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Lawrence Joseph "Larry" Ellison, born August 17, 1944 was an American business leader, founder and CEO of Oracle Corporation, a major enterprise software company. In 2010 he was the sixth richest person in the world, with personal wealth of \$ 27 billion.

Larry Ellison was born in New York City to Florence Spellman, a 19-year-Jewish mother married. At the request of his mother, he was given to her aunt and uncle in Chicago to improve. Lillian Spellman Ellison and Louis Ellison adopted when she was nine months. Ellison did not learn her name or see him until he was 48;. His father's identity is unknown.

Ellison graduated from Eugene Field Elementary School on the north side of Chicago in January, 1958 and attended Sullivan High School at least until the autumn of 1959 before moving to the South Shore.

Ellison grew up in a two-bedroom apartment on Chicago's South Beach neighborhood Jewish middle class. Ellison remembers his adoptive mother as warm and loving, in contrast to hard, that does not support, and often distant adoptive father, a Russian Jew from the Crimea who adopted the name Ellison to honor his opinion into the United States, Ellis Island. Louis, his adoptive father, was a modest government employee who has made a small fortune in Chicago real estate, only to lose during the Great Depression.

Ellison was a bright but inattentive student. He left the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at the end of the second year, after not taking the final exam because the adoptive mother just died. After spending the summer in Northern California, where he lived with his friend Chuck Weiss, he attended the University of Chicago for a period, in which he first encountered computer designing. In 1964, at age 20, he moved to northern California permanently.

Ellison was inspired by a paper written by Edgar F. Codd on relational database system called "A Relational Model of Data Large Shared Data Banks". He

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founded Oracle in 1977, put up only \$ 1,400 of his own money, under the name Software Development Laboratories (SDL). In 1979, the company changed its name to Relational Software Inc., later renamed Oracle after the flagship product Oracle database. He had heard about the IBM System R database, also based on Codd's theories, and Oracle wants to be compatible with it, but IBM made this impossible by refusing to share System code R. The initial release of Oracle was Oracle 2; no Oracle 1. Release number is intended to imply that all the bugs have been worked from the previous version. Wiki letter w cropped.svg
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