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Glee Abraham, Head of Technical Operations & Engineering, *RDKM*

Glee oversees RDK Technology Operations & Engineering including maintenance of wiki, code management, contributions, compliance, validation, releases, documentation, technical support & training. A part of the RDKM team since 2013, Glee also oversees the engineering efforts to develop test tools, reference platforms and the pre-integrations of RDK.



Alex Ball, Director of RDK-B Development, *Deutsch Telekom*

Alex Ball works for Deutsche Telekom Group heading up their RDK Broadband initiative, where he oversees RDK-B development, integration, and dev test automation. Alex has more than 25 years of experience in the communications sector, having worked primarily for Multi Service Operators on B2C Video and Broadband products. Alex has been an active participant in the RDK community for Video and Broadband since its start as a community.



Aziz Bohoudi, VP Entertainment Technology, *Liberty Global*

Aziz Bohoudi has accumulated over two decades of experience in the Telco and Cable industries, with a specific focus on TV and Broadband services. Currently serving as the Vice President of Entertainment Technology at Liberty Global, he oversees the Liberty Global Video Technology and Delivery organization, leading the transformation of entertainment services across diverse European markets.

Aziz specializes in key areas such as digital transformation, system integration, delivery management, DevOps practices, Agile methodologies, and technology strategy. He is known for his strategic thinking, creative problem-solving skills, and his ability to build and motivate high-performing teams.

With a wealth of knowledge in telecommunications and cable industries, Aziz offers valuable insights into the ever-evolving landscape of TV and Broadband services, digital transformation, and technology strategy.



Jason Briggs, President & General Manager, *RDKM*

Jason Briggs is the President & GM of RDK Management, a joint venture established by leading communication service providers, to manage the RDK open-source software platform used to power video, broadband, and IoT devices. In this capacity, he oversees all aspects of the RDK open-source software consortium, supporting a community of more than 600 technology companies including service providers, hardware manufacturers, software developers, and system integrators. Mr. Briggs was instrumental in the global growth of RDK to dozens of service providers and more than 100 million device deployments worldwide.



Bill Condon, Vice President, Enterprise Sales & Partnerships, Xumo

Bill Condon is Vice President of Enterprise Sales and Partnerships at XUMO. A 25-year veteran of the digital advertising industry, Condon is responsible for leading the company's sales efforts for their FAST (Free Ad Supported Streaming TV) channel technology solutions that enable the creation, programming, distribution, measurement, and monetization across all Connected TV Platforms.

Before joining Xumo, Condon held positions at the Walt Disney Company, Tremor Video, Yahoo, AOL and PointRoll. He holds a BA in Communications from Goucher College.



Bruce Curtin, Product Director, Irdeto

Bruce Curtin is currently a Product Director in Irdeto focusing on enabling and securing next generation media protection solutions for Pay TV Operators. After a brief period of development in the Telecommunications industry in South Africa, Bruce has joined Irdeto. Over a 20-year period Bruce has worked on many of Irdeto's key security product initiatives covering scalable broadcast client security integrations, secure chipset ramp up, end to end middleware,

multiscreen and even secure-payments and PCI compliance. Lately Bruce is focused on bringing operators the hybrid middleware solutions they need to become super aggregators as they bring new targeted OTT business on board. During this period Bruce has also been enthusiastically involved in supporting the transition of Irdeto from old style security company into an active and agile Service oriented Security and Solution Provider that can best meet the needs of Pay TV operators that need to aggregate and differentiate in the competitive and fast moving Pay TV landscape today. Bruce holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering from the University of Cape Town (South Africa).



Albert Dahan, Fellow, Comcast

Albert Dahan is a distinguished technology leader and innovator, currently serving as a Fellow at Comcast. He is a pioneer in developing open source technology solutions that enhance the performance of apps and video services.

In 2005, Albert co-founded Metrological. Under his technical leadership, Metrological has become a preeminent application platform, used by Tier 1 MVPDs and TV operators, and many of the largest media companies worldwide.

In 2019, Comcast acquired Metrological. Albert's expertise and vision continue to shape the future of media and technology at Comcast, where he currently holds the position of Fellow.



José Ramon Diaz Martínez, Director, Solution Architecture, RDKM

Jose Ramon joined the RDK team as Director of Solution Architecture in 2021, where he is working with our broadband partners to create common technical solutions for the RDK-B community and providing guidance in the design and evolution of RDK-B, that will facilitate the adoption of new services.

Over the last 20 years Jose Ramon has held relevant technical positions in companies such as Siemens, Nokia, Alcatel-Lucent and Tele2 where he was designing, developing, and deploying solutions in mobile, access, core, and triple play networks. Most recently Jose Ramon was working as RDK-B Software Architect at Liberty Global for the last five years before joining the RDK team.



Asad Haque, Executive Director, Security Architecture, Comcast

Asad Haque has over twenty-five years of progressive responsibilities in Information Security Architecture, specializing in @scale security of IoT and embedded devices and system API's to protect and preserve user privacy. Designed Blockchain based decentralized and autonomous authentication and authorization for constrained devices. He possesses extensive hands-on experience as a Chief Application and Network Architect, including experience in systems management, information security, software development, large secure network (TCP/IP) design and deployment, departmental oversight and management.

Over the last 2 ½ years, he has also been actively involved with Matter protocol. As a founding original member of Matter, he has contributed many design concepts, specifications, and implementations. He sits on the Matter Steering Committee and chairs CSA's Security Advisory Group. He also leads the Matter Decentralized and Distributed Compliance Ledger team that is developing blockchain based ledger to provide device provenance, certification status and important commissioning and operating parameters.



Labeeb Ismail, Senior Vice President, Global Devices Software, Comcast/Sky

Labeeb Ismail serves as Senior Vice President of Global Devices software for Comcast and Sky. In this capacity, Labeeb manages software development, test and ops for all Comcast and Sky customer premise devices including TVs, set-top boxes, modems, broadband gateways, WiFi extenders, sensors, touchscreens and voice remotes. Labeeb is one of the early members of the team that created X1. He led the program within Comcast to build and deploy RDK across all Comcast devices. He also worked with the operator and vendor community to open source RDK. The RDK community now has over 600 members and over 100 million deployments. Labeeb joined Comcast in 2005 as Vice President of Engineering for the TVWorks group.

Prior to joining Comcast, Labeeb worked as Vice President of Technology at Liberate Inc. During his tenure at Liberate, Labeeb lead technology development for OnRamp, a Java based operating system for set-top boxes, and the DVR module for TVNavigator. Prior to joining Liberate, Labeeb worked as the CTO of Metabyte Networks, a company that he cofounded to build DVR, personalization, and ad targeting technologies. Prior to that Labeeb worked as a software consultant for companies like LSI Logic, OpenTV, Gemstar and Intel.

Labeeb holds a Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering from REC Calicut in India (now NITC). Labeeb is a key technical contributor for many innovations in device operating systems and cloud technology for management of devices. He is listed as an inventor for over 30 US patents.



Lauren Kisser, Director, Living Room AI, Science and Tech, Prime Video

Lauren is an award winning customer obsessed tech leader with over 25 years experience developing and leading innovation and technology strategies. She currently oversees Living Room Platform Technology for Prime Video. Lauren is a seasoned Amazonian with over 15 years tenure. She previously led teams in artificial intelligence, voice forward technology, information security and data protection, drone and emerging robotic operations, cloud computing and storage, retail, and ecommerce platforms.

She is passionate about building the next generation of technologists and is the UK executive sponsor for Amazon's Future Engineers. She was named one of the 20 Amazing Women Leading Europe's Tech Revolution and in 2018, she was named Financial Times 100 Female Executives and 100 Women to Watch by Cranfield University and was awarded the 2017 Everywoman in Retail Ambassador of the Year award for her dedication to addressing the gender gap in retail and technology. She is a frequent public speaker and holds seven patents ranging from emerging robotics to cloud computing.



Russell Leake, Executive Director Architecture, Comcast Technology Solutions

Russell Leake is an executive director of architecture in the Connected Living business of Comcast Technology Solutions. He is responsible for connected living growth and new partner engagements. Russell brings over 23 years of industry experience in connected device product, software and solutions through his roles at Cisco, Technicolor, Eaton, and Synamedia.



Nick Newell, Global Head of Partner Solutions, YouTube

Nick Newell joined YouTube as senior leadership within the Partner Engineering organization in early 2020, working on developing partner programs and technical solutions for YouTube products across various device ecosystems such as TV, Mobile, and Automotive.

He has spent much of the last 20 years in Silicon Valley focusing on device partnerships in the streaming industry going back to Adobe, and more recently Netflix, with a few startups in between. Now at YouTube, Nick has recently been working on cross platform automation solutions, platform scaling, and infield compliance.



Nitin Pai, CMO & Chief Strategy Officer, Tata Elxsi

Nitin brings over 25 years of industry experience in product development and R&D, new business incubation, and global marketing for technology and design services in the automotive, consumer electronics, media and telecom industries.

He is the head of global marketing and corporate strategy at Tata Elxsi – the design led technology services company and part of the 110B US\$ Tata group. In this role, he helps the company develop business and market strategies, steer business units and the company in chosen verticals and markets, and drive strategic partnerships to strengthen its service portfolio and business growth.

Nitin started as a designer in one of the world’s largest motorcycle companies, then moved to Tata Elxsi and built and grew a business around design and user experience, which is among the leading design agencies in the world today. He later moved to a corporate role to lead marketing and strategy, and brings deep insights into design-led thinking and digital, and how that can be used strategically to impact brands and businesses.

He is an alum of INSEAD France, IIM Bangalore and BITS – Pilani.



Mehaal Rai, Senior Director, Content Partnerships, Metrological

Mehaal Rai has more than 15+ years of Strategic Business Development & Product Management experience across the Cable and TV ecosystem. His key responsibilities include having partnerships with new emerging companies, defining content market strategy and business development. He has had the opportunity to work with the leading content companies globally and understands the needs and the on-boarding process onto the Tier-1 Operator devices.

Based in the Netherlands, He currently works at Metrological as Senior Director - Content Partnerships and prior to that at Philips with the main responsibility being acquiring the Apps requested by the Operators and being the bridge between Content companies, the Operators and App development companies.



Emily Rautenberg, UX Engineering Lead, Comcast

Emily leads the Experience Design Engineering Delivery team at Comcast. Her team is responsible for creating and maintaining shared component libraries that integrate with a unique theming schema, designed to be adaptable across multiple platforms, including TV, Web, and Mobile. The open-sourced Lightning-UI-Components library, which provides over 70 helpful engineering assets for Lightning users to spin up their applications more quickly, falls under this umbrella. She has a passion for both engineering and design, merging the two into her role to ensure the customer experiences she builds both look good and perform well.



Stephane Renaud, Director of Product Technology Marketing, *MediaTek*

Stephane is Director of Product Technology Marketing at MediaTek. In this role, he promotes MediaTek's unique portfolio to all key Operators in the European region, for both fixed and mobile broadband networks. Key technologies are 5G, xPON, Wi-Fi, edge computing. Stephane has been in the Broadband Industry for the past 25 years, mostly in Product Marketing and Business development roles at Operator, OEM and Semiconductor companies.



Ivan Runje, Product Management Sector Director, *Hrvatski Telekom*

Ivan Runje graduated from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (FER - Zagreb) in 2011. After that, he gained significant experience in the telecommunications industry, working at Iskon from 2010 to 2019. During this period, he worked in the positions of Business Intelligence, Product Management, Proposition Management and New Product Development, and also led Business Transformation. In 2017, Ivan obtained an executive MBA in Bled, which further expanded his knowledge and skills in business management. Since 2019, Ivan has been working at HT, the leading Croatian telecommunications operator which is part of DT, first in the position of Director of Business Development, and then as Director of the Product Management and Digital Products Development. During this time, Ivan was responsible for developing new business strategies and products, leading teams and managing business processes. With his expertise, Ivan contributed to the success of the companies he worked for and continues to be a valuable member of the telecommunications industry.



Steve Russell, VP, Video Entertainment Solutions, *Irdeto*

Steve Russell is an experienced leader with two decades of accomplishments in driving innovation and success within the realm of top-tier service providers. In July 2023, Steve joined Irdeto after a notable tenure as Chief Product Officer at Red Bee Media. During his time at Red Bee Media, he strategically oversaw the adoption of a product-oriented business approach, resulting in a substantial expansion of OTT services across broadcasting, sports, and studio sectors. His proven insights and strategic acumen make him a key player in shaping the future of digital media and related industries.



Fraser Stirling, Global Chief Product Officer, *Comcast/Sky*

Fraser joined Sky as Group Chief Product Officer in June 2019 from Sky's parent company Comcast. He joined Comcast in 2014, rising to Senior Vice President of Digital Home, Devices and AI overseeing product developments including the company-wide effort to become all IP and the launch of the first voice-controlled remote control.

Prior to his time at Comcast, Fraser held roles at Verizon and Intel Media and Sky.



Jonathan Temlock, Head of Business Development – Alexa Voice Service, *Amazon*

Jonathan is the Head of Global Business Development for Alexa Voice Service's Solution Provider Programs at Amazon. He has over 15 years of experience building new businesses and managing product partnerships and programs. In his role on the Alexa team, Jonathan is responsible for developing voice strategies with suppliers, developers, middleware providers, chipset vendors, ODMs, and SIs serving TV and broadband operators making it easier for them to implement and provide voice experiences to end-users that lead to increased customer satisfaction, higher retention, and lower churn. Prior to his tenure on the Alexa team, Jonathan held a number of management roles at AT&T and Amazon Web Services and received his MBA from Vanderbilt University.



Oscar Uitenbroek, Director, Product Development, *RDKM*

Oscar is the Lead Architect of RDK Management for Video, focused on collaboration with the Video App Community resulting in App integrations on RDK. Oscar also ensures that the WPE Browser support is available to the App community and promotes the Lightning App Development Program.

Oscar brings to RDK Management over 15 years of experience in the OTT industry; having lead multiple successful projects to enable video Apps that drive Entertainment experience on millions of devices across the industry.



Wouter van Boeschoten, Executive Director, *Comcast*

Wouter currently leads the Lightning open source team at Comcast. He is responsible for the evolutions of the Lightning project, building an open source community and providing synergy between what the enterprise needs and the open source community wants. He has 15+ years of experience in the media broadcasting industry, from DVB-(P)SI generators to VOD back office (EventIS/SeaChange) and STB embedded/webkit development to HTML5 Apps (Metrological).

His mission is to provide everyone with the smooth UI experience they deserve using the power of open source software development.



Chris van der Linden, Director, Entertainment Platforms, *Liberty Global*

Chris van der Linden is Director Entertainment Platforms and is responsible for Liberty Global's product strategy, definition, development & quality management for Entertainment CPE & video platforms. This included development of the award-winning Mini TV Box (both in terms of sustainability and design), the innovation and deployment of innovative Entertainment services (Replay TV, Cloud PVR) and the extension of content discovery to include OTT streaming apps

across our markets. With our Horizon platform we enable our national champions, brands such as Virgin Media-02 in the UK, VodafoneZiggo in the Netherlands, Telenet in Belgium, Sunrise in Switzerland and Virgin Media in Ireland to provide the best Entertainment experience to their customers.