

# Larry Ellison Quotes

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A corporation's primary goal is to make money. Government's primary role is to take a big chunk of that money and give it to others.

~Larry Ellison

If you do everything that everyone else does in business, you're going to lose. The only way to really be ahead, is to 'be different'.

~Larry Ellison

Great achievers are driven, not so much by the pursuit of success, but by the fear of failure.

~Larry Ellison

The only way to get ahead is to find errors in conventional wisdom.

~Larry Ellison

Act confident, even when you're not.

~Larry Ellison

When you innovate, you've got to be prepared for everyone telling you you're nuts.

~Larry Ellison

The things that caused problems for me in school are the same things that help me succeed in the world.

~Larry Ellison

See things in the present, even if they are in the future.

~Larry Ellison

You have to believe in what you do in order to get what you want.

~Larry Ellison

Life's a journey. It's a journey about discovering limits.

~Larry Ellison

Think of it as you want it, not as it is!

~Larry Ellison

When you live your life in different ways, it makes people around you become uncomfortable. So deal with it. They don't know what you are going to do.

~Larry Ellison

Five years from now, I don't know how I'll think.

~Larry Ellison

Bill Gates wants people to think he's Edison, when he's really Rockefeller. Referring to Gates as the smartest man in America isn't right... wealth isn't the same thing as intelligence.

~Larry Ellison

Taking care of your employees is extremely important, and very, very visible.

~Larry Ellison

Everyone thought the acquisition strategy was extremely risky because no one had ever done it successfully. In other words, it was innovative.

~Larry Ellison

I have had all the disadvantages required for success.

~Larry Ellison

If I were 21 years old, I would go into biotechnology or genetic engineering.

~Larry Ellison

I'm right, and everyone else is wrong.

~Larry Ellison

You have to act and act now.

~Larry Ellison

You can't spend as much money as I have, even if you try. I've been trying.

~Larry Ellison

Winning is not enough. All others must lose.

~Larry Ellison

When I do something, it is all about self-discovery. I want to learn and discover my own limits.

~Larry Ellison

You cannot innovate by copying.

~Larry Ellison

All you can do is every day, try to solve a problem and make your company better

~Larry Ellison

To model yourself after Steve Jobs is like, 'I'd like to paint like Picasso, what should I do? Should I use more red?'

~Larry Ellison

I hate the PC, with a passion.

~Larry Ellison

Once the business data have been centralized and integrated, the value of the database is greater than the sum of the preexisting parts.

~Larry Ellison

I have hobbies. I do all sorts of ridiculous things.

~Larry Ellison

I believe people have to follow their dreams-I did.

~Larry Ellison

... Don't mistake any of this for altruism...Fear and greed just doesn't work. If you want to be successful, quality and service just works better.

~Larry Ellison

The computer industry is the only industry that is more fashion-driven than women's fashion.

~Larry Ellison

Bill Gates is the pope of the personal computer industry. He decides who is going to build.

~Larry Ellison

If an innovative piece of software comes along, Microsoft copies it and makes it part of Windows. This is not innovation; this is the end of innovation.

~Larry Ellison

All you can do is all you can do.

~Larry Ellison

Those that believe this is merely a downturn are mad. Our industry is going to mature and as something matures, the rate of innovation does slow.

~Larry Ellison

Oracle's got 100+ enterprise applications live in the #cloud; today, SAP's got nothin' but SuccessFactors until 2020.

~Larry Ellison

I love sailing. I like it more when I am winning.

~Larry Ellison

We will still be enormously profitable and by far the most profitable enterprise software company.

~Larry Ellison

In order to grow at this pace, there will have to be a couple of acquisitions along the way. The tricky thing is to grow at this rate and maintain a 40 percent operating margin.

~Larry Ellison

It's Microsoft versus mankind, with Microsoft having only a slight lead.

~Larry Ellison

What can a sales person say to somebody to get them to buy a product that they already use every day if they don't like it? Nothing.

~Larry Ellison

When you find errors in conventional wisdom-when everyone says A and A is not true-you gain competitive advantage. Only a few times do you have to find errors in conventional wisdom to make a living.

~Larry Ellison

Microsoft is already the most powerful company on earth but you ain't seen nothing yet.

~Larry Ellison

I'm addicted to winning. The more you win, the more you want to win.

~Larry Ellison

Really great blogs do not take the place of great microprocessors. Great blogs do not replace great software. Lots and lots of blogs does not replace lots and lots of sales.

~Larry Ellison

If the Internet turns out not to be the future of computing, we're toast. But if it is, we're golden.

~Larry Ellison

Once open source gets good enough, competing with it would be insane.

~Larry Ellison

Both my mother and I were determined that we weren't going to stay on welfare. We always worked toward doing better, toward having a better life. We never had any doubts that we would.

~Larry Ellison

Our goal is simply to become the desktop for e-businesses.

~Larry Ellison

We have been doing things that are contrary; the things that people tell us won't work from the beginning. In fact, the only way to get ahead is to find errors in conventional wisdom.

~Larry Ellison

Building Oracle is like doing math puzzles as a kid.

~Larry Ellison

I think I am very goal oriented. I'd like to win the America's cup. I'd like Oracle to be the No 1 software company in the world. I still think it is possible to beat Microsoft.

~Larry Ellison

If I see Danny Hillis quoted as an expert on MPP one more time, I'm going to puke.

~Larry Ellison

I know some people are offended by the fact that I'm spending a lot of

money trying to win the America's Cup. I could have given all that money to charity.

~Larry Ellison

When you write a program for Android, you use the Oracle Java tools for everything, and at the very end, you push a button and say, Convert this to Android format.

~Larry Ellison

There will be no new architecture for computing for the next 1,000 years.

~Larry Ellison

Being first is more important to me [than earning money]. I have so much money. Whatever money is, it's just a method of keeping score now. I mean, I certainly don't need more money.

~Larry Ellison

I think after a certain amount, I'm going to give almost everything I have to charity. What else can you do with it? You can't spend it, even if you try. I've been trying.

~Larry Ellison

I was vehemently against acquisitions. Now let's buy everything in sight. Well, that's a slight exaggeration. We are a little more strategic than that. But everything was on sale.

~Larry Ellison

Most companies don't want their data co-mingled with other customers. Small companies will tolerate it.

~Larry Ellison

So what makes me happy? I was really happy to build this house. That's it; building things. The trouble with software is that it's very hard



to show your aunt in Florida what you've done.

~Larry Ellison

You realize that life is short and fragile; and when you are facing walls of water, you understand your own mortality can change and how quickly things could change.

~Larry Ellison

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