SHARAD VARSHNEY

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Before joining Worf, Sharad was working on a early stage stealth startup working on enabling Gen AI fine tuning and validation platform and previously worked as Sr. Vice President, headed AI and Machine Learning Engineering and has been instrumental in this role with Epsilon where he gave birth to Marketing Machine Learning operating system and architected and designed many Gen AI and Deep Learning based models from researching papers to POC to deploying these models in Production.

With more than 20 years of unique cross-domain experience from different industry verticals in product development. He brings effective and thought leadership and a mission to grow the business through a transformative data-driven approach. Currently working on fine tuning various open source LLMs such as Llama2 and Mistral models. Before his SVP role, Sharad was a founding member of Palo Alto based AI Startup – Peritus and been instrumental in designing and developing very first version of the product and hiring best of best engineers and Data Scientists from companies and universities like Google, Stanford and many other world-renowned universities and corporations.

Sharad held various Engineering leadership positions, heading Intel's AIPG teams in multiple geographical areas bringing first Global Resource Design Center (GRDC) to life with Facebook as one of the biggest stakeholders. His research projects in Intel includes drone image inference during flight. Sharad was instrumental in Intel's first engagement with BMW's autonomous driving experience and partnered with the CEO Brian Krzanich to evangelize Intel's Data Driven AI approach at CES 2016 and to Intel's worldwide partners and customers.

Sharad has Bachelors of Engineering in Computer Engg. from India and has done Masters in Computer Science from California State University. Sharad also has Deep Learning Specialization from Andrew Ng's Coursera platform and Machine Learning Specialization from Stanford University.