

The three ages of UNIX

UNIX® is now a third of a century old. It evolved in three phases of roughly 11 years each:

- 1969—1980: a research project, little known outside AT&T except at some universities.
- 1980—1991: UNIX developed into a commercial operating system (UNIX System V, XENIX, SunOS, Ultrix and friends).
- 1991—2002: Free UNIX gained momentum.

