# The History of COREL®

1985

1985 – Corel is founded. Building desktop publishing systems, Corel delivers early text effects tools that inspire developers to consider the ambitious task of building an easy-to-use, full featured graphics application for the PC.

1987

1987 – The official beginning of CorelDRAW®. Code-named "WALDO" (represented by the attractive guy above), CorelDRAW development is started by a small but passionate team of engineers, laying the foundation for what would become one of the world's most popular software titles!

1989

1989 – CorelDRAW 1 launches in spring and is absolutely stunning for its time. Version 1 broke new ground for features and functionality and took full advantage of all the power a 286 PC with a 40 MB hard drive and 2 MB of RAM could deliver.

1991

1991 – CorelDRAW 2 launches in the fall and customers experience effects including Envelope, Blend, Extrude, and Perspective in user-friendly graphics software for the very first time. Copied by virtually every other graphics application on the market, CorelDRAW delivers these essential tools first, and challenges what customers can expect from their graphics software!

1992

1992 – Corel once again re-defines 'value' in the software industry. Combining illustration, photo-editing, and more in one package, CorelDRAW 3 is the world's first full-featured graphics suite.

1995

1995 – Blazing a trail, CorelDRAW 6 is the first graphics suite built for Windows® 95 and 32-bit power.

1996

1996 – Corel Acquires WordPerfect®, Quattro Pro®, Paradox®, and the PerfectOffice® application suite from Novell. New WordPerfect Suite 7 debuts later that year.

2000

2000 – KnockOut™, Painter™ and KPT® are now part of the Corel graphics family. Built for both the Mac and PC, these best-of-breed applications secure Corel's place as a creative powerhouse!

2001

2001 – Corel brings Micrografx® Designer into its product portfolio. From small businesses to enterprise customers, graphics pros to technical illustrators, Corel now has an offering for virtually any PC graphics software user.

2002

2002 – As part of a major expansion of OEM bundling activities with a variety of major hardware manufacturers, WordPerfect Office debuted on Dell PCs in 2002. Reveal Codes and Publish To PDF make it a favorite!

2003

Spring 2003 – Offering features designed to bring easy XML publishing to the masses, WordPerfect Office 11 introduced two ways to create XML content: a powerful enterprise-class XML editor, and an easy-to-use "Publish to XML" feature in WordPerfect 11 and Presentations™ 11.

August 2003 – Vector Capital acquires Corel. Company goes private to build a solid foundation for future growth by focusing on its core products – including CorelDRAW and WordPerfect Office.
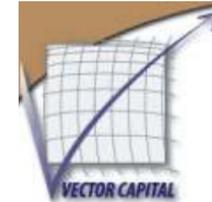
2004

February 2004 – Corel re-defines the graphics software landscape with CorelDRAW Graphics Suite 12. With new intelligent tools, customers are now able to complete their designs twice as fast as before. Built for design professionals and business users, the product has won more than 40 industry awards.

April 2004 – WordPerfect Office 12 gives an office suite market increasingly interested in alternatives to Microsoft® Office exactly what they need: industry-leading compatibility including an innovative new "Microsoft Mode". With 20 million users worldwide, it's the world's preferred alternative to Microsoft Office.

2004

October 2004 – Painter IX releases to much acclaim. Product reviewers and industry experts hail the latest release as "the best Painter yet."

October 2004 – After completing the successful turnaround of its core businesses, Corel acquires Jasc Software, Inc., makers of the award-winning Paint Shop Pro and leaders in digital imaging and photo-editing. The acquisition extends Corel's capabilities in the rapidly expanding digital photography market and sets the stage for the company's next phase of growth.

2005

February 2005 – Corel launches Corel DESIGNER® Technical Suite 12 – the world's most powerful and complete technical graphics suite offers technical illustration and professional photo editing.

April 2005 – WordPerfect Office 12 - Small Business Edition is defined by its new approach to addressing users' needs, adopting an easy-to-use task-orientation.

January 2005 - Corel acquires WinZip, the world's #1 compression software.

2006

April 27, 2006 - Corel completes an initial public offering of our common shares on the TSX and the NASDAQ Global Market.
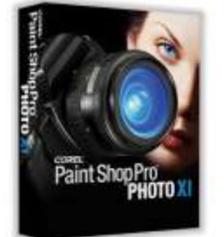
September, 2006 - Paint Shop Pro® Photo XI releases. This easy-to-use, professional-quality digital studio lets users edit and manage their photos and create stunning photo projects.

2007

December 2006 - Corel finalizes the acquisition of Intervideo Ulead, a provider of Digital Media authoring and video playback software with a focus on high-definition and DVD technologies. VideoStudio®, DVD Copy™, MovieFactory®, and PhotoImpact® are among the products added to Corel's portfolio.

April 2007 - VideoStudio® 11 launches in Standard and Plus versions, offering the first AVCHD™ editing solution for consumer video editing and DVD authoring software. The Plus version provides a complete HD solution for capturing, editing, authoring and burning HD DVD videos.

September 2007 - Painter™ Essentials 4 launches, bringing Painter technology to people who want a 'home art studio' to get started with digital art and create stunning photo-paintings.

2008
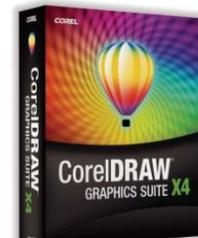
January 2008 - CorelDRAW® Graphics Suite X4 releases with major workflow enhancements, online collaboration tools and expanded content and resources to fuel the creative process, simplify project management and optimize the graphic design workflow.

March 2008 - WinDVD® 9 Plus Blu-ray launches with enhanced Blu-ray Disc playback, advanced upscaling for near-high-definition viewing and surround sound for the ultimate viewing experience.

April 2008 - WordPerfect® Office X4 releases with a full range of PDF Capabilities, enhanced compatibility with Microsoft® Office 2007, and new tools for Web collaboration, note taking and business intelligence.