

## 13.7: Classification of Galaxies

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Edwin Hubble was the first to classify galaxies based on the shapes, which he observed. These observations included Elliptical galaxies, Spiral galaxies, and Irregular galaxies. This led to his **Hubble Galactic Tuning Fork** (Hubble Sequence)—how Hubble thought galaxies evolved.

Astronomers now recognize four major groups of galaxies:

- Elliptical Galaxies
- Spiral Galaxies
- Irregular Galaxies
- Active Galaxies

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