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*Thinking for yourself and question authority*

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## Work Experience

2003

**Board Member, CEO, Chairman, Advisory Council, Creative Commons**, Mountain View, CA.

US non-profit developing and supporting licenses to promote content sharing

- Chairman of the Board (2006 - 2008, 2010 - 2012)
- Board Member (2003 - 2013)
- CEO (2008 - 2011)
- Advisory Council (2013 - Present)

1995

**Co-founder, CEO, Board Member, Digital Garage**, Tokyo, Japan.

Publicly traded Japanese Internet company

- Board Member (2006 - Present)
- Board Member & CEO (1995 - 1999)
- Co-Founder

2004

2010

**Board Member, General Manager, Technorati**, San Francisco, CA.

Search engine and index of blogs

- Board Member (2006 - 2010)
- General Manager of Global Operations (2004 - 2006)

1996

2003

**Headmaster, Bithaus**, Tokyo, Japan.

Multimedia trade school

1994

1997

**Founder, CEO, Eccosys, Ltd.**, Tokyo, Japan.

One of the first web companies in Japan

1995

1996

**CEO, PSINet Japan Inc.**, Tokyo, Japan.

The first commercial Internet service provider in Japan

1989

1991

**Associate to Executive Producer, Indian Runner**, Hollywood, CA.

A Hollywood film directed by Sean Penn

## Education

2004

2007

**DBA Candidate, Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy, Hitotsubashi University**, Tokyo, Japan.

Incomplete

1986

1987

**Undergraduate, University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL.

Dean's List (1986 - 1987), Incomplete

1984

1985

**Undergraduate, Tufts University**, Medford, MA.

Incomplete

1982

1984

**High School, The American School in Japan**, Tokyo, Japan.

## Honors and Awards

- 2013 **Doctor of Literature, honoris causa**, *The New School*, New York, NY.
- 2011 **Lifetime Achievement Award**, *University of Oxford Internet Institute*, Oxford, UK.  
In recognition for role as one of the world's leading advocates of Internet freedom
- 2008 **"One of the 25 Most Influential People on the Web"**, *BusinessWeek*, US.
- 2007 **"The Next Establishment"**, *Vanity Fair*, US.
- 2005 **"Leaders of The Pack"**, *Newsweek*, US.
- 2004 **"Web-person contributor award"**, *National Advertising Bureau*, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2001 **Global Leaders for Tomorrow**, *The World Economic Forum*, Davos, Switzerland.
- 2000 **Commendation**, *Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications*, Japan.  
For supporting the advancement of IT
- 2000 **"50 Stars of Asia"**, *Businessweek*, US.
- 1997 **"CyberElite"**, *Time Magazine*, US.

## Academic Appointments

- 2010 **Affiliate**, *Berkman Center for Internet & Society*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2008 **Part-Time Lecturer**, *Keio Graduate School of Media Design*, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2011 **Fellow**, *The Annenberg Center for Communication of the University of Southern California*, Los Angeles, CA.

## Non-Profit Board Positions

- 2011 **Advisory Board**, *University of Oxford Internet Institute*, Oxford, UK.
- 2011 **Advisory Board**, *IDEO.org*, Japan.  
Non-profit associated with IDEO, a design firm
- 2009 **Board Member**, *Startl*, CA.  
Learning technology startup incubator
- 2005 **Board Member**, *The Mozilla Foundation*, CA.  
Non-profit organization and owners and developers of the Firefox browser
- 2006 **Board Member, Advisory Committee Member**, *WITNESS*, Brooklyn, NY.  
Human rights organization empowering human rights defenders with media technology  
- Board Member (2006 - 2014)  
- Advisory Committee Member (2013 - Present)
- 2009 **Board Member**, *Public Knowledge*, Washington D.C..  
US non-profit focusing on Internet and telecommunications policies in Washington D.C.
- 2008 **Board Member, Advisory Board**, *Electronic Privacy Information Center*, Washington D.C..  
US-based privacy policy non-profit  
- Board Member (2013 - Present)  
- Advisory Committee Member (2009 - Present)
- 2005 **Board Member**, *Computer Scientists for Social Responsibility*, US.
- 2008 **Board Member**, *ZeroOne - The Art and Technology Network*, San Jose, US.  
US non-profit supporting media art

	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Internet Corporation For Assigned Names and Numbers - ICANN</i> , Marina del Ray, CA. Non-profit organization that manages domain names and the numerical address system for the Internet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board Member (2004 - 2007)</li> <li>- Audit Committee (2005 - 2007)</li> <li>- Finance Committee (2005 - 2007)</li> </ul>
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Open Source Initiative</i> , USA. Non-profit organization which reviews and certifies software licenses as "Open Source" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board Member (2005 - 2007)</li> <li>- Board Member Emeritus (2007 - Present)</li> </ul>
	<b>Member</b> , <i>Keizai Doyukai - Association of Corporate Executives</i> , Tokyo, Japan. Association of corporate executives in Japan leading discussions on policy. Executives counterpart to Keidanren, the association of corporations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretariat Member (2005 - 2007)</li> <li>- Vice Chairman of IT Governance Committee (2002 - 2003)</li> </ul>
	<b>Vice Representative Secretariat Member</b> , <i>Enjin01 - The Cultural Strategy Council</i> , Toyko, Japan. Japanese non-profit focusing on the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas between cultural leaders and organizer of annual regional conferences

## For-Profit Board Positions

	<b>Senior Partner</b> , <i>PureTech</i> , Boston, MA.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Sony Corporation</i> , Tokyo, Japan.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>The New York Times Company</i> , New York, NY.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Tucows Inc.</i> , Toronto, Canada.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>C Co., Ltd.</i> , Tokyo, Japan.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Machinima.com</i> , Los Angeles, CA.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Machinima.com</i> , Los Angeles, CA.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>PIA Corporation</i> , Tokyo, Japan.
	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Energy Conversion Devices, Inc.</i> , Troy, MI.

## Other Roles and Memberships

	<b>Trustee, Board Member</b> , <i>Nishimachi International School</i> , Tokyo, Japan. English and Japanese bilingual K-9 school in Tokyo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trustee (2008 - 2011)</li> <li>- Board Member (2005 - 2008)</li> </ul>
	<b>Curator</b> , <i>Ars Electronica Symposium "A New Cultural Economy: When Property Comes Up Against its Limits"</i> , Linz, Austria.
	<b>Member</b> , <i>Howard Dean Net Advisory Net</i> , Internet.
	<b>Chairman of New Business Forum Committee</b> , <i>New Business Conference</i> , Tokyo, Japan.
	<b>Treasurer and co-founder</b> , <i>Japan Chapter, Computer Scientists for Social Responsibility</i> , Tokyo, Japan.
	<b>Jury Member</b> , <i>Prix Ars Electronica</i> , Linz, Austria. A leading international electronic arts competition based in Linz, Austria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Digital Communities Jury (2004, 2005)</li> <li>- Net Vision / Net Excellence Jury (2002, 2003)</li> <li>- .Net Jury (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000)</li> <li>- World Wide Web Jury (1995, 1996)</li> </ul>

- 1998  
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- Program Committee Member, Computers, Freedom & Privacy, US.**
- Co-Chair, GII Next Generational Category, US.**
- Board Member, Internet 1996 World Exposition, Global.**
- International Executive Board Member
  - Japan Committee Technical Producer