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PROFILE

I'm an engineer with strong product & user-experience skills, with experience in product development, web development, and engineering management. I was part of the initial team that built SlideShare Inc., which then went on to be acquired by LinkedIn. I've lead technology teams at two companies and have worked in the Indian product development field for over ten years.

EXPERIENCE

AVP, Engineering Lucideus. New Delhi, India. www.lucideus.com. 2019-

I'm leading a team that is re-architecting a security quantification product. The team works horizontally to drive architecture, developer experience, performance, scalability and reliability initiatives across the company, and we've had great success refactoring a PHP monolith into smaller micro-services. I also built a team that developed a new product from scratch on a modern React & NodeJS stack.

CTO, SV.CO. Bangalore, India. www.sv.co. 2015-2018

SV.CO (or Startup Village) is an online product school that helps students in college build real digital products. I lead both the technology and product teams at SV.CO, and built up the product development, engineering & product management and program development processes from scratch for the company over 3 years.

CTO, MobME Wireless Solutions. Kochi, India. www.mobme.in. 2011-2015

MobME Wireless is a mobile & web company that I joined as one of the first few employees in 2011. I lead a team of over 50 engineers in a wide variety of tasks: mVAS solutions through SMS, and Voice channels that had more than a million users a day. I was also part of the team that incubated products at 2 subsidiary companies: Chillr (acquired by Truecaller) and Coinome (acquired by Billdesk).

Software Engineer, DataSift. Reading, UK. www.datasift.com. 2010-2011

I was part of the team that prototyped the initial version of DataSift, an enterprise search engine for real-time feeds from Twitter and Facebook. The solution involved filtering the realtime firehose of Twitter by writing a parser engine to filter tweets.

Software Engineer, SlideShare Inc. New Delhi, India. www.slideshare.net. 2006-2008

SlideShare was one of the first successful product startups to come out of India. I built the initial version of the powerpoint conversion stack and architected the web application to survive multiple spikes in load.

EDUCATION

UCL Interaction Centre, University College London. London, UK.

Post-Graduate Diploma in Human-Computer Interaction with Ergonomics. 2010-2011.

Sree Chitra Thirunal College of Engineering. Kerala, India.

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering. 2002-2006.

SKILLS

Programming & Software Architecture

Expert skills in several scripting languages: JavaScript, Ruby, and PHP—with several deployed applications in each. I am a programming language aficionado and regularly try new languages (the most recent of which was ReasonML). I've also designed applications from the ground up to have minimal technical debt, to handle spike load & to be resilient to threat scenarios.

Product Owner & Engineering Management

Expert skills in engineering management and day-to-day engineering coaching. I'm an engineering lead who has managed teams at small startups & at medium enterprises with engineering manager reports. I can envision & execute ideation, wire-framing, prototyping, development, and launch.

User Experience Design

Moderate skills in HTML and CSS web design. I am not a visual designer, but I can recognise good design when I see it. I've completed a masters-equivalent course in Human-Computer Interaction and I can understand and apply principles related to good UX.

SOCIAL

I blog at vishnugopal.com, and am available on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Github as vishnugopal.