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AI developer ecosystem builder, 2x founder, 2x CTO, and engineering leader with 20+ years turning 0-to-1 products into developer platforms, internal tools, fintech systems, and applied AI adoption.

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SUMMARY

- Built AI/product systems from zero in ambiguous environments, without a predefined playbook.
  - Example: Founded AI Grants India from scratch as a public-good AI developer ecosystem program, building the grant/application flows, AI gateways, SDKs, Codex CLI proxies, onboarding, API docs, examples, quests, showcases, and partner-credit operations around a new category of Indian AI builders.
  - Example: Built a TCP-based coding assistant that can run on a fresh Mac or Linux machine without prior installs, plus terminal recording and multi-user terminal collaboration tools.
- Shipped early prototypes, measured real user behavior, and iterated quickly based on feedback.
  - Example: Spends regular hands-on time vibe coding AIGI marketing, signup, and onboarding flows to make it easier for developers to get started.
  - Example: Tracks AIGI usage through token volume, API key activity, referrals, pitch/application funnels, GitHub activity, event participation, partner-credit distribution, and startup outcomes; AIGI-issued API keys reached roughly 3B tokens/month during Feb-Mar.
- Created developer-facing tools, APIs, SDKs, docs, demos, or internal platforms that increased adoption.
  - Example: Built AIGI developer infrastructure including AI gateways, SDKs, Codex CLI proxies, onboarding/signup flows, API documentation, examples, live quests, project showcases, leaderboards, and content systems.
  - Example: Created an OpenAI-like dashboard SDK to bootstrap API key management, org settings, login, forums, and related SaaS admin features in a few lines.
  - Example: Authored `ekaf`, an Erlang Kafka client with 150+ stars.
- Used AI agents/coding tools deeply in daily work, with concrete productivity or product outcomes.
  - Example: Built Codex CLI proxies, Code.film as a Codex demo studio, terminal session recording, and multi-user terminal collaboration workflows.
  - Example: Built chatbot systems using intent classifiers, LLMs, state machines, and WebSocket-based agent-like workflows; the chatbot answers roughly 90% of incoming queries.
  - Example: Built and operated automated AI phone-call workflows, including 100,000 automated AI phone calls.
- Demonstrated fast ramp-up into new domains and delivered production-quality results.
  - Example: Moved across AI developer ecosystems, fintech, embedded finance, internal tools, cards, customer support, mobile infrastructure, adtech, and distributed systems while repeatedly building production systems.
  - Example: Built a customer journey creator with React, Postgres, ClickHouse, S3, and Node.js that scaled to 3B events within 6 months and sends millions of notifications across SMS, push, email, and WhatsApp.
- Balanced technical depth with product judgment, user empathy, and clear communication.
  - Example: Combines builder credibility with founder empathy through AI Grants India, helping students, indie hackers, technical founders, researchers, and startups move from first API call to shipped product.
  - Example: At Bon Credit, translated financial infrastructure into products used by 50,000+ gig-economy workers, lenders, operations teams, and auditors.
- Worked cross-functionally with engineering, product, design, research, sales, or customer teams.
  - Example: Leads a 15-person internal products team at OneCard across engineering, engineering management, and product management, with dotted-line collaboration across DevOps and data science.
  - Example: Partners with NVIDIA Inception, Smallest AI, JarvisLabs, hacker houses, colleges, founders, academics, and independent builders through AI Grants India.
- Showed high agency: identified the problem, formed a hypothesis, built the solution, and drove adoption.
  - Example: Created AI Grants India to remove credit-card, compute, model-access, and procurement friction for Indian AI builders, then turned it into a program supporting 500+ startups/founders and 3,000+ developers.
  - Example: At Kudos Finance, led the embedded-finance developer platform behind APIs, SDKs, workflows, docs, launch tooling, and partner onboarding, enabling 150 product launches and roughly $200M in lending.
- Maintained strong quality standards: tests, reliability, security, performance, and thoughtful safety tradeoffs.
  - Example: Maintains and enables 900+ APIs across Java, Flask/Python, Node, and Go with audit trails, archival, ACLs, debugging interfaces, sandboxes, and onboarding environments.
  - Example: Built QA and eval-style systems for AI workflows, including a transcription evaluation harness to measure and improve call transcription quality at 10K-15K calls/day.
- Publicly demonstrated work through GitHub projects, technical writing, demos, launches, or community engagement.
  - Example: AIGI public platform and GitHub activity crossed 1,200+ stars.
  - Example: Published technical talks and decks across SlideShare, including Kafka & Storm, Instrumenting Go, Recursion & Erlang, Parsing binaries and protocols with Erlang, key-value stores, Hover at CUFP 2009, and in-memory capacity planning.
  - Example: Regularly mentors, judges, or supports builder events, hackathons, hacker houses, and residency programs; also runs a weekend accelerator and angel invests in 10+ startups.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

AI Grants India - Founder

2024 - Present

- Run a non-profit developer ecosystem program that provides free AI model API access for builders across India, including students, hackathon teams, AI clubs, indie hackers, technical founders, researchers, and early-stage startups.
- Work with 500+ startups/founders and 3,000+ developers; AIGI-issued API keys reached roughly 3B tokens/month during Feb-Mar.

- Distributed billions of model tokens to hacker houses, hacker residencies, colleges, startups, academics, and independent builders across India.
- Review and distribute GPU credits, cloud credits, and travel stipends so builders can access compute, attend events, build demos, and keep shipping.
- Partnered with NVIDIA Inception to support India's early-stage AI startup ecosystem; public coverage described the collaboration as targeting 10,000+ early-stage founders over 12 months and enabling up to 500 new AI startups through AI tools, technical training, developer resources, partner benefits, venture exposure, and accelerated-computing pathways.
- Partnered with Smallest AI to bring free Voice AI infrastructure to thousands of grassroots builders across India, supporting conversational agents, voice-native apps, AI copilots, multilingual assistants, and human-computer interfaces.
- Help builders access Smallest.ai's startup grant pathway, including developer onboarding, community access, scale-tier API access, early model access, and up to $10,000 in Voice Agent Platform credits for selected startups.
- Partnered with JarvisLabs to provide GPU credits for AIGI builders on an India-based GPU cloud with on-demand NVIDIA GPUs, minute-level billing, pre-built ML templates, and fast instance launches for training, inference, and experimentation.
- Selected the first two recipients of $5,000 JarvisLabs GPU credits: Embedr, building an AI workspace for embedded systems, and RtaForge, publishing open models on Hugging Face.
- Built developer-facing infrastructure including AI gateways, SDKs, Codex CLI proxies, onboarding/signup flows, API documentation, examples, live quests, project showcases, leaderboards, and content systems for faster time-to-first-build.
- Built the public AIGI platform across landing pages, multi-step grant applications, referral codes, events, quests, blog, URL shortener, AI-generated topic guides, pitch uploads, and chat-style continuation.
- Built the admin operating system for reviewing builders: application browsing, status/profile facets, search, inline profile review, referrals, conversations, canned replies, videos, events, meetups, quests, assets, and blog management.
- Created repeatable activation loops across grants, API keys, docs, examples, GitHub visibility, pitch uploads, event onboarding, community feedback, partner credits, founder follow-up, and startup showcases.
- Run a weekend accelerator and regularly mentor, judge, or support builder events, hackathons, hacker houses, and residency programs.
- Curate accelerator and fellowship opportunities for founders across Techstars, Entrepreneur First, Google for Startups, NVIDIA, Microsoft, 500 Global, Antler, Seedcamp, Plug and Play, Founder Institute, and similar programs.

Angel Investor

2024 - Present

- Angel investor in 10+ startups, often sourced through the AI Grants India builder ecosystem; the first two AI investments went on to raise institutional rounds.
- Invest across applied AI, developer tools, vertical AI, voice, hardware, education, design, creator infrastructure, and startup infrastructure.
- Portfolio examples include loop2 / Mindloop for agentic WhatsApp automation, Mixio for AI-powered film and video production, Pulse for AI companions for Bharat, Embedr for AI-native embedded hardware workflows, Dictation Daddy for cross-platform AI dictation and transcription, Zuve Studio for AI jewellery design, Tacit for searchable memory across Claude Code/Codex/Gemini sessions, 45d for interactive animated learning, and Luma Vision, an AI television startup.
- Help founders with product narrative, developer experience, credits/compute access, early users, investor introductions, pitch feedback, and market positioning.

OneCard - Head of Internal Products

Oct 2022 - Present

- Lead a 15-person internal products team across engineering, engineering management, and product management, with dotted-line collaboration across DevOps and data science.
- Build internal replacements for SaaS products across analytics, marketing automation, CRM, CX automation, workflows, chatbots, API gateways, content systems, compliance tooling, and dashboards.
- Own systems handling roughly 100M-150M events per day, including in-house analytics, customer journey tooling, event ingestion pipelines, and customer/marketing automation.
- Built a customer journey creator using React, Postgres, ClickHouse, S3, and Node.js that scaled to 3B events within 6 months and sends millions of notifications across SMS, push, email, and WhatsApp.
- Built chatbot systems using intent classifiers, LLMs, state machines, and WebSocket-based agent-like workflows; the chatbot answers roughly 90% of incoming queries.
- Built and operated automated AI phone-call workflows, including 100,000 automated AI phone calls.
- Evaluated Whisper and adopted Azure Speech for call transcription and quality monitoring at 10K-15K calls/day, with transcriptions available within roughly 10 minutes of calls.
- Built QA and eval-style systems for AI workflows, including a transcription evaluation harness to measure and improve call transcription quality.
- Built product-manager-focused tool builders and editor/CMS tooling that lets PMs and content teams design workflows, edit replies, compile artifacts, and deploy API-backed automations without engineering handholding.
- Maintain and enable 900+ APIs across Java, Flask/Python, Node, and Go, with audit trails, archival, ACLs, debugging interfaces, sandboxes, and onboarding environments.

Kudos Finance - CTO - Stripe for lending in India

Oct 2020 - Jan 2022

- Led the embedded-finance developer platform that was central to the company's success.
- Built the platform team behind business-facing and engineering-facing developer platforms, including APIs, SDKs, workflows, docs, launch tooling, and partner onboarding.
- Enabled API-based product launches for 150 products, with the platform supporting roughly $200M in lending.
- Provided wholesale APIs for large API vendors and helped fintechs launch through flexible product constructs, scheme creation, and transparent finance/business tooling.
- Built embedded-finance infrastructure used by startups and public fintechs, including Zomato, Paisabazaar, Razorpay, Jupiter, and YC-backed companies.

Bon Credit - Founder

Apr 2016 - Mar 2020

- Founded and led a neobank for 50,000+ gig-economy workers in India, translating financial infrastructure into products that drivers, delivery workers, lenders, and operations teams could use.

- Processed 800,000+ micro-credit loans through credit + card + app workflows, trusted by Uber, Swiggy, Dunzo, banks, processors, institutional lenders, and risk/treasury teams.
- Built with a small team: in-house ledger, treasury controls, KYC integrations, multiple processor integrations, Mastercard/RuPay capability, nodal accounts, settlement, auditor portal, reports, card operations, just-in-time authorization rules, schedulers, BI dashboards, and CRM.
- Raised $1M from a $10B fund; core team and software were later acquired by Infibeam payments after a COVID-era term sheet collapsed.

FairMoney MicroFinance Bank, Nigeria - Associate Director, Cards

Jan 2022 - Jun 2022

- Headed product for Cards in Nigeria at a fintech unicorn with $100M+ ARR.
- Partnered with Visa, issuing bank, settlement bank, card printers, processors, and API vendors.
- Created internal tools and workflows for operations and logistics teams in a Lagos-based deployment context.

Helpshift - Product Engineering Lead / New Products

Oct 2014 - Apr 2016

- One of two product engineering managers for new products including Reviews, Audit Trails, and Campaigns across frontend, backend, and QA.
- Helped hand off marketing automation campaigns and worked on critical features including import/export and internationalization.
- Authored `ekaf`, an Erlang Kafka client with 150+ stars, used while handling high-scale event pipelines.

Earlier Developer Community and Engineering

2006 - 2014

- Microsoft Student / Campus Developer Community: gave technical talks, set up stalls, and helped organize install fests for Microsoft while studying.
- Hover Technologies CTO / Founder: founded an adtech marketplace and became an early functional programming evangelist in India, speaking at Commercial Users of Functional Programming, Erlang Factory, FOSS.IN, and related events.
- June Software Director of Engineering: helped the company enter YC, spent time in San Francisco, and built centralized infrastructure for 60+ mobile apps including analytics, push notifications, campaigns, segmentation, and a shared Objective-C SDK.
- TutorVista Software Engineer: early engineer at TutorVista, later acquired by Pearson; built JavaScript/Ajax chat messaging and whiteboarding tools for real-time tutor-student collaboration.