

VOICE TECH SUMMARY OF MILESTONES

Tracking the key sector developments

The Applied Voice Input 1981
Output Society is founded

Mike Phillips & Bill O'Farrell 1994

found SpeechWorks

Wildfire Communications launches **Wildfire Assistant**

Mike McCue and Angus Davis 1999
Found **Tellme Networks**



2005

Microsoft launches Microsoft **Speech Server**

AVIXD The Association for Voice Interaction Design is founded 2008



Google Announces Voice Search

Amazon Acquires Yap 2011

The Ubiquitous Voice Society Launched

Microsoft Announces Cortana 2014

Amazon Echo Available Prime members



Google Home Released 2016



Cortana & Alexa Officially Announced Samsung Announces Galaxy Home 2018



1952

Bell Laboratories build **Audrey** - **Speech Recognizer** for strings of digits

1982 Dr. James Baker & Dr. Janet M. Baker found **Dragon Systems**



1995 Microsoft Releases its Speech API SAPI 1.0

2004 James Siminoff & William Price found **PhoneTag**

Mike Phillips & John Nguyen break off Nuance and launch **Vlingo**



2010

Siri is published as a mobile app on **iOS Apple** buys it later that year

2013 Facebook Acquires Speech Translation startup **Jibbigo**



2015

Amazon Echo launches **Connected Home** capabilities and **Alexa Skills Kit** released



2017

Amazon Announces its Alexa Partners
Google Home Supports Voice ID & Calling
Ventures Anywhere launch Sound Branch



2019

Ventures Anywhere launch first 'reality radio' with MumsAnywhere