

ELON MUSK – A DISRUPTIVE THINKER, INVENTOR AND ENTREPRENEUR

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South African entrepreneur Elon Musk is now known worldwide for founding Tesla Motors and SpaceX, which launched a landmark commercial spacecraft in 2012. Born in South Africa in 1971, Elon Musk became a multimillionaire in his late 20s when he sold his start-up company, Zip2, to a division of Compaq Computers. He achieved more success by founding X.com in 1999, SpaceX in 2002 and Tesla Motors in 2003. Musk made headlines in May 2012, when SpaceX launched a rocket that would send the first commercial vehicle to the International Space Station. He bolstered his portfolio with the purchase of SolarCity in 2016, and cemented his standing as a leader of industry by taking on an advisory role in the early days of President Donald Trump's administration. This write up gives a short sketch of his life and remarkable achievements.
