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Billionaire:	Elon Musk	Jeff Bezos	Richard Branson
Company:	SpaceX	Blue Origin	Virgin Galactic
YEARS			
Year 2000		Sept 2000: Jeff Bezos founds Blue Origin	
Year 2001			
Year 2002	May 2002: Elon Musk founds SpaceX		
Year 2003			
Year 2004			Early 2004: Richard Branson founds Virgin Galactic. October 2004: SpaceShipOne takes three people to space over two weeks, winning a \$10m Ansari X Prize
Year 2005		March 2005: Blue Origin's first flight test vehicle, Charon, makes its first and only test flight	August 2005: Virgin Galactic starts accepting refundable deposits from customers, raising \$10m in a matter of weeks
Year 2006	March 2006: The first Falcon 1 launch fails a minute into ascent due to a fuel leak		
Year 2007			
Year 2008	Sept 2008: The Falcon 1 becomes the first privately developed liquid-fuel rocket to enter Earth's orbit	2008: Blue Origin reveal plans for the 'New Shepard', stating it will fly unmanned in 2011, and manned in 2012	December 2008: Launch vehicle VMS (Virgin Mother Ship) Eve, has a successful test flight
Year 2009			
Year 2010	December 2010: SpaceX becomes the first private company to launch, orbit and recover a spacecraft		March 2010: VSS (Virgin Space Ship) Enterprise, makes its first free flight, lasting 6 hours
Year 2011		April 2011. Blue Origin receive a commitment from NASA for \$22m under the CCDev phase 2 programme	
Year 2012	25/05/2012: SpaceX is the first private company to send and dock a spacecraft at the I.S.S		
Year 2013			April 2013: The first rocket-powered test flight of SpaceShipTwo hits 55,000 feet
Year 2014		July 2014: It's revealed that Bezos has invested over \$500m of his own money into Blue Origin	October 2014: On its 56th test flight VSS Enterprise crashes into the California desert
Year 2015	December 2015: The Falcon 9 vertically lands back on Earth, a first for SpaceX and an important step in rocketry	April 2015: The New Shepard has its first test flight November 2015: The New Shepard becomes the first suborbital booster to fly to space and return to Earth	
Year 2016	April 2016: SpaceX achieves the first vertical landing on an ocean platform with the Falcon 9	2016. Blue Origin reveal plans to begin flying passengers to space on the New Shepard in 2018	September 2016: Replacement ship VSS Unity completes its first successful test flight
Year 2017			
Year 2018	February 2018: The Falcon Heavy has its first test flight, beyond Mars orbit, carrying Musk's Tesla Roadster	June 2018. Blue Origin indicate that they will now not be selling tickets for the New Shepard until 2019	December 2018: SpaceShipTwo becomes the first US commercial human flight to reach space since 2011
Year 2019	January 2019: SpaceX reveal the Starship rocket, which will be used for crewed missions to the Moon and Mars	January 2019: The New Shepard lands safely in the Texas desert after the system's 10th overall test flight	January 2019: Branson reveals that Virgin Galactic plans to begin commercial flights by mid-2019
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