

## The history of USB before USB 4.0

- 1995 - USB 1.0 debuted and could transfer 12 megabits. USB 1.1 followed and could also work with older devices. The familiar USB connector was introduced.
- 1998 - The iMac G3 is the first mass-market PC to bin serial and parallel ports in favour of USB.
- 2000 - USB 2.0 enters the fray, offering some power delivery options (the forerunner to the standard that enables you to charge your phone). USB flash drives debut.
- 2008 - USB 3.0 makes its debut, with a 5Gbps transfer speed. USB 3.1 is introduced as an upgraded version.
- 2014 - USB-C or USB Type-C makes its debut. This uses USB 3.1 tech, but with a new connector designed to take over from old-style USB ports. Like Apple's proprietary Lightning connector, it's symmetrical and can be inserted either way up.
- 2017 - USB 3.2 is first talked about, offering data rates of up to 20Gbps. It'll be introduced this year (2019) but it's not as simple as it seems. Just like the Wi-Fi Alliance did before it, the guys behind USB have decided that the old standards will be renamed as well.
  - USB 3.2 Gen 1, formerly known as USB 3.0, with speeds of up to 5 Gbps.
  - USB 3.2 Gen 2, formerly known as USB 3.1, 10 Gbps top speed.
  - USB 3.2 Gen 2x2, which is actually "proper" USB 3.2," with up to 20Gbps.