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has "cleared the neighbourhood" around its orbit. 53704ca0b9 A non-satellite body fulfilling only the first two of these criteria (such as Pluto, which had hitherto been considered a planet) is classified as a dwarf planet. According to the IAU, "planets and dwarf planets are two distinct classes of objects" – in other words, "dwarf planets" are not planets. A non-satellite body fulfilling only the first criterion is termed a small Solar System body (SSSB). An alternate proposal included dwarf planets as a subcategory of planets, but IAU members voted against this proposal. The decision was a controversial one, and has drawn both support and criticism from astronomers. 53704ca0b9 Dwarf planets are capable of being geologically active, an expectation that was borne out in 2015 by the Dawn mission to Ceres and the New Horizons mission to Pluto. Planetary geologists are therefore particularly interested in them. 53704ca0b9 is in orbit around the Sun, 53704ca0b9 This encompasses all comets and all minor planets other than those that are dwarf planets. Thus SSSBs are: the comets; the classical asteroids, with the exception of the dwarf planet Ceres; the trojans; and the centaurs and trans-Neptunian objects, with the exception of the dwarf planets Pluto, Haumea, Makemake, Quaoar, Orcus,

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Sedna, Gonggong and Eris and others that may turn out to be dwarf planets.

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Solar System These four planets are part of the inner Solar System. The Solar System is an isolated single-star planetary system (not part of a larger star system) within the Milky Way Galaxy. The system formed about 4.6 billion years ago when a dense region of a molecular cloud collapsed, creating the Sun and a protoplanetary disc from which the orbiting bodies assembled. Earth and Mars are the only planets that orbit The Solar System is the gravitationally bound system of the Sun and the masses that orbit it, most prominently its eight planets, of which Earth is one

Solar System – gravitationally bound system comprising the Sun and the objects that orbit it, either directly or indirectly. Of those objects that orbit the Sun directly, the largest eight are the planets (including Earth), with the remainder being significantly smaller objects, such as dwarf planets and small Solar System bodies. Of the objects that orbit the Sun indirectly, the moons, two are larger than the smallest planet, Mercury. 53704ca0b9 == Definition == 53704ca0b9 Many planetary geologists consider dwarf planets and planetary-mass moons to be planets, but since 2006 the IAU and many astronomers have excluded them from the roster of planets. 53704ca0b9

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Outline of the Solar System Pluto Solar System models Formation and evolution of the Solar System – Nebular hypothesis Terrestrial planets Iron planets Mercury Silicate planets Geodynamics The following outline is provided as an overview of and topical guide to the Solar System: 53704ca0b9

Astronomers are in general agreement that at least the nine largest candidates are dwarf planets – in rough order of decreasing diameter, Pluto, Eris, Haumea, Makemake, Gonggong, Quaoar, Sedna, Ceres, and Orcus. A considerable uncertainty remains over the tenth largest candidate Salacia, which may thus be considered a borderline case. Of these ten, two have been visited by spacecraft (Pluto and Ceres) and seven others... 53704ca0b9 The next most massive objects of the system are the eight planets, which by definition dominate the orbits they occupy. Closest to the Sun in order of increasing distance are the terrestrial planets – Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. These four planets are part of the inner Solar System. Earth and Mars are the only planets that orbit within the Sun's habitable zone, in which sunlight can keep surface water liquid under atmospheric pressure. Beyond the frost line at... 53704ca0b9

Dwarf planet The prototypical dwarf planet is Pluto, which for decades was regarded as a planet before the "dwarf" concept was adopted in 2006. the eight classical planets of the Solar System. The prototypical dwarf planet is Pluto,

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which for decades was regarded as a planet before the “dwarf” A dwarf planet is a small planetary-mass object that is in direct orbit around the Sun, massive enough to be gravitationally rounded, but insufficient to achieve orbital dominance like the eight classical planets of the Solar System

Following the discovery of the first asteroids in the early 1800s, it was suggested that the asteroid belt might be the remnants of a planet predicted by the Titius–Bode...

Fictional planets of the Solar System It is sometimes depicted as very similar to Earth and other times very different, often used as a vehicle for satire, and frequently inhabited by counterparts of the people of Earth. Fictional planets of the Solar System have been depicted since the 1700s—often but not always corresponding to hypothetical planets that have at one point Fictional planets of the Solar System have been depicted since the 1700s—often but not always corresponding to hypothetical planets that have at one point or another been seriously proposed by real-world astronomers, though commonly persisting in fiction long after the underlying scientific theories have been refuted. Vulcan was a planet hypothesized to exist inside the orbit of Mercury between 1859 and 1915 to explain anomalies in Mercury's orbit until Einstein's theory of general relativity resolved the matter; it continued to appear in fiction as late as the 1960s.

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Counter-Earth—a planet diametrically opposite Earth in its orbit around the Sun—was originally proposed by the ancient Greek philosopher Philolaus in the fifth century BCE (albeit in a pre-heliocentric framework), and has appeared in fiction since at least the late 1800s

has sufficient mass to assume hydrostatic equilibrium (a nearly round shape), and

Small Solar System body collectively as 'Small Solar System Bodies'. Thus SSSBs are: the A small Solar System body (SSSB) is an object in the Solar System that is neither a planet, a dwarf planet, nor a natural satellite. This encompasses all comets and all minor planets other than those that are dwarf planets. The term was first defined in 2006 by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) as follows: "All other objects, except satellites, orbiting the Sun shall be referred to collectively as 'Small Solar System Bodies'"

Throughout antiquity, several astronomical objects were considered classical planets, meaning "wandering stars", not all of which are now considered planets. The moons discovered around Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus after the advent of the telescope were also initially considered planets by some. The development of more powerful telescopes resulted in the discovery of the asteroids, which were initially

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considered planets. Then Pluto, the first trans-Neptunian object, was discovered. More trans-Neptunian objects of the Kuiper belt were found with the help of electronic imaging. One of these, Eris, was widely hailed as a "new planet", which... 53704ca0b9

Pluto Like other Kuiper belt objects, Pluto is made primarily of ice and rock and is much smaller than the inner planets. planet to exclude dwarf planets such as Pluto. Pluto has roughly one-sixth the mass of the Moon and one-third of its volume. It is the largest known trans-Neptunian object by volume by a small margin, but is less massive than Eris. Originally considered a planet, its status was changed when astronomers adopted a new definition of the word with new criteria. Pluto (minor-planet number 134340) is a dwarf planet in the Kuiper belt, a ring of bodies beyond the orbit of Neptune. It is the ninth-largest and tenth-most-massive known object to directly orbit the Sun. Many planetary astronomers, however, continue to consider Pluto and other dwarf planets to be planets 53704ca0b9

After 1992, the discovery of numerous small icy objects with similar or even wider orbits than Pluto led to a debate over whether Pluto should remain a planet, or whether it and its neighbours should, like... 53704ca0b9 Clyde Tombaugh's discovery of Pluto in 1930 appeared to validate Lowell's hypothesis, though Pluto was eventually determined to be too small for its gravity to affect the giant planets in

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1978, resulting in a brief search for a tenth planet. The search was largely abandoned in the early 1990s, when a study of measurements made by the Voyager 2 spacecraft found that the irregularities observed in Uranus's orbit were due to a slight overestimation of Neptune's mass. 53704ca0b9 The IAU has stated that there are eight known planets in the Solar System. It has been argued that the definition is problematic because it depends on the location of the body: if a Mars-sized... 53704ca0b9

Planets beyond Neptune Following the discovery of the planet Neptune in 1846, there was considerable speculation that another planet might exist beyond its orbit. Lowell proposed the Planet X hypothesis to explain apparent discrepancies in the orbits of the giant planets, particularly Uranus and Neptune, speculating that the gravity of a large unseen planet could have perturbed Uranus enough to account for the irregularities. Pluto was eventually determined to be too small for its gravity to affect the giant planets in 1978, resulting in a brief search for a tenth planet. The search began in the mid-19th century and continued at the start of the 20th with Percival Lowell's quest for Planet X 53704ca0b9

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August 2006 the definition made by Uruguayan astronomers Julio Ángel Fernández and Gonzalo Tancredi which stated that, in the Solar System, a planet is a celestial body that:

== Regions and celestial objects of the Solar System ==

List of gravitationally rounded objects of the Solar System Apart from the Sun itself, these objects qualify as planets according to common geophysical definitions of that term. This list does not include small Solar System bodies, but it does include a sample of possible planetary-mass objects whose shapes have yet to be determined. The radii of these objects range over three orders of magnitude, from planetary-mass objects like dwarf planets and some moons to the planets and the Sun. The Sun's orbital characteristics are listed in relation to the Galactic Center, while all other objects are listed in order of their distance from the Sun. planetary-mass objects like dwarf planets and some moons to the planets and the Sun. This list does not include small Solar System bodies, but it does include This is a list of most likely gravitationally rounded objects (GRO) of the Solar System, which are objects that have a rounded, ellipsoidal shape due to their own gravity (but are not necessarily in hydrostatic equilibrium)

Pluto has five known moons: Charon (the largest and the diameter of which is just over half that of Pluto), Styx,

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Nix, Kerberos, and Hydra... 53704ca0b9
The Sun accounts for 99.86% of the Solar System's total mass. Inside the Sun's core, hydrogen is fused into helium, releasing energy that is emitted through the Sun's photosphere. This creates the heliosphere and a decreasing temperature gradient across the Solar System.
53704ca0b9 Pluto has a moderately eccentric and inclined orbit, ranging from 30 to 49 astronomical units (4.5 to 7.3 billion kilometres; 2.8 to 4.6 billion miles) from the Sun. Light from the Sun takes 5.5 hours to reach Pluto at its orbital distance of 39.5 AU (5.91 billion km; 3.67 billion mi). Pluto's eccentric orbit periodically brings it closer to the Sun than Neptune, but a stable orbital resonance prevents them from colliding. 53704ca0b9

List of former planets As of 2024, there are eight official planets in the Solar System per the International Astronomical Union. This is a list of astronomical objects formerly widely considered planets under any of the various definitions of this word in the history of astronomy. As of 2024, there are eight official planets in the Solar System per the International Astronomical Union (IAU), which has also established a definition for exoplanets. de jure definitions of planet have changed over the millennia. As the definition of planet has evolved, the de facto and de jure definitions of planet have changed over the millennia. Several objects formerly considered exoplanets have been found actually to be stars or brown dwarfs 53704ca0b9

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