

Virident Corporate Backgrounder

Overview

Virident was established in 2006 in Silicon Valley with the goal of helping enterprises solve the challenge of poor application performance with flash storage solutions. Virident's technology helps speed application performance, ensures predictable performance under various workloads and is compatible with all servers. Virident introduced FlashMAX™ II in 2012 and more recently FlashMAX Connect™, the industry's first software suite to deliver a shared server-side flash storage tier. The suite extends the functionality of server-side flash storage solutions to provide an unparalleled flash-storage management layer. The company's headquarters are in Milpitas, CA. In addition, there is an engineering development team in Bangalore, India with sales offices across the US, China, Japan, and England.

Products

FlashMAX II provides twice the capacity of competing solutions in a single low-profile PCIe card and is compatible with any server and most operating systems.

FlashMAX Connect software suite brings storage networking features such as replication, storage pooling and caching to the server side.

Technology

Virident is a leading provider of server-side flash storage PCIe hardware and flash-optimized software solutions for enterprise, service provider and webscale customers that deliver unconditional, consistent performance to data-intensive applications. The inherent advantage associated with this disruptive technology revolutionizes computing by speeding application response time and optimizing datacenter efficiency for new levels of ROI.

Executive Leadership Team

Mike Gustafson, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

Mike Gustafson joined Virident in September 2012. He is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the company and leading the executive team across all operational aspects of planning and execution.

Mr. Gustafson was most recently with Hitachi Data Systems, an enterprise storage solutions company where he was SVP and GM of the File & Content Business following the acquisition of BlueArc Corporation in September 2011. The product portfolio he led offered integrated hardware and software solutions to help customers manage unstructured data growth and was the foundation for company strategy for big data. He served as president and CEO of BlueArc Corporation from 2005 until the acquisition of the company in September 2011. There he led a team that built the company over the span of 7 years into a top-3 market share player in the enterprise network attached storage (NAS) market. He has more than 20 years of experience in the storage, server, networking systems and IT industries.

Kumar Ganapathy, Ph.D., Chief Business Officer and Co-Founder

A recognized leader in DSP, wireless and computing systems architecture, Dr. Ganapathy has years of leadership experience as an operating executive and entrepreneur in the high technology field. Prior to founding Virident in 2006, Dr. Ganapathy was an executive in residence (EIR) at Artiman Ventures. Before that, he was the chief technical officer and co-founder of VxTel, developer of VoIP DSP processors and subsystems, which was acquired by Intel in 2001. At Intel, Dr. Ganapathy was director of architecture and engineering in Ultrawideband Networking Operation (UWB) and Edge Access Division (VoIP, 3G BTS) as well as in the CTO Office of the Intel Communication Group. Before co-founding VxTel, Dr. Ganapathy was principal engineer and fellow of Conexant and Rockwell Semiconductor leading the development of 56-kbit modems and GSM phones.

Dr. Ganapathy has published over a dozen papers and has been issued 16 patents.

Vijay Karamcheti, Ph.D., Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder

Dr. Karamcheti has more than 15 years of experience in designing and developing technologies at the leading edge of parallel and distributed computer systems architecture, middleware and application frameworks.

From 1998 through 2009, Dr. Karamcheti was a member of the faculty of the Computer Science Department at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University, most recently holding the position of associate professor with tenure. Dr. Karamcheti led the Parallel and Distributed Systems group and conducted research in the area of high-performance cluster and grid computing. Dr. Karamcheti also spent a sabbatical year as a visiting research scientist at Google, Inc. as part of the core Systems Infrastructure team, gaining a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges of massive Web scale-out system infrastructures.

Other Key Virident Executives Include:

Bruce Horn, Chief Financial Officer

Ken Grohe, Vice President Worldwide Customer Operations

Keith Carpenter, Vice President Sales, Americas

Carl Munio, Vice President, Operations

Sunil Samel, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships

Mark Delsman, Vice President, Engineering

Bhaskar Harita, Vice President, India Development Center

Jean Okawaki, Vice President, Human Resources