Arun Tanksali

Arun's passion is for harnessing technology for the greater good of society, which currently takes the form of making society adopt electronic cash. He is currently the Co-Founder and CTO of Nearex, a startup focused on micropayments. He remains an active engineer, developer and product manager. He has worked in the telecom and IT industries for over 30 years. He was earlier the CTO of Mahindra Comviva and, before that, the Co-Founder and CTO of Jataayu Software. He and his teams' products have won many awards over the years for innovation and excellence. Products designed and developed by his teams, in India, have reached over 100 million users globally.

Professional Career

Now
Co-Founder and CTO of Nearex, a Mobile Micropayments startup. Nearex has enabled micropayment services in over 10 countries across Africa and South Asia.

Previously
CTO of Mahindra Comviva
Dec 2007 - June 2013
Mahindra Comviva is a $100m telecom products organization.

Earlier
Co-Founder and CTO of Jataayu Software
Mar 2000 – Dec 2007
Jataayu was a pioneer in the Mobile Internet space, much before it became the hype it now is.

At the beginning
Project Manager at Integra Micro Systems
Nov 1991- Mar 2000
Integra was a very early company entirely focused on software products.

Industry forums, media and awards

A member of OMA and a founder of the Mobile Web Initiative within W3C. One of the first W3C members in India. Member of several government committees on

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mobile internet in India. Have been interviewed on various mobile technologies and quoted in many different newspapers, magazines and trade journals including the [Economic Times](), [Times of India](), [Voice and Data](), and [CXOToday.]() Innumerable awards for products created and built by my teams. A few examples include:

- Aegis Graham Bell Awards 2012 for Hola! In the Innovation in Mobile App category
- Golden Peacock Award for Innovation for WebAxn in 2011
- mBillionth South Asia award for Best m-infrastructure solution for AVAN in 2011
- Aegis Graham Bell Award for Innovation in Mobile Gaming for OGS in 2011
- Total Telecom World Vendor Award for Best Emerging Market Product in 2011
- Golden Peacock Award for Innovation for Mobile Internet Gateway in 2010
- Jataayu Software named a Red Herring 100 Asia company in 2005
- STPI award for fastest growing SME in Karnataka in 2006
- ZDNet Asia Top 10 Asian TechnoVisionaries in 2007

Education

ME from Pune University in Electronics and Telecom in 1991.
BE from Karnataka University in Electronics in 1989

Volunteer Work

Rotary

I am an active member of Rotary International, in its RI District 3190. I am a member of the Technology Committee of the district and a member of [Rotary Bangalore Heritage NCC]().

IEEE

Senior Member of IEEE
Member since 2007. Member of TEM and Computer Societies.
TEMS Bangalore Chapter Chair, 2021

SocIT

Founder of this non-profit initiative, [SocIT](), to help social organizations with their IT needs.

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