



## Dr. John E. Warnock

Co-founder and former chairman of the board  
Adobe Inc.

Since Dr. John Warnock co-founded Adobe in 1982 with Dr. Charles Geschke, the two have worked closely together to develop a stream of pioneering software products that have established Adobe as leader and innovator in digital experiences across every screen.

For nearly three decades, Warnock's vision and passion have been integral to Adobe's success, building the company from a small start-up to one of the largest, most recognized software brands in the world. He was president of Adobe for the company's first two years and CEO for the next 16 years. Warnock retired as CEO in 2000 and as the company's CTO in 2001. He served as chairman of the board from April 1989 to January 2017, sharing that position with Geschke from September 1997 until 2017. He remained a member of Adobe's board of directors until August 2023.

Before co-founding Adobe, Warnock was a principal scientist at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center. Prior to joining Xerox, he held key positions at Evans & Sutherland Computer Corporation, Computer Sciences Corporation, IBM and the University of Utah.

Among many awards, Warnock, along with Geschke, was the recipient of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, one of the nation's highest honors bestowed on scientists, engineers, and inventors. Warnock holds a doctorate in electrical engineering (computer science), a master's degree in mathematics and a bachelor's degree in mathematics and philosophy from the University of Utah. He was also awarded an honorary degree in science from the University of Utah.

On August 19, 2023, Warnock passed away. John's brilliance and innovations left an indelible mark on Adobe, the technology industry and the world.