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TechCrunch, founded on June 11, 2005, is a weblog dedicated to obsessively profiling and reviewing new Internet products and companies. In addition to new companies, we will profile existing companies that are making an impact (commercial and/or cultural) on the new web space. TechCrunch is edited by [Michael Arrington](#), who also writes a companion blog, [CrunchNotes](#).

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Michael Arrington was named a "[Web Celeb](#)" by Forbes on January 24, 2007.

If you would like to contact TechCrunch with suggestions, comments, corrections, errors or new company announcements, please email us at editor@techcrunch.com.

About Michael Arrington



A few people have asked me to post a little more information about myself. Instead of the standard corporate picture, I've included a picture of me and my dad at game four of the Giants/Angels World Series a few years ago. I like this picture, and it reminds me that every once in a while I need to get away from my computer and live real life.

If you want to see my corporate bio, check out my [LinkedIn profile](#). You can also check out [my Flickr pictures](#) (includes both business and personal pictures).

I grew up in California and Surrey, England. I started college at U.C. Berkeley, and transferred to Claremont McKenna, a tiny college located near Los Angeles, after my freshman year. I majored in economics. I went straight from college to law school at Stanford in 1992, and graduated in 1995.

I spent a few years as a corporate attorney at O'Melveny & Myers and Wilson Sonsini, working exclusively with technology companies. My clients included idealab, Netscape, Pixar, Apple and a bunch of startups, venture funds and investment banks. The late nineties were heady days in silicon valley - at any given time I was working on a number of IPOs, venture financings, and merger transactions. I also co-authored a book on IPOs while I was working at Wilson Sonsini, which is still in print (on its second edition) by Bowne. I worked all the time.

I left law firm life to join a hot startup and run sales and business development. The startup, RealNames, filed to go public but didn't make it out before the bubble burst. Eventually, RealNames liquidated after raising over \$100 million in venture capital.

I left that startup as it was going through the IPO process and co-founded a company called Achex. We raised nearly \$20 million after the bubble burst, and sold the company to First Data Corp about a year later for \$32 million. Achex is now the back end infrastructure to Western Union online.

After Achex, I've worked in an operational role at a Carlyle backed startup in London, founded and ran two companies in Canada (Zip.ca and Pool.com), was COO to a Kleiner backed company called Razorgator, and consulted to other companies, including SnapNames and Verisign.

In addition to TechCrunch, I am a founder of [edgeio](#) and a member of the edgeio board of directors.

About Nick Gonzalez

I have been doing analysis and research writing for TechCrunch since July 2006. I'm a graduate of UC Berkeley with degrees in business administration, economics, and minor in computer science. After graduating, I worked for the Alameda County economic development agency called the Economic Development Alliance for Business (EDAB). Then I worked for the executive compensation data provider Equilar.

I blog also at [RunningWithFoxes.com](#) about peripheral research I do about emerging web apps. I'm always interested in hearing about new startups, meeting new people in the industry, and can be reached at Nick[At]TechCrunch.com.

I have no financial disclosures aside from my employment at TechCrunch.

Disclosures

I (Michael Arrington) occasionally advise and/or invest in companies that may be written about on TechCrunch. Any conflicts are always mentioned if I personally write about that company. For companies like edgeio where I hold a substantial equity interest, my current policy is to have someone other than me write about that company if they appear on TechCrunch, and the conflict of interest is disclosed. - see [this example](#).

Current Disclosures for Michael Arrington:

1. I am a founder and significant shareholder in edgeio.
2. In [June 2006](#) I became a member of the board of directors of Foldera, a publicly held corporation.
3. I am an investor in a stealth company called Daylife, based in New York.
4. I became an investor in Dogster on September 14, 2006
5. I have been an investor and member of the board of directors of Omnidrive since December 2006.