

Background

Milestones in HPI's history

January 2017

2017

- The city of Potsdam confers honorary citizenship on Hasso Plattner
- In January, Hasso Plattner opens his new Museum Barberini in Potsdam's city center
- HPI's PhD student Stefanie Müller starts as a junior professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2016

- HPI develops a "School-Cloud," in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the school network MINT-EC. The "School-Cloud" allows the central administration and access to digital learning and teaching content. Students and teachers can access this content from anywhere
- The Jewish Museum Berlin awards Professor Hasso Plattner the 2016 "Award for Understanding and Tolerance," honoring his engagement for a peaceful and respectful co-existence
- In cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), HPI develops new digital educational resources to support health workers in responding rapidly to humanitarian emergencies and epidemics
- Hasso Plattner announces the expansion of HPI to a new Faculty of Digital Engineering, with approval of the plan by the University of Potsdam Senate
- In a newly founded "Mittelstand 4.0-Kompetenzzentrums," HPI and regional partners provide practical support for companies in helping them to meet the challenges of digitalization
- HPI School of Design Thinking at University of Cape Town (UCT) opens
- The Stanford Center for Professional Development and HPI begin their collaborative program for managers, "Leading Digital Transformation and Innovation"
- During his visit to Berlin, Mark Zuckerberg talks to an HPI student about hate speech on Facebook
- The magazine Forbes names HPI's master graduate Daniel Taschik one of the most promising entrepreneurs under 30 years old
- Student Franz Liedke, a Berlin native, is HPI's 500th master graduate

2015

- At CeBIT, HPI presents the latest research and development results from the world of Big Data for the "d!conomy"

- HPI professor emeritus and German Internet pioneer, Werner Zorn has been appointed by China to the high-level advisory committee of the World Internet Conference
- Hasso Plattner Institute's software system CloudRAID has become the recipient of the Innovation Award 2015 of the IT security association TeleTrust
- In the context of the openHPI forum, the interactive learning platform of Hasso Plattner Institute has been honored as "Landmark" in the initiative "Germany—Land of Ideas"
- In the first large-scale scientific study on the effects of Design Thinking in daily life, HPI researchers were able to demonstrate the success of the innovation methods learned at the HPI School of Design Thinking
- openHPI, the learning platform of Hasso Plattner Institute, reached the enrollment mark of 200,000 in August 2015
- During a visit to Hasso Plattner Institute, EU Digital Commissioner Oettinger spoke in favor of a digital single market for Europe
- In cooperation with the UN, Hasso Plattner Institute launched the online learning platform in China <https://openune.cn>
- HPI PhD graduate Ziawasch Abedjan was honored with the award for the best dissertation by the Universitätsgesellschaft (University Society) of the University of Potsdam
- HPI founder, Professor Hasso Plattner has been honored by the German American Business Association (GABA) with the Lifetime Achievement Award. With this award, GABA pays tribute to Plattner's time-honored commitment to German-American economic relations.

2014

- October: HPI launches intensive training program in Design Thinking targeting those who drive innovation in business
- Founder Hasso Plattner receives the Leonardo European Corporate Learning Award in October
- 3rd Business Plan Competition for HPI students concludes in September
- Starting in August companies can contact students directly via the career portal HPI Connect
- May: at the 2nd Potsdam Conference on National Cyber Security, HPI presents useful new services for Web users
- HPI scientists name a newly developed programming language "Babelsberg"
- At CeBIT in March, HPI presents the touchscreen innovation "Fiberio," winner of the 2014 CeBIT Innovation Award
- openHPI celebrates its 100,000th enrollment in February

2013

- In cooperation with the Brandenburg Institute for Society and Security (Brandenburg Institut für Gesellschaft und Sicherheit - BIGS), HPI organizes the Potsdam Conference on National Cyber Security. Guests are high-ranking representatives from politics, security agencies, business and science

2012

- HPI again achieves top results in two CHE computer science rankings in May and December. HPI's computer science degree program is chosen among the best at German universities
- October: launch of the free online learning platform "openHPI" (www.openHPI.de)
- September: festivities in celebration of five years of the HPI School of Design Thinking at the d.confestival
- 2nd Business Plan Competition for HPI students

2011

- Excellent Bachelor graduates in computer science can apply for a new Master's program which is designed to lead up to a Ph.D. degree
- At CeBIT Prof. Hasso Plattner and his HPI deputy chair, Dr. Alexander Zeier launched their new book: It discusses the In-memory Technology which is a result of the combined high-tech research of HPI and SAP

2010

- November: German Federal President Christian Wulff stops over at the HPI on his inaugural visit to the city of Potsdam
- July: opening of the new main building
- First business plan contest exclusively for HPI students
- June: opening of the HPI's top-level research lab, "Future SOC Lab"
- April: launch of the second branch of the HPI Research School at Technion in Haifa (Israel)
- The HPI School of Design Thinking triples its student capacity to 120 students per term in 2010
- HPI ranks first in the CHE (Centre for Higher Education Development) list of computer science programs

2009

- 10-year anniversary celebration with two scientific conferences
- As of the HPI's 10-year anniversary, the institute lists 460 Bachelor and 190 Master degrees, 26 PhDs and one PostDoc
- April: launch of the first international branch of the HPI Research School at University of Cape Town in South Africa
- amongst three other universities the HPI is #1 at the CHE-Ranking

- In February Prof. Hasso Plattner places the foundation stone for the new HPI extension building

2008

- November: launch of a cooperation with Stanford University in the field of innovation research
- Creation of two new research groups: System Analysis and Modeling, and Human-Computer Interaction
- HPI is being awarded "Selected Location" the third time by the initiative "Germany - Land of Ideas".

2007

- Start of HPI School of Design Thinking
- 300th Bachelor's and 100th Master's degree
- for the second time HPI is "selected location" in the innovation campaign "Germany - Land of Ideas"

2006

- December: the federal government's first National IT Summit is held at HPI
- Creation of two new research groups: Software Architectures, and Information Systems
- HPI lists 200 Bachelor and 50 Master degrees
- HPI is "selected location" of the innovation campaign "Germany - land of ideas"
- #4 at the CHE-Ranking

2005

- October: founding of the HPI Research School
- July: founding of the venture capital fund Hasso Plattner Ventures in close vicinity of HPI
- In May, the first Master's degrees are awarded.

2004

- Institute founder Hasso Plattner appoints Prof. Dr. Christoph Meinel as the new Scientific Director and announces plans for a large-scale extension of the Institute in Potsdam and Palo Alto as well as cooperation with Stanford University.

2003

- In April, the first Bachelor's degree is awarded
- In the summer semester, the first Master's program commences.

2002

- Hasso Plattner awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Potsdam

2001

- In October, the Institute's new premises are officially opened.

2000

- In July, the foundation stone for the Institute's own premises is laid.

1999

- In October, the Institute commences its academic work in rented premises
- The Hasso Plattner Foundation is set up in December.

1998

- In October, Hasso Plattner founds the "Hasso Plattner Institute for Software Systems Engineering" as a business company
- Prof. Dr. Siegfried Wendt is appointed Scientific Director.

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