



Facebook is a social networking service launched on February 4, 2004. It was founded by Mark Zuckerberg with his college roommate and fellow Harvard University student Eduardo Saverin. The website's membership was initially limited by the founders to Harvard students, but was expanded to other colleges in the Boston area, the Ivy League, and gradually most universities in the United States and Canada, corporations, and by September 2006, to everyone with a valid email address along with an age requirement of being 13 and older.



On September 26, 2006, Facebook was opened to everyone at least 13 years old with a valid email address.



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Facebook has roughly 9 million users in Russia, while domestic analogue VK has around 34 million.

# Total active users

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Date	Users (in millions)	Days later	Monthly growth
September 22, 2011	800	115	3.73%
May 30, 2011	700	145	3.45%
January 5, 2011	600	168	3.57%
July 21, 2010	500	166	4.52%
February 5, 2010	400	143	6.99%
September 15, 2009	300	160	9.38%
April 8, 2009	200	225	13.33%
August 26, 2008	100	1,665	178.38%



On March 12, 2012, Yahoo filed suit in a U.S. federal court against Facebook weeks before the scheduled Facebook initial public offering.