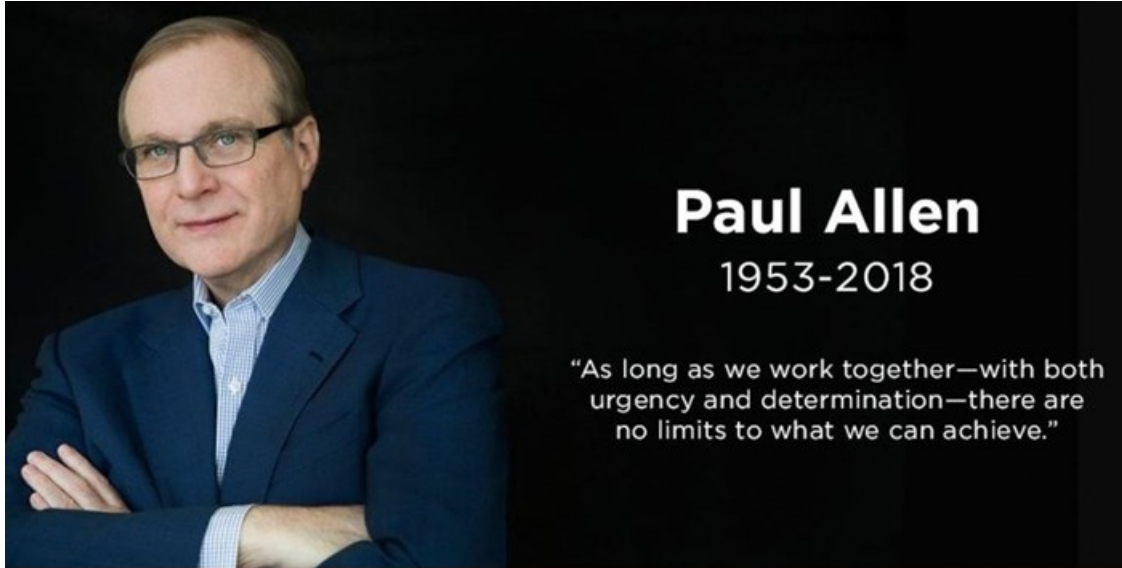


# Microsoft co-founder, Paul Allen dies at 65

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, the man who persuaded Bill Gates to drop out of Harvard to start what became the world's biggest software company, died on Monday, 15 October 2018, at the age of 65.



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It is reported that Allen died in Seattle from complications related to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma two weeks after Allen said he was being treated for the disease.

“ Some personal news: Recently, I learned the non-Hodgkin's lymphoma I battled in 2009 has returned. I've begun treatment & my doctors are optimistic that I will see a good result. Appreciate the support I've received & count on it as I fight this challenge. <https://t.co/ZolxS8lni5>  
— Paul Allen (@PaulGAllen) [October 1, 2018](#) ”

Allen was a childhood friend of Bill Gates, who together started Microsoft in 1975.

“ Bill Gates' statement on the death of fellow Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen: "He deserved much more time, but his contributions to the world of technology and philanthropy will live on for generations to come." <https://t.co/KFjqoLogVf>  
— ABC News (@ABC) [October 16, 2018](#)  
<pic.twitter.com/8SjqAHlPHZ> ”

“ Microsoft (@Microsoft) [October 15, 2018](#)  
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Allen was also an avid sports fan and went on to buy several sports teams. He was ranked among the world's wealthiest individuals, with an estimated net worth of more than \$20bn, and dedicated much of his later life to philanthropic work.





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"In my experience, each failure contains the seeds of your next success - if you are willing to learn from it." - Paul Allen, co-founder of @microsoft 💎💎

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