



Da Hongfei

Founder, NEO

Founder of NEO & Onchain, key opinion leader of the blockchain industry, serial entrepreneur. Da Hongfei is blockchain advisor to a handful of banks, brokers, and clearing houses. In 2014, he founded NEO, a blockchain to register, transfer, and exchange digital assets, and led it to become the benchmark in the Chinese blockchain community.



Erik Zhang

Founder & Core Developer, NEO

Erik is NEO co-founder and core developer, author to dBFT consensus mechanism, expert on blockchain technology and computer security and a certified information system auditor (CISA). He was employed by Shanda Games and www.huobi.com where he was engaged in information security and R&D in digital currency.



Steven Guggenheimer

Corporate VP, Microsoft

Steven Guggenheimer is CVP, Microsoft. Over his 20+ years at Microsoft, Steven held leadership roles in strategically important areas including close to a decade helping to build Microsoft's hardware and software ecosystem as the head of Developer Evangelism (DX) and the OEM division. He has also worked on the product teams for Microsoft's Application Platform, Windows, IE, MSN, SQL Server, Visual Studio and more. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, watching rugby, playing golf and cheering on his hometown Seattle Seahawks.



Miha Kralj

Managing Director, Accenture Strategy

Miha Kralj helps customers realize the full value of cloud adoption by creating strategic transformation road maps and guiding organizational change towards modern IT. He works with senior IT executives to align business & technology strategies, and following industry best practices for cloud selection and consumption.

In his 25 years of IT strategy experience, Miha has become a board-certified Enterprise IT Architect, and has earned an industry-wide reputation as a technology expert.

Joseph Williams

Gov Jay Inslee's ICT industry Sector Lead
State of Washington ICT Economic Development
Director



Joseph Williams is a tech industry and higher education veteran with deep roots in Washington. Dr. Williams is a former executive from Microsoft and Sun Microsystems, the former dean of the School of Business, Government, and Economics at Seattle Pacific University, and an active angel investor and industry analyst who is a veteran of four startups with two exits.

Joseph has his Ph.D. in Business from the University of Texas at Austin, has authored three books and dozens of articles on the tech industry, and is an IEEE editor. Dr. Williams is a frequent speaker at industry events and a self-professed geek.

Ted Neward

Computational Philosopher



Ted Neward is an industry professional of twenty years' experience. Ted Neward is sometimes referred to as "The Dude of Software". He's comfortable answering to this title, as well as a few others. He's familiar with more programming languages than most people knew existed, and hasn't found one yet that he couldn't turn into a 'mission-critical' application when asked. He speaks at conferences all over the world and writes regularly for a variety of publications across the Java, .NET, and other ecosystems. He currently resides in the Pacific Northwest with his wife, two sons, dog, four cats, eight laptops, seven tablets, nine phones, and a rather large utility bill.

Harry Pierson

Program Manager for xlang, Microsoft



He was also previously the Program Manager for IronPython. He has been at Microsoft for over 20 years; he spent the Windows 8 and 8.1 product cycles as a program manager on the team that built Windows Runtime. After four years as a PM, he got tired of writing specs so he switched to a developer role. He spent time with the Midori research project working on C# for Systems. He then rejoined joined the core Windows team, working on the cross-platform plumbing that powers SmartGlass. He has also been tangentially involved with the C++/WinRT project and many other initiatives inside Microsoft. He tweets @devhawk.

**Dr. Zhiniang Peng**

Security Researcher, Qihoo 360

Dr. Zhiniang Peng is a security researcher at Qihoo 360 core security. He has more than 10 years of experience in both offensive and defensive security and published many academic papers in the field of information security. Dr. Peng has designed several security products in data security and discovered several critical vulnerabilities in various fields. His current research interests include software security, blockchain security and applied cryptography.

**Zhao Chen**

General Manager, NGD

Hong Kong University postgraduate. Rich cross-discipline experiences in banking and the international financial service industry. Dedicated to inter-industry communication, building the developer community, refining business models, and integrating blockchain use cases with technical expertise and understanding.

Sergei Liubich

Co-Founder & Managing Partner, NSPCC



Sergei is managing the core project of NSPCC, distributed decentralized storage platform, being a PhD Candidate in Reliability of Distributed Computer Systems at ITMO University (Russia). He worked on practical data science problems at Samsung Electronics (Seoul R&D Center) and ETH Zurich and then got interested in secure data storing and sharing.

Sergei has M.Sc. degree in Computer & Electrical Engineering (Seoul National University) and M.Sc. degree in Applied Mathematics & Informatics (St. Petersburg State University).

Anatoly Bogatyrev

Co-Founder & Technical Director, NSPCC



Anatoly is a technical guru of NSPCC. He has a PhD in Reliability of Cluster Computer Systems and M.Sc. degree in Computer Networks & Telecommunications (ITMO University). He has been working on distributed data storage problems for about 10 years. Anatoly is a former senior software engineer in data storage infrastructure at Dell-EMC.

**Wayne Zhu**

Founding Partner, NGC

Head of Investment and Research at NEO Council, Founding Partner of NEO Global Capital, is a seasoned crypto asset investor with rich experience across emerging technologies and traditional financial market. Formerly with Guotai Junan Securities, one of the largest investment banks in China, as a senior equity research analyst covering TMT sector. Before that, he worked as a manager with a state-backed venture capital fund.