

Technology through generations



Different generations have very different approaches to technology. They interact with it differently. It used to be normal to knock on the neighbour's door to borrow salt. Today, it is just a click on an app and it is delivered to our door.

Techno-science is not a matter of education. It is something we are born into and it differs according to the degree of technicality of the world we have entered. That's why the younger generations are more at ease with digital technology: they don't know the world any differently. They are digital natives.

By "digital generation" we mean people who were born or raised in the digital age, with generalised access to the technologies of the modern age (computer, smartphone, internet...). David Buckingham and Rebekah Willett have written a book, "Digital Generations", which focuses on this premise and the dangers and opportunities that technology offers to these "digital" generations.



This term 'Digital Generation' has also been adopted for an [NPR series](#) that explores how different generations engage with technology. Whatever our level of engagement we all live in a digital world. Of course, the extent to which each person is comfortable and ready to embrace technology also depends on when they entered the world. [Just look at the following generations and their birth dates:](#)

- Silent Traditionalists born between 1925-1945
- Baby Boomers born between 1945-1965
- Gen X born between 1965-1980
- Millennials born between 1980-1995
- Gen Z born between 1995-2010
- Gen Alpha born 2010 to the present day



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