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Our Team

We have brought together some of the best and brightest from a number of different fields in computer science, to change the way we think about protecting the software we use everyday from attack. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please check us out on our Careers page.

We are led by...

Joe Epstein

Chief Executive Officer

Joe Epstein is founder and CEO of Virtuata, where he leads the execution and technical direction of the company. In 2002, Joe co-founded Meru Networks (NASDAQ:MERU), directing company vision, strategy and marketing and guiding it to a successful IPO in March 2010. During his tenure, he established the company as a leader in the currently multi-billion dollar wireless LAN market, driving the industry transformation of wireless from niche technology to business critical and positioning Meru to capitalize on that trend. As Meru's first chief architect, Mr. Epstein guided the creation of the core technology underpinning the company's products. Directing product marketing and strategy, he lead the company through years of successful product launches including the industry's first enterprise 802.11n product line, established multiple groundbreaking customer-focused campaigns, and earned repeated recognition of the company by leading analysts as most visionary. Mr. Epstein is a respected leader, innovator and author in the networking space, including the wireless and security fields, and is a frequently requested speaker and panelist for industry events. Before Meru, Mr. Epstein held positions in Bytemobile and Oracle. He is the author of the book *Scalable VoIP Mobility: Integration and Deployment*, available from Elsevier, and holder of multiple patents. Mr. Epstein received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Peter Danzig

Chief Strategy Officer

Peter Danzig advises and invests in early stage companies. In 2011, he led the investment in PepperMob, an enterprise mobile software company. In 2010, he co-founded Virtuata. In 2008, he served as CEO of Wirama Inc and sold the company. In past years, Peter has advised or invested in several successful networking companies, including Ironport Systems, Riverbed Technologies, Peribit Networks, and Arrowpoint Networks. He was an associate professor at University of Southern California during the 1990s, but moved to Silicon Valley to commercialize the technologies he developed in academia. He served as Vice President of Technology of Akamai, where he directed engineering and business development. He has published extensively in the area of end-to-end Internet performance. Peter's research on Internet object caches became the reference implementation for Internet web caches and the basis of the Content Delivery Network industry (Akamai, Limelight, Level-3), Squid, the Cisco cache engine, and Network Appliance's NetCache. Peter served as chief architect and CTO of Network Appliance in 1997. Peter received his B.S. in Applied Physics from University of California Davis and his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of California Berkeley. He has won the NSF National Young Investigator award, two USC Innovative Teaching Awards, and the U.C. Berkeley Angelokous award for altruism. Peter and his wife and son live in Menlo Park, California. He has taught a handful of classes at Stanford and for seven years serves as big brother through the Big Brothers and Sisters of the Bay Area.

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