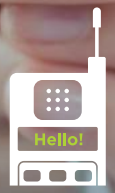
The History of the Mobile Phone (1980 – Now)

1983
Motorola releases **the world's first** commercially available **analogue** cell phone.

1991
The world's first digital cell phone approved for commercial use.



1993
Text Messaging service becomes available.

1996
Email and **Internet** access for mobile phones is introduced.

1998
The first downloadable content is sold via mobile phones: the ring tone.

1999
Commercially available cell phones now have **GPS**.

2000
Cell phones are now able to **play MP3 files** and feature **cameras**.

2007
Apple introduces the iPhone, the first mobile device to combine the features of a cell phone, pocket computer and multimedia player.

2009
LG launched the world's first **wrist watch phone**.

2012
Mobile Payments (Near Field Communication) is available now allowing customers to pay with their phone.

2013
Biometric Security (Touch ID) becomes available on a major U.S. carrier.

2015
Cell phones can now connect to **multiple cellular networks**.