

Andy Bechtolsheim

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Biography

Andy Bechtolsheim is an electrical engineer, entrepreneur, investor, and self-made billionaire. He co-founded Sun Microsystems in 1982 and was its chief hardware designer. Later, he became an investor, most notable for providing Sergey Brin and Larry Page with their first round of funding, a \$100,000 investment in 1998 before the two had even incorporated their company, Google.

Andy was a Founder and Chief System Architect at Sun Microsystems, where he was responsible for industry standard server architecture. He was Founder and President of Granite Systems, a Gigabit Ethernet startup acquired by Cisco Systems in 1996. From 1996 until 2003 Andy served as VP/GM of the Gigabit Systems Business Unit at Cisco that developed the very successful Catalyst 4500 family of switches. Andy was also a Founder and President of Kealia, a next generation server company acquired by Sun in 2004.

Andy received an M.S. in Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 1976 and was a Ph.D. Student at Stanford University from 1977 until 1982. He was co-awarded the prestigious "EY 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year" across National USA.

Andy's additional honors include: Smithsonian Leadership Award for Innovation in 1999, a Stanford Entrepreneur Company of the year award, and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering.