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Executive Summary

Technology executive with 20+ years leading and scaling engineering organizations across growth-stage and enterprise environments. Built and operated engineering teams of 100+ within companies ranging from pre-launch to $250M+ in revenue.

Experienced in organizational design, delivery execution systems, cloud platform transformation, and pragmatic AI integration. Founder of Joomla!, one of the most widely deployed open-source platforms globally, with deep experience building distributed teams and global developer ecosystems.

In addition to operating roles, selectively advises growth-stage SaaS founders and CTOs navigating hypergrowth, platform modernization, and AI adoption.

Experience

CTO Advisor & Mentor (Independent) | February 2026 – Present

Advising growth-stage SaaS founders and CTOs on engineering organizational design, delivery execution frameworks, platform modernization, and AI integration strategy. Engagements span executive decision support, architectural direction, and operating model design for leadership teams navigating scale inflection points.

Chief Technology Officer | Qualexa Healthcare | January 2025 – Present

Led modernization of technical architecture and engineering operating model, including cloud migration and delivery system redesign. Established formal engineering standards, accountability frameworks, and deployment practices to improve reliability and execution velocity. Reduced infrastructure overhead and positioned the platform for scalable multi-tenant growth.

Founder & Fractional CTO | Spacemonkey Laboratories, LLC | June 2000 – Present (Part-time alongside operating roles)

Provide fractional CTO and executive advisory services to startups, investment firms, and growth-stage SaaS companies. Focus areas include platform architecture, engineering organizational design, cloud strategy, and AI/LLM integration.

Chief Technology Officer | RevDoc, LLC | June 2023 – August 2024

Built and led the engineering organization for a venture-backed on-demand services platform. Architected cloud-native systems supporting mobile, telemedicine, and logistics workflows. Established foundational data models and delivery systems while recruiting and leading cross-functional engineering teams through initial market deployment.

Chief Technology Officer | HOMEE, Inc. | June 2021 – June 2023

Led technology and product organizations at a venture-backed insurtech platform backed by $75M+ in investment. Directed architectural modernization and delivery system improvements across a nationwide claims management platform serving a network of 20,000+ contractors. Contributed directly to record revenue growth and national expansion while strengthening organizational design across engineering and product.

Vice President of Engineering | Morning Consult | August 2018 – April 2021

Principal engineering leader during hypergrowth, scaling the organization from 5 to 50+ engineers as revenue approached $100M+. Implemented formal management layers, delivery metrics, and accountability systems to support sustained growth. Partnered closely with and mentored the CTO on platform strategy, executive alignment, and organizational design. Enabled global expansion of a proprietary data intelligence platform processing 30,000+ daily surveys across 40 countries.

Director of Software Engineering, Tech Fellows Program | Capital One | McLean, VA | August 2015 – January 2018

One of the original members of Capital One's Tech Fellows program—a select cohort of senior technologists tasked with driving technical strategy, external influence, and enterprise-scale innovation across one of the largest technology organizations in financial services. Contributed to initiatives spanning machine learning, real-time transaction processing, identity management, deep learning, infosec analytics, and NLP. Advised executive leadership on technology commercialization opportunities, shaped open-source and AI strategy, and represented Capital One externally at industry conferences and standards bodies.

Prior Experience

- Chief Spacemonkey, Bowery (NYC)
- Chief Technology Officer, Sounday Music (Turin, IT)
- Chief Technology Officer, Totsy (NYC)
- Chief Technology Officer / Co-founder, Gilt Travel (NYC)
- Vice President of Developer Relations, KickApps Corporation (NYC)
- Lead Web Developer, The N / MTV Networks (NYC)
- Co-founder / Core Developer, Joomla! and Open Source Matters LLC (remote)
- CEO / Co-founder, Ivivio Corporation (remote)
- Core Developer, Mambo Content Management System (remote)