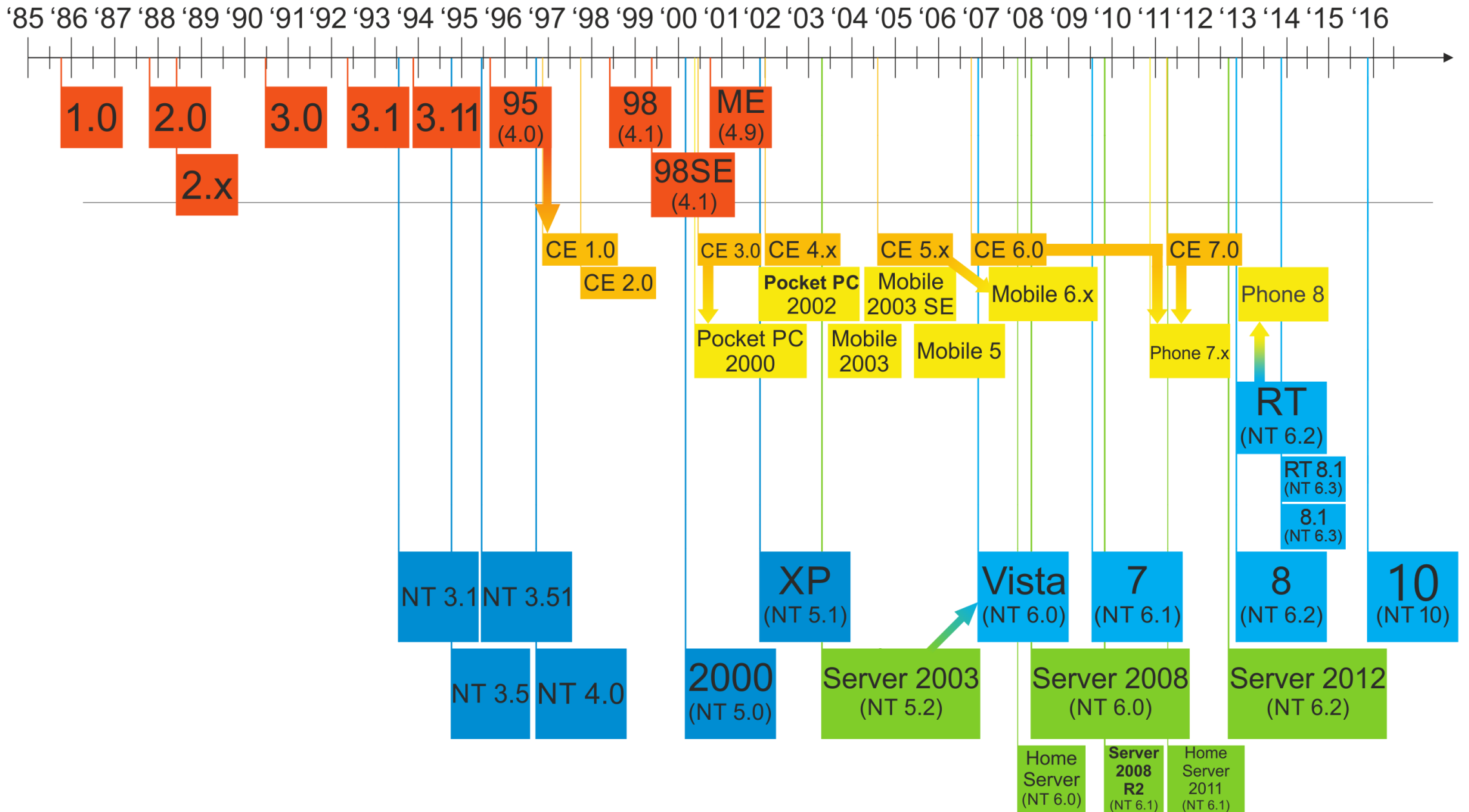


Windows 10 - Review

How did we get here?

- When the IBM PC, followed by all its clones, first appeared in the early 1980s, the operating system was PC-DOS, also released as MS-DOS. Most systems used floppy disks.
- Even after hard drive became common, MS-DOS remained the principal operating system.
- The need to operate the PC via a command line interface tended to limit the user base.
- Windows 1 and 2 were introduced in the 1980s but didn't make a big impact.
- When Windows 3, then 3.11, came in the early 1990s the modern age of computing had begun.
- All versions of Windows (except Windows NT) up to XP ran on top of MS-DOS. Windows XP was the first consumer version of Windows to be an operating system in its own right.
- The following chart shows the evolution of Windows.



- There was no Windows 9 because of possible confusion with the 9x series.
- Windows 10 is now coming up to 5 years old.
- Windows 10 reflects a change in philosophy by Microsoft.
- No more versions of Windows, but a continuing evolution. Look out for Windows 10X.
- Windows no longer a product, but a service.
- Named updates, in March and September, with bug fixes and minor updates in-between.
- No subscription plans yet announced for non-corporate users.
- Still possible to update from Win 7 and 8.1 for free.

- Windows 10's mandatory updating system has annoyed some users, and (rarely) caused real problems for others, and there's no way to decline updates, although users can defer updates.
- If an update causes a problem, it can be uninstalled in the first 7 days.
- The latest update, 2004, is currently rolling out. There was a heap of problems for some users early on, but most issues have now been addressed and, in theory at least, it won't attempt to install on a system where it may have a problem.
- You can set your Active Hours—a defined time frame when Windows *won't* install updates—as an 18-hour window. Users are prompted before a restart.
- The current update system minimizes the amount of data needed to update.
- Along with the 2004 update, a new browser has been released The new 'Edge' is based on the Chromium code used for Google Chrome.
- The popular 'Control Panel' still exists but is gradually being replaced by the 'Settings' app.
- Cortana continues to be refined and competes with Apple's Siri and Google.
- A by-product of the Cortana development is improved 'speech to text' capability.
- Windows 10 offers virtual desktops.

Lots of guides, for example:

Windows 10 Beginners Guide <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8d9FY3LpR4E>

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