

Dipak Patel

Biography

Dipak Patel first joined BT Laboratories as an undergraduate in the summer of 1997. His early work was in the field of intelligent software agent tools and web interface design.

Returning to BT Laboratories (now BTextact Technologies) in October 1998 as a Computer Science graduate of The University of Manchester, Dipak's role was to spearhead innovation and culture change within in BT's defence team. This involved research into novel and emergent technology and acting as a technical advisor to the BT's defence clients.

Late in 1999 Dipak seized the opportunity to become executive assistant and second memory to BT's Chief Technologist, Professor Peter Cochrane. He accompanied Peter around the globe; engaging with the most senior of BT's customers and other VIP's in government, industry and academia. With a thirty year age gap between them, Dipak was often sought after to give a younger persons view as BT's 'Emperor of Newness and Nowness' during workshops, consultancy and thought leadership activities.

Dipak's driving ambition 'to do things that haven't been done before' led him to become a researcher in disruptive technologies. This work centred around the creation of new propositions and downstreaming technologies through partnerships with world-class institutions such as The MIT Media Lab.

In his short career Dipak has covered a wide variety of business and technology areas, but is still driven by a simple goal - 'to have an adventure unlike any other.'

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