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Amir Ansari has been a successful serial inventor and entrepreneur for more than 16 years. Amir is co-founder and partner at Prodea LLP. Prior to forming Prodea, Amir served in the Office of CTO for the Intelligent IP Division of Sonus Networks, a provider of IP based Voice infrastructure products, where he was primarily responsible for providing technical guidance and direction in deploying the INIP softswitch in carrier networks. Amir joined Sonus Networks through the acquisition of telecom technologies inc. (tti) in 2001, where he was the co-founder and CTO.

As the CTO of tti, Amir led the efforts for architecting and designing the company's flagship product, the INtelligentIP (INIP) Softswitch. The company's client list consisted of Fortune 500 companies such as WorldCom, Qwest Communications, Hewlett Packard, Sprint, and AT&T. tti received several prestigious awards for its significant growth and success including Inc 500 Fastest Growing Privately Held Companies and Deloitte & Touche Fast 500 Technology Companies.

Amir is a member of the X Prize Foundation's Vision Circle and its Board of Trustees, as well as the title sponsor for the Ansari X Prize, a \$10M cash prize for the first non-governmental organization to launch a reusable manned spacecraft into space twice within two weeks. Mojave Aerospace Ventures, founded by Paul Allen and Burt Rutan, won the Ansari X Prize in October of 2004. Amir is also actively involved with several non-profit organizations in support of social development and entrepreneurial projects.

Amir has co-authored numerous technical papers and filed several US Patents in the areas of Voice over IP and Multimedia services. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from George Mason University.

Amir is an amateur pilot and a space enthusiast.