

## Facebook Turns 8 on the heels of IPO - and some 800 million users

✘ **Facebook** turns 8, with an estimated 845 million active subscribers.

Today marks the eighth anniversary since the social network first launched at Harvard University in Mark Zuckerberg's dorm room on February 4, 2004.

It was 8 years ago when today's most fascinating social network was born; initially before its public launch, it was called *thefacebook.com* which was only available to Howard University students.

Later, it was also made available to students of other universities of United States.

On 4th February 2008 Mark Zuckerberg renamed the domain name and launched what we know today as *Facebook*.

Since then, Facebook has remarkably grown in all aspects. Users, money, employees, everything.

Facebook has not only put its founder Mark Zuckerberg in the list of top and youngest millionaires but also helped a lot of start ups (Zynga, by the way), non profits and other companies grow, interact and increase sales.

Today in 2012, Facebook still continues to grow it's users and it's most likely to have about 1 billion users by August this year; in 2012 Facebook will finally become a public company after (too) much speculation and its IPO will likely break the ceiling in Wall Street surroundings.

I'm unable to think how much our lives have changed since then and how much has Facebook become part of everyday life - conventional media included.