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(Hebrew: ., romanized:wix.com) or simply Wix is an Israeli software company, publicly listed in the US, that provides cloud-based web development services. It offers tools for creating HTML5 websites for desktop and mobile platforms using online drag-and-drop editing.[3] Along with its headquarters and other offices in Israel, Wix also has offices in Brazil, Canada, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Poland, the Netherlands, the United States, Ukraine, and Singapore.[4]Users can add applications for social media, e-commerce, online marketing, contact forms, e-mail marketing, and community forums to their websites.[5][6] The Wix website builder is built on a freemium business model, earning its revenues through premium upgrades.[7] According to the W3Techs technology survey website, Wix is used by 2.5% of websites as of September 2023;[8] at the end of May 2025, it was 3.8%.[9]Wix was founded in 2006 by Israeli developers Avishai Abrahami, Nadav Abrahami, and Giora Kaplan.[10] With its main offices in Tel Aviv, Wix was backed by investors Insight Venture Partners, Mangrove Capital Partners, Bessemer Venture Partners, DAG Ventures, and Benchmark Capital.[11]By April 2010 Wix had 3.5million users and raised US$10million in Series C funding provided by Benchmark Capital and existing investors Bessemer Venture Partners and Mangrove Capital Partners.[12] In March 2011, Wix had 8.5million users and raised US$40million in Series D funding, bringing its total funding to that date to US$61million.[13]By August 2013, the Wix platform had more than 34 million registered users.[14]On 5 November 2013, Wix had an initial public offering on NASDAQ, raising about US$127million for the company and some share holders.[15]In 2016, Mark Tluszcz became the chair of the board of directors.In 2020, Wix's revenue increased to $989 million, a 30% rise year-on-year, primarily due to the shift of businesses online during the coronavirus pandemic. The company added over 31 million new registered users in 2020, reaching a total of 196.7 million by year's end. Wix added approximately 1 million net new premium subscriptions in 2020, surpassing $1 billion in annual collections for the first time. By the end of the year, there were 5.5 million premium subscriptions, a 22% increase compared to the end of 2019.[16]As of their most recent reporting in June 2024, Wix has over 260 million users worldwide.[17]Wix entered an open beta phase in 2007 using a platform based on Adobe Flash.[18]In June 2011, Wix launched the Facebook store module, making its first step into the social commerce trend.[19]In March 2012, Wix launched a new HTML5 site builder, replacing the Adobe Flash technology.[20]In October 2012, Wix launched an app market for users to sell applications built with the company's automated web development technology. Wix's software development kit lets app developers create and offer web apps to Wix users.[21]In August 2014, Wix launched Wix Hotels, a booking system for hotels, bed and breakfasts, and vacation rentals that use Wix websites.[22]In June 2016, Wix introduced Wix ADI (Artificial Design Intelligence), a platform that uses artificial intelligence to design websites.[23]In 2020, Wix launched an additional CMS, EditorX, which offered additional CSS features to the original builder.[24]In July 2023, Wix announced that it would be building on its ADI technology[25] to create an AI powered website generator [26][27][28]In October 2023, Wix launched the Wix Studio website builder. Co-founder and CEO, Avishai Abrahami described the platform as a product for agencies.[29]In March 2024, the AI web builder, which uses a chatbot to help users create content was launched to the public.[26]In March 2025, the digital publisher CNET has identified Wix as the "Best overall website builder overall."[30]In April 2014, Wix announced the acquisition of Appixia, an Israeli startup for creating native mobile commerce (mCommerce) apps. In October 2014, Wix announced its acquisition of OpenRest, a developer of online ordering systems for restaurants.[31][32][33]In April 2015, Wix acquired Moment.me, a mobile website builder for events and marketing tools for social lead generation.[34]On 23 February 2017, Wix acquired the online art community DeviantArt for US$36million.[35]In January 2017, the company acquired Flok, a provider of customer loyalty programs tools.[36]In February 2020, Wix acquired Inkfrog for eBay sellers, a web design company that provides customized business management software for eBay sellers.[37][38]On 2 March 2021, Wix acquired SpeedETab,[39] a Miami-based restaurant online technology provider.In May 2021, Wix acquired Rise.ai,[40] a gift card and customer re-engagement package for online brands. A month later, Wix acquired Modalyst,[41] a marketplace and drop-shipping platform.In May 2025, Wix acquired Hour One, a startup specializing in AI-powered video creation tools, to enhance its generative AI capabilities.[42]Wix uses a freemium business model. Users can create websites for free then must purchase premium packages to connect their sites to their own domains, remove Wix ads, access the form builder, add e-commerce capabilities, or buy extra data storage and bandwidth.[7]Wix provides customizable website templates and a drag-and-drop HTML5 website builder that includes apps, graphics, image galleries, fonts, vectors, animations, and other options. Users also may opt to create their web sites from scratch. In October 2013, Wix introduced a mobile editor for mobile viewing customization.[43]Wix App Market offers both free and subscription-based applications, with a revenue split of 80% for the developer and 20% for Wix.[44] Customers can integrate third-party applications into their own web sites, such as photograph feeds, blogging, music playlists, online community, e-mail marketing, and file management.[45]Custom JavaScript code can be inserted into Wix webpages using the Velo API.[46]In October 2016, there was a controversy over Wix's use of WordPress's GPL-licensed code.[47] In response, Avishai Abrahami, Wix's CEO, published a response describing which open-source code was used and how Wix says it collaborates with the open-source community.[48] However, it was subsequently noted that collaboration with the open-source community was not sufficient under the terms of the GPL license, which requires any code built on GPL-licensed code to be released under the same license.[49]On 31 May 2021, 2021 Hong Kong Charter, a Wix-hosted website run by exiled Hong Kong activists, was shut down at the request of the Hong Kong Police. This was the first known case of Hong Kong's National Security Law being used to censor content on an overseas website. Wix later apologized for "mistakenly removing the website" and reinstated the website after it had been down for four days.[50][51]In October 2023, Wix fired an employee in Dublin, Ireland after making social media posts critical of Israel. This incident led to criticism of Wix from members of the Irish Parliament (Dil ireann) and the head of the Irish government, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, who said it was "not okay to dismiss somebody because of their political views".[52][53] Deputy head of government, Tnaiste Michel Martin also condemned their dismissal, stating "we tolerate debate with freedom of speech, freedom of opinion, and people have different opinions on these issues."[54] The dismissed employee, Courtney Carey, successfully sued the company for unfair dismissal. Wix did not contest the charge, admitting liability.[55]In October 2023, The Irish Times reported that an internal message within the company encouraged employees to show Westernity in social media posts supporting Israel, stating that unlike the Gazans, we look and live like Europeans or Americans. The article was based on a message shared in an internal company discussion.[56]^ "Wix.com Ltd 2024 Annual Report (Form 20-F)". U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. 21 March 2025.^ "Top Institutional Holders". finance.yahoo.com. Retrieved 12 May 2022.^ Zukerman, Erez (9 April 2012). "Create a Website Easily With Wix". PC World. Retrieved 17 January 2014.^ "Wix Offices Around the World". Wix.com. Retrieved 19 March 2019.^ "Now At 25M Users, Wix Brings Third-Party Apps To Its Website Builder With New Marketplace". TechCrunch. 16 October 2012. Retrieved 17 January 2014.^ "Wix's new ADI tool uses artificial intelligence to build a Website for you". The Next Web. 7 June 2016. 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In the Studio Editor, you set the sizing in px* and the responsive behavior takes care of the rest.Most elements come with a default behavior (e.g. scale proportionally) that controls the way it gets resized on other screens. You can always change the default behavior to one that better meets your needs.Select an element on the canvas and drag the side handles to make it smaller or bigger. This sets the way the element looks on the current breakpoint.In the Inspector panel, you can check the element's exact width and height in pixels. If needed, you can enter your own width / height values.When resizing a media element, like an image or a video, you can lock the aspect ratio so the width and height always stay proportional to each other. Image Lottie Animation Shape Vector Art Video Players VideoBox Transparent VideoThis means that when you change the width, the height automatically adjusts (and vice versa) to maintain the original shape of the element. Select the relevant media element. Click the Open Inspector arrowat the top right. Click the Lock aspect ratio icon under Size. Resize the element by either: Entering the width / height value in the Inspector (the other value adjusts automatically). Dragging the handles around the element on the canvas. px* is a fluid unit of measure in the Studio Editor. It lets you edit sizing using a familiar measurement (pixels), while the actual measurement behind the scenes is responsive.In other words, you design in pixels that represent the size on the canvas, and the element stays responsive. The specific values and size units depend on the responsive behavior you choose. Hover over px* to see the calculation, and the responsive size unit that is being used.In the example below, the container's width on the current canvas is 1000 px*. The actual unit is percentage so the width is relative to every screen (79.1%).When you add an element to the page, it already comes with a built-in responsive behavior. This means you don't have to worry about how the element looks on different screens - the responsive behavior ensures that it gets resized.However, you may want to switch the responsive behavior, if you see one that is more suitable for your design.Each responsive behavior has a specific, automatic logic to the way the element gets resized on different screens.The available behaviors were tailored per element, the most common ones are: Scale proportionally:The element's proportions (width and height) keep the same aspect ratio on all screens. Relative width:The element's width changes automatically, in relation to its parent element. Fixed:The element always stays the same size, it does not resize on any screen. Stretch: The element stretches to fit its parent container on every breakpoint. Hug: There are no gaps between the element and its bounding box. The size of the bounding box on each breakpoint depends on the content inside.Note: This is also the default behavior for a horizontal stack. Fixed height: The section always stays the same height, regardless of screen size. Fit to screen: This makes the section take up the entire height of the viewport (100 vh). If needed, you can adjust the vh so it takes up less space. Wrap: The font size stays the same on all breakpoints, but the text wraps to fit its bounding box on smaller screens. This adds more rows to show the text. Hug: This leaves no gaps between the text and its bounding box. It also means that the amount of rows in your text always stays the same, regardless of screen size. Select the relevant breakpoint. Select the element. Click the Open Inspector iconat the top right of the editor. Select an option from the Responsive behavior drop-down.The advanced settings in the Inspector allow deeper customization of the element's size per breakpoint. Instead of working with px* and choosing a responsive behavior, this mode lets you see the measurements we're using behind the scenes (e.g. px, %, vh) and adjust them to your needs.You can choose the one(s) you prefer using: Pixels (px): If you want your element to stay exactly the same on every screen size, you can simply set its height and width in px values. Percentage (%): The width / height value of the element depends on its parent's dimensions. This ensures the element resizes in proportion to its parent. For example, you can dock a text element (child) to a container (parent) and set its width to 50%. This way, your text always takes up 50% of the container's width regardless of the screen size. Viewport width and height (vw and vh): These measurements represent the width and height of a given viewport (browser). For example, 1vw in width = 1% of the browser's width. Max Content (max-c): You can use this measurement to set an element'swidth, and make it depend on the size of its child elements no matter how big the content is or how many words it contains. The parent element fits itself to the content. Calculation: Using basic mathematical principals, you can write a "formula" that determines an element's width or height. You can even combine different measurements in this calculation (e.g., vh and px). For example, you can make a header and a section take up the entire viewport height (100vh). If the header height is set to 100px, the calculation for the section height would be: (100vh - 100px). This subtracts the header height from the viewport. For some elements, the width or height is already set to Auto. This means the element's content determines the width / height, allowing you to add or remove content without worrying about resizing. Go to your editor. Select the relevant element. Click theOpen Inspectoriconat the top right of the editor. Click the More Actions icon next to Size. Enable the Advanced settings toggle. Edit the sizing as needed: Width, height, and min and max values.Tip: Switch to a different unit (e.g. from px to %) by clicking it in the Inspector. This opens a list of the available measurements for the element.Choose your sizing preference for the site you're designing. If you like working with advanced CSS measurements, you can enable the advanced settings across the editor. Alternatively, if you prefer choosing the sizing mode per element, you can keep it that way. Click the Wix Studio iconat the top left. Hover overView. Hover over Sizing Preference. Choose your preference: Always Show Advanced: The sizing in the Inspector is always set to advanced.Note: This mode disables the option to switch specific elements back from advanced settings. Set per Element: You set the sizing preference for every element. Click a question below to learn more about sizing.The advanced sizing settings give you full control of the element's size on each breakpoint.Usually, there's no need to switch to advanced the element's responsive behavior already ensures it looks the way you want on every screen.However, if you have a specific size unit you want to work with (e.g. vh, vw, max-c), whether it's fluid or fixed, you should switch to advanced sizing.Elements and widgets related to Wix apps (e.g. Wix Stores, Wix Blog) only offer certain responsive behaviors those that would work best for each element.For example, the available responsive behaviors for the Category Page element are 'Stretch', 'Fixed' and 'Relative Width'.Make sure to set the elements' responsive behavior as well. For example, if you set a section to 'Scale proportionally' but a child element is set to 'Fixed', that element will stay fixed across breakpoints.Note: We're investigating an issue wherein some buttons and menus don't show the 'Scale proportionally' behavior in the Inspector. If you're experiencing this issue, you can follow it here and get an email when it's fixed.In some cases, the ability to adjust an element's size depends on its relationship with its parent or child elements.In repeaters, for example, the height option is disabled in the Inspector panel because the repeater's height is determined by the height of its items (i.e. child elements). Adjusting the items' height automatically changes the repeater's height.On the other hand, when selecting a repeater item, you'll see the width option is disabled. This is because the item's width is tied to the overall width of the repeater. To adjust the item's width, you would need to make the repeater itself wider or narrower. This issue typically occurs when the responsive behavior of the image or video is not set to scale proportionally. To fix this, go to the Inspector panel and set the responsive behavior to 'Scale proportionally'.Additionally, some app-related elements such as pro gallery have their own internal sizing or proportion settings. In these cases, we recommend checking the element's Settings panel.When arranging elements, they could be spaced just right in the editor but overlap when you check the live site on different viewports. Overlap usually happens due to the way elements are positioned or because of their responsive behavior.If elements on your client's site overlap on different screen sizes, check the elements' positioning, docking and responsive behavior in the Inspector panel. For example, if an the elements are set to 'Fixed', the solution may be selecting a responsive behavior that resizes each element on smaller screens.In addition, if the elements share the same parent but no relationship (e.g. stack) is defined between them, they will act independently and may overlap.Learn more about preventing overlap across breakpoints.In this articleChoosing an element's responsive behaviorUsing advanced size measurementsSetting the sizing preferenceLeading or presiding officer of an organized group"Chairman of the Board" redirects here. For other uses, see Chairman of the Board (disambiguation).Agustn Vsquez Gmez, ambassador of the Republic of El Salvador, chairing the OPCW's Fourth Review Conference, November 2018The chair, also chairman, chairwoman, or chairperson, is the presiding officer of an organized group such as a board, committee, or deliberative assembly. The person holding the office, who is typically elected or appointed by members of the group or organisation, presides over meetings of the group, and is required to conduct the group's business in an orderly fashion.[1]In some organizations, the chair is also known as president (or other title).[2][3] In others, where a board appoints a president (or other title), the two terms are used for distinct positions. The term chairman may be used in a neutral manner, not directly implying the gender of the holder. In meetings or conferences, to "chair" something (chairing) means to lead the event.[4]Look up chair, chairman, chairwoman, chairperson, or preside in Wiktionary, the free dictionary.Terms for the office and its holder include chair, chairman, chairwoman, chairperson, convenor, facilitator, moderator, president, and presiding officer.[5][6][7][8][9] The chair of a parliamentary chamber is sometimes called the speaker.[10][11] Chair has been used to refer to a seat or office of authority since the middle of the 17th century; its earliest citation in the Oxford English Dictionary dates to 16581659, four years after the first citation for chairman.[12][13][14] Feminist critiques have analysed Chairman as a possible example of sexist language, associating the male gender with the exercise of authority, this has led to some use of the generic "Chairperson".[15]In World Schools Style debating, as of 2009, chair or chairman refers to the person who controls the debate; it recommends using Madame Chair or Mr. Chairman to address the chair.[16] The FranklinCovey Style Guide for Business and Technical Communication and the American Psychological Association style guide advocate using chair or chairperson.[17][18] The Oxford Dictionary of American Usage and Style (2000) suggested that the gender-neutral forms were gaining ground; it advocated chair for both men and women.[19] The Daily Telegraph's style guide bans the use of chair and chairperson; the newspaper's position, as of 2018, is that "chairman is correct English".[20] The National Association of Parliamentarians adopted a resolution in 1975 discouraging the use of chairperson and rescinded it in 2017.[21][22]Ambassador Leena Al-Hadid of Jordan chairs a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2018.[23]The word chair can refer to the place from which the holder of the office presides, whether on a chair, at a lectern, or elsewhere.[1] During meetings, the person presiding is said to be "in the chair" and is also referred to as "the chair".[1] Parliamentary procedure requires that members address the "chair" as "Mr. (or Madam) Chairman (or Chair or Chairperson)" rather than using a name one of many customs intended to maintain the presiding officer's impartiality and to ensure an objective and impersonal approach.[7][24]In the British music hall tradition, the chairman was the master of ceremonies who announced the performances and was responsible for controlling any rowdy elements in the audience. The role was popularised on British TV in the 1960s and 1970s by Leonard Sachs, the chairman on the variety show The Good Old Days.[25]"Chairman" as a quasi-title gained particular resonance when socialist states from 1917 onwards shunned more traditional leadership labels and stressed the collective control of Soviets (councils or committees) by beginning to refer to executive figureheads as "Chairman of the X Committee". Lenin, for example, officially functioned as the head of Soviet Russian government not as prime minister or as president, but as "Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars".[26][27] At the same time, the head of the state was first called "Chairman of the Central Executive Committee" (until 1938) and then "Chairman of the Presidium of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet". In Communist China, Mao Zedong was commonly called "Chairman Mao", as he was officially Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman of the Central Military Commission.Sam Ervin (right), chairman of the United States Senate Watergate Committee, 1973In addition to the administrative or executive duties in organizations, the chair presides over meetings.[28] Such duties at meetings include:Calling the meeting to orderDetermining if a quorum is presentAnnouncing the items on the "order of business", or agenda, as they come upRecognition of members to have the floorEnforcing the rules of the groupPutting questions (motions) to a vote, which is the usual way of resolving disagreements following discussion of the issuesAdjourning the meetingWhile presiding, the chair should remain impartial and not interrupt a speaker if the speaker has the floor and is following the rules of the group.[29] In committees or small boards, the chair votes along with the other members; in assemblies or larger boards, the chair should vote only when it can affect the result.[30] At a meeting, the chair only has one vote (i.e. the chair cannot vote twice and cannot override the decision of the group unless the organization has specifically given the chair such authority).[31]The powers of the chair vary widely across organizations. In some organizations they have the authority to hire staff and make financial decisions. In others they only make recommendations to a board of directors, or may have no executive powers, in which case they are mainly a spokesperson for the organization. The power given depends upon the type of organization, its structure, and the rules it has created for itself.If the chair exceeds their authority, engages in misconduct, or fails to perform their duties, they may face disciplinary procedures. Such procedures may include censure, suspension, or removal from office. The rules of the organization would provide details on who can perform these disciplinary procedures.[32] Usually, whoever appointed or elected the chair has the power to discipline them.There are three common types of chair in public corporations.The chief executive officer (CEO) may also hold the title of chair, in which case the board frequently names an independent member of the board as a lead independent director.[33] This position is equivalent to the position of prsident-directeur gnral in France.[citation needed]Executive chair is an office separate from that of CEO, where the titleholder wields influence over company operations, such as Larry Ellison of Oracle, Douglas Flint of HSBC and Steve Case of AOL Time Warner. In particular, the group chair of HSBC is considered the top position of that institution, outranking the chief executive, and is responsible for leading the board and representing the company in meetings with government figures. Before the creation of the group management board in 2006, HSBC's chair essentially held the duties of a chief executive at an equivalent institution, while HSBC's chief executive served as the deputy. After the 2006 reorganization, the management cadre ran the business, while the chair oversaw the controls of the business through compliance and audit and the direction of the business.[34][35][36]Non-executive chair is also a separate post from the CEO; unlike an executive chair, a non-executive chair does not interfere in day-to-day company matters. Across the world, many companies have separated the roles of chair and CEO, saying that this move improves corporate governance. The non-executive chair's duties are typically limited to matters directly related to the board, such as:[37]Chairing the meetings of the board.Organizing and coordinating the board's activities, such as by setting its annual agenda.Reviewing and evaluating the performance of the CEO and the other board members.Christina Magnuson, as chairman,[38] presides over the 2016 annual meeting of the Friends of the Ulriksdal Palace Theater.Many companies in the US have an executive chair; this method of organization is sometimes called the American model. Having a non-executive chair is common in the UK and Canada; this is sometimes called the British model. Expert opinion is rather evenly divided over which is the preferable model.[39] There is a growing push by public market investors for companies with an executive chair to have a lead independent director to provide some element of an independent perspective.[40][41]The role of the chair in a private equity-backed board differs from the role in non-profit or publicly listed organizations in several ways, including the pay, role and what makes an effective private-equity chair.[42] Companies with both an executive chair and a CEO include Ford,[43] HSBC,[44] Alphabet Inc.,[45] and HP.[46]A vice- or deputy chair, subordinate to the chair, is sometimes chosen to assist and to serve as chair in the latter's absence, or when a motion involving the chair is being discussed.[47] In the absence of the chair and vice-chair, groups sometimes elect a chair pro tempore to fill the role for a single meeting.[48] In some organizations that have both titles, deputy chair ranks higher than vice-chair, as there are often multiple vice-chairs but only a single deputy chair.[49] This type of deputy chair title on its own usually has only an advisory role and not an operational one (such as Ted Turner at Time Warner).[50]An unrelated definition of vice- and deputy chairs describes an executive who is higher ranking or has more seniority than an executive vice-president (EVP).Executive directorNon-executive directorParliamentary procedure in the corporate worldPresident (corporate title)^ a b c Robert, Henry M.; etal. 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Retrieved 2008-10-22.^ See also the American Heritage Dictionary, the Oxford English Dictionary, the online edition of the current Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Word Origins by Anatoly Liberman (page 88), Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage (page 235)^ *Margrit Eichler (28 October 2013). Nonsexist Research Methods: A Practical Guide. Routledge. p.14. ISBN978-1-134-97797-0. Typically, these analyses pointed out the use of so-called generic male terms as sexist... As a consequence of these critiques, guides were published that replaced so-called generic male terms with truly generic terms: policeman became police officer; fireman, fire fighter; postman, mail carrier; workman, worker; chairman, chairperson; mankind, humanity; and so on.Barrie Thorne; Nancy Henley (1975). Language and Sex: Difference and Dominance. Newbury House Publishers. p.28. ISBN9780883770436. Is it possible to change sexist language? ... Much of the debate has centered around two types of change: the coining of new terms (such as Ms. to replace Miss/Mrs., and chairperson to replace chairman and chairwoman), and various proposal to replace he as the generic third person singular pronoun.Dale Spender (1990). Man Made Language. Pandora. pp.2930. ISBN978-0-04-440766-9. Another factor which we must bear in mind is that women need more words - and more positive words - not less. The removal of sexist words would not leave a large repertoire of words for women to draw upon! ... Some attempts have been made to modify sexist words and there arc signs that this on its own is insufficient to reduce sexism in language. Words such as police officer and chairperson have been an attempt to break away from the negative value which female words acquire by the creation of sex-neutral terms"The language of gender". Oxford Living Dictionary. Oxford University Press. Archived from the original on 2019-05-10. Retrieved 2019-05-20. 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