

# An Intimate Portrait of Larry Ellison and Oracle: A Long Tail of Innovation, Intrigue, and Excess

Larry Ellison is one of the most successful and controversial figures in the history of technology. As the co-founder and former CEO of Oracle, he helped build one of the world's largest software companies. Ellison is also known for his lavish lifestyle, his love of sailing, and his outspoken personality.



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## Early Life and Career

Larry Ellison was born in New York City in 1944. His father, Louis Ellison, was a Russian immigrant who worked as a bookkeeper. His mother, Florence Spellman Ellison, was a homemaker. Ellison's parents divorced when he was young, and he was raised by his mother in Chicago.

Ellison attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, but he dropped out after two years. He then worked at a series of jobs, including programmer, database administrator, and systems analyst.

## **Founding Oracle**

In 1977, Ellison co-founded Oracle with Bob Miner and Ed Oates. Oracle's first product was a relational database management system (RDBMS) called Oracle Database. RDBMSs are used to store and manage data, and they are essential for businesses of all sizes.

Oracle Database quickly became popular, and Oracle grew rapidly. By the early 1990s, Oracle was the dominant player in the database market.

## **Leadership at Oracle**

Ellison was the CEO of Oracle from 1977 to 2014. During his tenure, he oversaw the company's growth from a small startup to a global giant. Ellison was known for his aggressive sales tactics and his willingness to take risks.

Ellison was also a controversial figure. He was often criticized for his arrogance and his lavish lifestyle. However, there is no doubt that he was a successful CEO. Under his leadership, Oracle became one of the most successful companies in the world.

## **Personal Life**

Ellison has been married four times. His first wife was Adda Quinn, a fellow programmer. They were married from 1967 to 1974. His second wife was Nancy Wheeler Jenkins, a writer. They were married from 1977 to 1986. His third wife was Melanie Craft, a model. They were married from 2003 to

2010. His fourth wife is Nikita Kahn, a Russian tennis player. They were married in 2013.

Ellison has two children, David and Megan. David is a venture capitalist. Megan is a fashion designer.

Ellison is known for his lavish lifestyle. He owns several homes, including a 23-acre estate in Woodside, California, and a Hawaiian island. He also owns a yacht, a racing team, and a tennis team.

## **Philanthropy**

Ellison is a generous philanthropist. He has donated millions of dollars to medical research, education, and environmental causes. In 2004, he founded the Ellison Medical Foundation, which supports research into aging-related diseases.

## **Legacy**

Larry Ellison is one of the most influential figures in the history of technology. He helped build Oracle into one of the world's largest software companies. He is also a generous philanthropist. Ellison's legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

## **Long Tail of Innovation, Intrigue, and Excess**

Larry Ellison's life and career have been a long tail of innovation, intrigue, and excess. He is a brilliant entrepreneur who has built one of the world's most successful companies. He is also a controversial figure who has been criticized for his arrogance and his lavish lifestyle. However, there is no doubt that he is a remarkable individual who has left a lasting mark on the world.

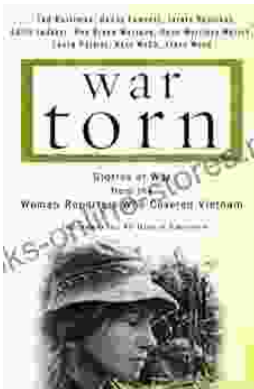


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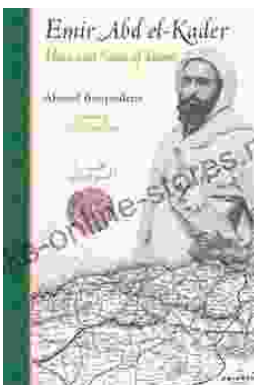
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