= Bob Muglia =

Bob Muglia (born 1959) is an American business executive and research and development specialist . He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Snowflake Computing , a data warehousing startup . Muglia is known for managing divisions at Microsoft that supported the Microsoft Office Suite , Windows Server and MSN Network product families . He was one of four presidents that reported directly to Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer .

Muglia held several executive positions at Microsoft before resigning from the company in 2011 . He worked briefly for Juniper Networks , then accepted his current position as CEO of Snowflake Computing in June 2014 .

= = Early life = =

Bob Muglia was born in 1959 in Connecticut . His father was an automotive parts salesman . Muglia started working at his first job when he was 15 years old . He moved to Michigan and earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1981 . After graduating , he started working for ROLM Corporation .

= = Career = =

= = = Microsoft = = =

= = = = Windows and business software = = = =

Bob Muglia started his Microsoft career in 1988 . He was the first product manager for SQL Server . Muglia also served as the director of Windows NT Program Management and User Education . He was promoted to vice president of the Windows NT division in October 1995 . Muglia later held the position of vice president of the Server Application group , until he was promoted to senior vice president of the Applications and Tools group in February 1998 .

Bob Muglia was influential in a corporate restructuring at Microsoft in 1999 , which assigned business divisions to customer types , rather than technologies . As part of the re @-@ structuring , Muglia became head of the business @-@ productivity group , which oversaw Microsoft Office , Exchange and other business software . According to Computer Reseller News , Muglia pushed developers to visit customers , created customer advisory boards and led other efforts to incorporate customer input into product development at Microsoft .

Muglia testified in the United States v. Microsoft Corp. anti @-@ trust lawsuit , and in a case between Microsoft and Sun Microsystems regarding Microsoft 's use of Java . According to New York Times reporters Steve Lohr and Koel Brinkley , the judge embarrassed Muglia by rebuking him for his persistent characterization of an email from Bill Gates . Muglia also negotiated aggressively with RealNetworks , regarding an anti @-@ trust dispute between the two companies .

In August 2000 , Muglia was appointed to vice president of a new .NET Services Group . The following year he was reassigned to focus on database technologies as senior vice president of the Enterprise Storage Services Group . He helped develop Microsoft 's plan for autonomic computing , which was announced in March 2003 . By early 2004 , Muglia held the position of senior vice president of the Windows Server Division .

= = = = Servers and tools division = = = =

Another re @-@ organization at Microsoft in 2005 resulted in Muglia taking the position of Senior Vice President of Servers and Tools before being promoted to president of the division in 2009 . This made Muglia one of four presidents at Microsoft .

During his tenure , the business group grew its revenues more than ten percent each year for six years . The division accounted for more than 20 percent of Microsoft 's revenues by January 2009 . In this position , Muglia led Microsoft 's ten @-@ year plan for data center and desktop automation products , its Dynamic Systems Initiative and its Dynamic IT strategy . In October 2010 , developers criticized Muglia for suggesting Microsoft would put less emphasis on Silverlight ; a statement he later retracted .

Muglia announced his resignation from Microsoft in January 2011 ; he was replaced by Satya Nadella , now Microsoft 's CEO . He was the fourth executive reporting directly to Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer to resign between early 2010 and 2011 . According to Financial Times , Ballmer credited Muglia for growing the servers and tools division , but implied the departure was related to disagreements between the two executives about the company 's cloud computing strategy .

= = = Juniper = = =

In July 2011 , a few months prior to Muglia 's last day at Microsoft , Juniper Networks announced it would hire Muglia as the executive vice president of its software division . He reported to then Juniper CEO Kevin Johnson , who (along with other Juniper staff) is also a former Microsoft executive . Muglia was hired to consolidate Juniper 's software groups under a new division called Software Solutions . He also helped develop Juniper 's software @-@ defined networking (SDN) strategy .

In December 2013 Muglia quit Juniper , a month after Shaygan Kheradpir was appointed as the company 's new CEO . Several other Juniper executives also left around this time .

= = = Snowflake computing = = =

Bob Muglia is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Snowflake Computing , a cloud @-@ based data @-@ warehousing startup . He joined the company in June 2014 , a couple years after it was founded in 2012 . Snowflake Computing came out of stealth mode that October .