# Vijay Varadan | vijayvaradan@outlook.com | (206)-861-9382 (C)

SEASONED, HANDS-ON TECHNOLOGY LEADER • ARCHITECT • TURNAROUND SPECIALIST

### **Technology Leader**

Vijay is an accomplished technology professional with more than 20 years of experience building startups as well as internet-scale solutions at Microsoft, Expedia and Warner Bros Discovery; **co-inventor on 8 patents** with multiple awards including a **Microsoft Gold Star** for delivering the HealthVault platform.

Vijay has a solid track record in building and leading teams in architecting and delivering robust, efficient, scalable, high performance, and resilient technology solutions.

#### **Skills**

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- ◆ Hire and lead global high-performance technology product teams. ◆ Foster an open, dynamic, and
  innovative culture. ◆ Coach and nurture tech leaders. ◆ Formulate, articulate and evangelize product visions.
- ◆ Drive effective multidisciplinary cross group collaboration. ◆ Deliver complex technical projects.
- ♦ Build consensus on engineering strategy. ♦ Manage project budgets. ♦ KPI reporting to C-suite team.

#### **TECHNICAL**

- ♦ System architecture ♦ Web services, microservices ♦ API design ♦ SaaS, PaaS ♦ Cloud native services: AWS
- ♦ Hybrid cloud solutions ♦ IaaS, DevOps, CI/CD ♦ NoSQL, RDBMS, Caching ♦ Messaging middleware
- ◆ Prototyping & analytics ◆ Agile Methodologies (Scrum, Kanban, FDD, Lean)

### Career

AXHAM CORP. JUN 2023 - PRESENT

#### CTO / Co-founder – ForNana.ai: scam phone calls protection

• Built a python / FastAPI web service which integrates with Twilio as the telco provider and Deepgram as the voice-to-text provider.

# WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY (ISTREAMPLANET, LLC MERGER)

**JUL 2017 - MAY 2023** 

## Technical Director (Sr. Staff Engineer)

- <u>Digital Rights Management (DRM):</u> Led team to migrate legacy services to run on Docker/Kubernetes infrastructure. Optimized services for 12X improvement resulting in 500k RPS throughput, scaling to 2 million RPS.
- ◆ <u>Professional Services:</u> Built proof-of-concept for new subscription management platform and led working sessions with customer teams to successfully migrate their data and applications to the new platform.
- <u>Solutions Architecture:</u> Drove the adoption of a low-cost content encryption solution for budget-limited regional sports networks and worked directly with the customer team to integrate their services and applications.

#### **Engineering Director, Commerce**

- ◆ Led efforts to rearchitect the platform to support 100X concurrent users with only 5X additional cost and achieved cost savings of \$15 million/year.
- Ensured clear and timely communication with customers via monthly and quarterly business reviews.

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• Identified the need to overhaul payment systems and outlined strategy for new payments model; led the team to create prototypes, analyze vendor offerings, and deliver a robust shared services solution.

#### **Engineering Director, Events Orchestration**

- Proposed and developed a new product line (\$9 million/year): Events program model with end-to-end automation enabling on-demand, hybrid-cloud media encoding.
- ◆ Reduced operation costs by \$3 million/year of NCAA March Madness Live 2018 and 2019, and NBA League Pass 2017 and 2018.
- ◆ Led a 50-person cross-functional team of engineers, product managers, account managers and broadcast center operations staff.

#### AXHAM CORP.

#### **DEC 2010 - JUN 2017**

#### Founder / CTO

- ♦ Hired and ran a 13-member team of engineers, concept artists, 3D modelers, animators, and writers.
- Set up an office with requisite IT infrastructure; selected vendors, negotiated pricing and contract terms.
- ♦ Created 29 game prototypes; completed game play design for 5 games to take to production.
- ◆ Created specs and built prototypes for provisioning biomedical equipment tablet-based, turnkey survey software solution personal time tracking and productivity enhancement application.
- ◆ <u>DealBase, Inc. (Consulting)</u> Search engine marketing (SEM) automation tech for Bing Ads and Google AdWords.

### Early Career

- ♦ MICROSOFT CORP. HEALTHVAULT SR. SDE: CO-INVENTOR ON 7 PATENTS. VP GOLD STAR AWARD RECIPIENT.
- ◆ Tributi Advisory Board Member
- ♦ HOTWIRE INC. SR. MANAGER, ARCHITECTURE
- ◆ EXPEDIA, INC. ARCHITECT
- ◆ **DRUGSTORE.COM LEAD SDE:** CO-INVENTOR ON <u>1 PATENT</u>
- **♦** MCI WORLDCOM, INC **♦** DSR CO. **♦** CMC LTD. SOFTWARE ENGINEER

#### **Tech Stack**

ReST, JSON, XML, SaaS, SOA • Amazon Web Services (AWS), EC2, EBS, ECR, ECS, EKS, Lambda, CloudFront, CloudWatch, RDS, Route53, SQS, SNS, S3, IAM, KMS, ELB, ALB • Kubernetes (k8s), Docker, Helm, Terraform, Codefresh CI/CD, Datadog • MongoDB, DynamoDB, Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, Sybase, Postgres, Redis, Memcached • Kafka, Weblogic • Python, Pandas, matplotlib, FastAPI, Flask, Jinja, Locust • C#/.NET/.NET core, C/C++, Visual C++, civetweb, Java/Jetty/Dropwizard • ASP.NET, ASP, VBScript, JavaScript • Lua, Squirrel, SDL, pygame • Windows, UNIX, Linux, PowerShell, bash

**Education: Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering, First Class with Honors**