

ARCHITECTING THE DIGITAL WORLD

- Share with us a brief outline on your professional journey?

With around 13+ years of experience in the Tech and IT industry, my journey has spanned multiple roles in Technology & Business ranging from Functional to Domain. I started my career as a Developer for Embedded systems and Mobile devices, then went on to pursue my PGP in Management from Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad.

I joined Mphasis as part of the Future Leaders Program in 2013 and was given the opportunity to work in various roles like Product Marketing and Business Development. Finally wanting to align myself back to the technology side, I joined Mphasis NextLabs in 2018. I now work with the Labs to build various Cognitive solutions and help our clients realize the power of AI and Machine Learning.

- What intrigued you about the 'Architect Readiness Program' that made you enroll for the same?

The SARP (Solution Architect Readiness program) program aligned well with my current role and responsibilities and offered itself as a great opportunity to take myself deeper in my technical quest. Through SARP my solutioning skills have enhanced and I really enjoy and appreciate the fact that my role involves being able to architect a solution, keeping a holistic view in mind for my client's requirement.

- Share with us your experience with regards to the program and how has this added value to your portfolio from a technical standpoint?

The program has been very extensive covering all aspects of Architecting. It not just includes the softer aspects like Leadership, influencing skills, Communication and Storytelling but also covers the more technical aspects like Essentials of AWS (Amazon Web services), Analytics, Big Data and DevOps. The medium of instruction is varied across Virtual Instructor led trainings (VILT) and Online Video trainings supported by TalentNext, Udemy and AWS Training and Certification. SARP's flexible delivery method allowed me to continue the training and deliver to my day work commitments at the same time. The interim assessments helped retain and test the course concepts at adequately timed intervals. It has specially strengthened my understanding of AWS (Amazon Web Services). MPHASIS INCLUSION & DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

- What would you like to share with women professionals in the technical arena to help them advance in their career?

Don't shy away from asking for opportunities to learn and grow. Though we all tend to become complacent after some time, keep reminding yourself that learning is a lifelong journey. Women are genetically designed to adapt, absorb and imbibe change better, so bring that to your advantage and welcome challenges to learn about new and exciting technologies. Be the 'Architect' of your own career and be ready for the Next big transformation.

- Your personal philosophy and outlook on life and how it should be balanced?

I truly believe that variety is the spice of life and you should treat yourself to new experiences, adventures and travels whenever you get a chance.

Keep asking yourself: When was the last time you did something for the first time? It is never too late to learn a new skill or develop a new hobby. Find something that defines you outside your work and family life – something that gives you happiness and helps you unwind. It could be anything like painting, writing, running, dancing or yoga – whatever you personally relate to.

Invest in yourself: positive attitude, health, happiness and growth. These are the only investments that give you lifelong and upward returns 😊