computer on the cover. And that same year, Allen convinced Gates to leave Harvard to start a company. Allen was the first to propose the name Micro-Soft, later changed to Microsoft.



This is the first 11 members of the company, Allen is the person in the lower right corner.



Before the famous Windows operating system was launched in 1993, Microsoft used to provide a disk-based operating system (DOS) for IBM PC computers.



In 1983, Paul Allen left the position of Microsoft leader due to many conflicts with Bill Gates. By 2014, Allen sold a large amount of his shares in the company.



In his memoirs, Allen asserts himself and Bill Gates are still good friends.



Allen recounted that, for the first eight years, he was the one who made important ideas and Bill Gates was the one to verify which ideas could be used.



Paul Allen said, when he wanted to sell his shares at Microsoft, Bill Gates wanted to buy them for \$ 5 (116,500 dong) per share. But Allen wanted to cost \$ 10 (VND 233,000), Gates refused. After selling Microsoft shares, Allen became one of the richest people in the world.



In 2003, Allen founded his own investment company called Vulcan Capital. The company operates in many areas from real estate, technology to sports.



In 1988, Paul Allen bought the Portland Trail Blazers baseball team. In 1997, he bought the Seattle Seahawks rugby team.



In the picture, Paul Allen is lifting the Seattle Seahawks trophy won in 2014.



In addition, he owns many properties including a private island, two large yachts and a museum specializing in science fiction.



Paul Allen actively participates in charitable activities. By October 2018, Allen had donated a total of more than 2 billion to charity.



In 1980, Paul Allen was diagnosed with lymphoma and he passed it. But in 2009, this evil disease returned, Allen had to treat for a long time. And on October 15, 2018, Paul Allen died at age 65.



When he heard the news, Bill Gates said that his heart was broken because his best friend died. Gates said, without Paul Allen, personal computing would not exist.



According to Hollywood Life, Paul Allen was named among the richest people in the world with assets of about \$ 20.2 billion before his death.

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