

# Margaret Whitman Queen at eBay



Margaret Whitman ranks 8th among the most effective leaders in the world according to the magazine Harvard Business Review





Born	Margaret Cushing Whitman August 4, 1956 (age 53) Long Island, New York, U.S.
<i>Alma mater</i>	Princeton University, Harvard Business School
Occupation	Former President and CEO, eBay
Political party	Republican
Religion	Presbyterian
Spouse(s)	Griffith Rutherford Harsh IV
Children	2

She grew up in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N.Y. When Whitman entered Princeton University, she planned a career in medicine, but she became an economics major after a summer job selling advertising for a campus publication. She graduated with an economics degree in 1977 and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School two years later. Whitman joined Procter & Gamble, later working for the consulting firm Bain & Co., Walt Disney, Stride Rite Shoes, Florists' Transworld Delivery (FTD), and Hasbro. At Hasbro she was responsible for marketing Playskool and Mr. Potato Head brands. Since joining eBay in 1998 as president and CEO, Whitman has helped turn it into a major Internet presence, visited by some seven million people daily.

On paper at least, Whitman is a multi-billionaire and one of the richest woman CEOs in the world.





## Honors and awards

Listed 20th in Forbes 100 most powerful women in the world (2014).

Chosen as women most likely to become first female President of the United States by the New York Times (2008).

eBay Inc. (stylized as "ebay" since late 2012) is an American multinational corporation and e-commerce company, providing consumer-to-consumer and business-to-consumer sales services via the internet.

