Faisal Memon was born in the early 1970s, to Pakistani immigrant parents, and grew up in Stafford, UK. From his early life, it was clear that there was only one, immutable, career choice - to go into software engineering. It was a time of fascination, exploration and tinkering; it was the home computer craze.

Faisal went on to study Mathematics and Computer Science at Bristol University, and Computing Science at Staffordshire University. He won the Thompson Phillips award for outstanding academic achievements, amongst other prizes. He also has a certificate in Machine Learning from Professor Andrew Ng, of Stanford University, through his Coursera MOOC platform.

Faisal has had a 25-year career in engineering from some of the most respected high technology firms. He has worked for Nortel Networks, Sun Microsystems, Nokia, Citrix, F-Secure, and Apple.

His career has taken him from low-level aspects of the software stack, where the firmware interacts with chips and buses, to Operating Systems development, middleware development and application development. Whether it was writing a super fast FLASH driver, developing an open source graphics stack, porting the JVM to mobile platforms, or writing a MS Word compatible word processor for iOS, the same intrigue, and attention to detail, has been ever present.

Being lucky enough to be at the beginning of smart phone development, at Symbian, to seeing its full realisation with iOS, Faisal has a deep background in mobile development, and an appetite to share this knowledge.