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# Work Experience

Jan 20 - Present **Exotanium** Ithaca, NY

**Board Member** 

Advise on corporate strategy

Jul 17 - Present **NSF/Cornell** Ithaca, NY

National I-Corps instructor

- Core instructor for I-Corps 7-week national program
- Instructor and trainer Cornell Regional I-Corps program

Jan 15 - Present **REV** Ithaca, NY

Director Rev Ithaca Startup works & Director Hardware Entrepreneurship programs

- Responsible for incubator programs
- Design and deliver Prototyping and Manufacturing program
- Mentor startups from ideation through launch, fund raising, and scaling

Oct/13 - Present **Cornell University** Ithaca, NY

Visiting Lecturer, Johnson Business School

- Managing Director eLab NBA6230 & NBA 6330 Actualizing your startup I & II
- NBA 6860 Startup Learning Series
- NBA 5380 The Business Idea Factory
- NBA 6910 Physical Product Entrepreneurship
- CEMBA Student team coach Innovation and New Venture Creation

Sept/13 – Present Launch NY Buffalo & Ithaca, NY

Investment Committee/Entrepreneur In Residence/ EIR trainer

- Review investment opportunities
- Mentor startups and existing businesses to enable growth and create upstate New York jobs
- Train Launch NY EIRs

Mar/13 - Present Ithaca, NY **Cayuga Venture Fund** 

Venture Partner (PT)

- Participate in investment process from taking initial pitch through due diligence and continuing board oversight
- Board member and observer

Wicked Device LLC Aug/13 - May/14 Ithaca, NY

COO & Advisor (PT)

Work with founders on operational planning, product development, marketing and sales strategy

Aug/2007 – Dec/2012 **Discovery Communications** Silver Spring, MD

Joined Discovery via acquisition of TreeHugger.com (see below)

SVP Technology, Digital Media

New York, NY

- Responsible for strategy, execution of technology platforms for all online client experiences
- Reorganized staff from central services model into multidisciplinary teams and implemented standard methodology
- Consolidation of and standardization of platforms

## VP Interactive Media

- Responsible for post acquisition integration of TreeHugger (see below)
- Responsible for content, traffic, design, and technology for several large Discovery web
- Worked with ad sales to develop custom client solutions such as producing two original short-form video series

Jan/2007 – July/2007 TreeHugger.com New York, NY

## President & COO

Responsible for revenue, partnerships, legal, finance, administration, staffing, product, and technology

• Successful sale of TreeHugger to Discovery Communications

Oct/2004 – Dec/2006 Ridgewood, NJ

Took a break from full time employment to be a full time stay-at-home father.

Jul 1998 – Oct/2004 Bowne Global Solutions/Immersant

Joined Bowne via acquisition of Mountain Lake Software Corp (see below)

SVP & CIO/CTO - Localization & Translation Division

New York, N.Y.

Toronto, ON &

- Responsible for R&D/IT strategic planning and execution, including product development and deployment
- Develop market positioning for technology-based services, key account sales
- Participated in the successful diligence and integration of 2 acquired companies

#### Chief Technology Officer – Internet Consulting Division

- Responsible for R&D/IT strategic planning, and
- Key account sales and partnerships
- Instituted architectural standards and practices

# VP Operations – Internet Consulting Division

- Joined Bowne via acquisition of Mountain Lake Software (see below)
- Responsible for all client consulting projects & key account sales
- Integration of 5 acquisitions in four cities
- Restructured consulting model from functionally centered to interdisciplinary project team-based

Jun/1994 – Jul/1998 **Mountain Lake Software Corp.** Toronto, ON *Co-founder/Partner* 

- Logical Conclusions integrated into Mountain Lake
  - Grew annual revenue from \$0 to \$4.5M/year and staff from 3 to 30 over a 4-year period
  - o Managed all aspects of business; sales process, marketing, financing, human resources, infrastructure
  - Recruited external advisory board
  - Structured partnership business plan, shareholders agreement, and employee incentive program
  - Successfully negotiated sale of Mountain Lake to Bowne Internet Solutions

# **Early Career:**

Mar/1992 – Jun/1994	Logical Conclusions Software	Toronto, ON
Apr/1991 – Mar/1992	Alias Research	Toronto, ON
Jun/1989 – Apr/1991	Reuters Information Systems	Toronto, ON
Jun/1988 – Jun/1989	Toronto Stock Exchange	Toronto, ON
Feb/1982 – Jun/1988	Matrox Electronics	Montreal, PQ
Jan/1979 – Feb/1982	SBL Systems	Montreal, PQ

### **Education:**

DEC Pure & Applied Science 1979 - Dawson College Montreal, PQ

B. Computer Science 1982 – incomplete, Concordia University Montreal PQ

# **Personal Interests:**

downhill & cross-country skiing, canoe trips, cycling

Intersection of desktop manufacturing, design, crowd funding, IOT, electronics, small-scale manufacturing and the renaissance of hardware entrepreneurship