

From Then to Now: Evolution of Resume

Did Leonardo Da Vinci write the first resume? What was the first resume looked like? Let's take a quick backtrack to the past and get to know who and what influenced the evolution of resume writing.



1482 ---- Italian polymath, Leonardo Da Vinci writes the first resume.



An English lord traveler offers a handwritten letter of introduction of acquaintances and calls it his **resume**.

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Resumes as an Institution

1930 ---- Employees write resumes on scraps of paper over lunch with employers.

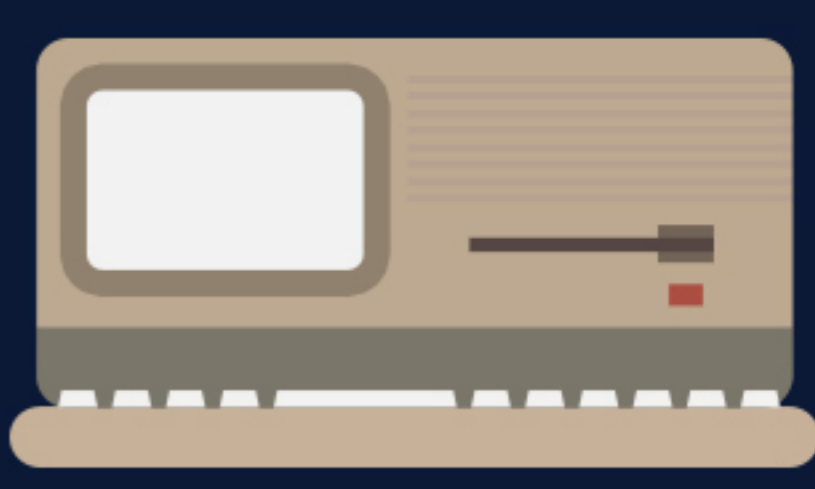
Just like Facebook profiles, resumes include height, age, marital status, weight, and religion of a person.

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1950 ---- Resumes are no longer for formalities. They're now expected.

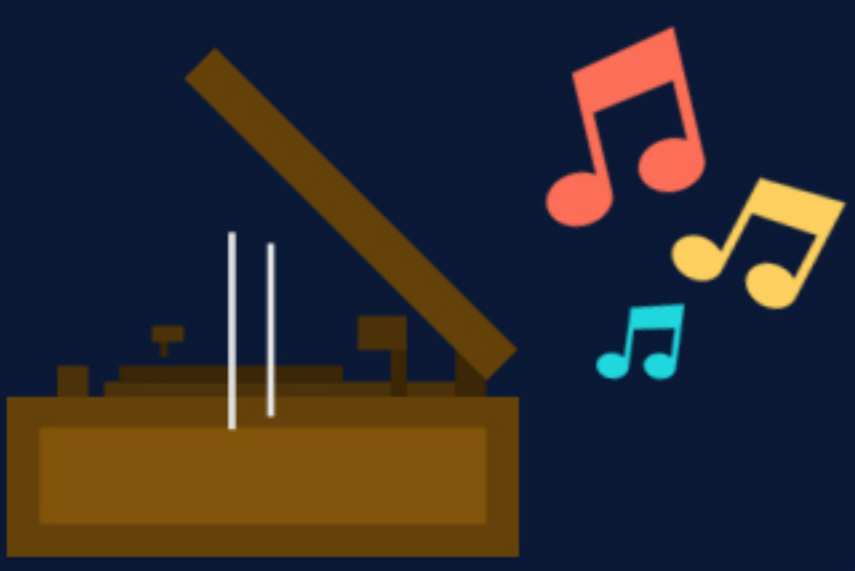
Resumes now include outside interests such as sports and clubs.

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The Digital Era

1970 ---- Digital typesetting and word processors influence resumes to become more marketable and professional.



1980 ---- The birth of VHS resumes.



First Microsoft Word launches, creating new resume templates.

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1985 ---- Online background checking begins.

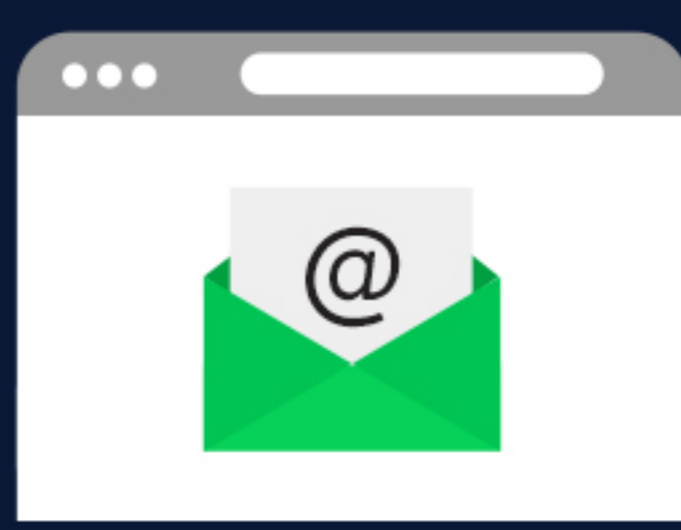
The Internet Age

The Internet and World Wide Web go public
Monster.com goes live
CareerBuilder.com is founded.

1994

Fax machine as a new and incredible tool to send resumes.

1986 ---- Microsoft releases RTF (Rich Text Format) universal document.



1995 ---- Goodbye, fax machines. Hello, Email!

1996 ---- *Adobe* releases PDF reader for free, making PDF resume a popular option.

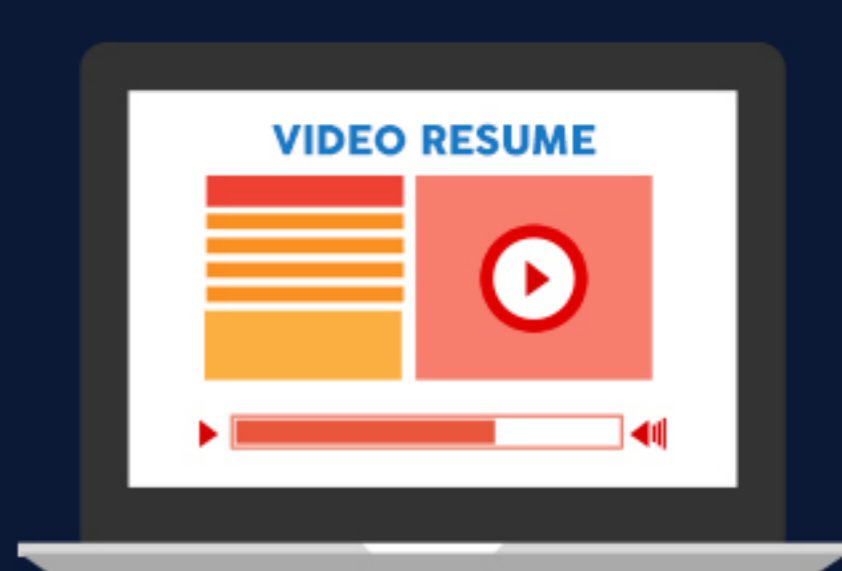
Web 2.0

2000 ---- Dot Com (.com) booms big time.

LinkedIn and *The Ladders* launch.

2003

2002 ---- Interactive resume starts.



More high school students start sending video resumes to colleges.

2006

Video resumes hit video-sharing website, YouTube.

2007

2008 ---- Out with resume objectives and in with professional headlines.
 ---- Social media enters the scene.
 ---- LinkedIn starts to dominate employment and networking.

The Birth of Modern Resume

2010 ---- Resumes include social media links of an applicant.
 ---- Digital curriculum vitae (CV) and infographic resumes are now a thing.



---- According to Careerealism, recruiters on LinkedIn reveal an overwhelming preference for shorter and more concise resumes.

