

Panel Discussion on Blockchain

Profiles of the speakers:



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Atul Agashe is the Practice Head for Payments and Settlement Systems in Wipro Technologies.

Atul heads the Practice for India and Middle East. Atul was involved in implementation of RTGS system for Reserve Bank of India and is a domain expert in Indian and global payment systems, namely, RTGS, NEFT, IMPS, UPI, CTS, FEDWIRE, CLS, TARGET2, CHAPS and others.

In the current role, Atul is a Senior Consultant for new age Payment Banks in India and is responsible for delivery for India's largest and fastest growing payment bank.

Experience and Competencies:

Atul brings 20+ years of experience in Payments and Settlement Systems. He has spent the majority of his career in product companies like Logica (CGI) and FundTech.

Atul holds a graduation degree in Commerce from DAVV Indore and is an alumni of C-DAC, Pune.



Harihara Natarajan

Distinguished Member of Technical Staff & Chief Architect

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Harihara Natarajan is the Chief Architect leading the Blockchain initiatives in Wipro Technologies. In the recent roles, Hari has been focussing on Distributed Systems (Blockchain, Cloud, DevOps, Log Analytics, etc.) and Machine Learning. He has also architected solutions for various domains including Retail, BFSI and Media.

Hari has a proven ability to apply new technologies to various industry domains resulting in newer avenues for growth. He has also worked with 2 start-ups as co-founder and has a deep understanding of the start-up environment.

Experience and Competencies:

Hari brings 26+ years of industry experience. He has been associated with Wipro Technologies from 2010 as an architect. He is one of the key architects associated with Wipro's flagship Artificial Intelligence Platform HOLMES driving the scalability aspects. He has consistently spearheaded many key initiatives - IaaS Orchestration for Private Cloud Deployment, Big Data Analytics Solutions, DevOps, to name a few.

Hari holds a M.E. in Computer Science from Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani.



Balaji Jagannathan
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Balaji is a Co-founder and the CEO of Evolvus Solutions Pvt. Ltd., a payment modernization company. Evolvus is committed to ensuring that financial institutions and their customers are able to stay current with business, regulation and technology changes across the payments ecosystem. Over the last 12 years, Balaji has steered Evolvus from the start-up stage into a rapidly growing company with 27 banking customers across the globe.

Prior to Evolvus, Balaji was the Product Manager for retail banking products at LogicaCMG

Experience and Competencies:

Balaji brings 20+ years of industry experience. He has been associated with Development and Maintenance of Banking Software Products for the most part of his career. He has program managed the development and implementation of banking software products for customers in India, UK, Bahrain, UAE, Malaysia, Oman, Kuwait and Brunei. His focus areas have been Corporate Financial Planning and Control and New Market Penetration.

Balaji is a graduate in Mathematics from A. M. Jain College, Chennai and holds an MBA.



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Sudheer is the Head of Technology at billionloans. He is also the CTO and Director at BeyondSquare. Billionloans plans to disburse over 20,000 loans to SMBs in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities. Prior to billionloans, Sudheer was associated with Infosys for nearly 2 decades and also with Tally Solutions. Sudheer played a pivotal role in developing the service-based architecture for Infosys's flagship Banking Solution, Finacle and was responsible for developing the re-engineered version of Finacle e-banking Solution.

Experience and Competencies:

Sudheer brings 23+ years of industry experience. He has been associated with Product Engineering and Enterprise Software Products (especially Finacle and Tally) for the most part of his career. He has consistently spearheaded the next generation offerings with end-to-end involvement.

Sudheer holds a B.E. in Electronics from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology and is also an alumnus of IIM Bangalore.