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#### **SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE**

Dr. Levy is a technical leader in the computer, software and hard disk industry with over thirty years experience; Ph.D. in Computer Science from Stanford University.

Areas of expertise include:

Bus design – system bus - local area network (LAN)
Bus standards - ATA – ATAPI – IDE - 1394 FireWire I-Link - SCSI
Computer design – CPU – multiprocessor – input/output – I/O controller
Memory design – memory controller – cache – Flash memory – RAM, ROM
Hard disk – RAID – storage network – SAN – NAS – distributed storage
Internet protocol – http – cookies – web server
Software - firmware - embedded systems – software development
Operating system - file system – file server – file access protocol
Simulation - performance - benchmark

Inventor on seven patents and author of a book and several published technical papers. Engaged as an expert in over 50 cases, testified in deposition and at trial; technical advisor to two Federal District Court judges.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999 to Present John Levy Consulting and 1982 to 1992 Management Consultant

Managing development of computers, software and storage devices. General business consulting for small firms, both for-profit and nonprofit. Expert witness in intellectual property and contract dispute litigation.

### 1993 to 1998 Quantum Corporation

Director, Systems Engineering

Hired and managed an engineering organization of 27 people; Made Quantum a leader in hard disk interface technology - ATA/33, /66, SCSI-160M; Developed software/hardware tools for firmware & system validation; Led disk drive performance enhancements in caching, system performance modeling and simulation, Windows software drivers; Member of strategic planning team.

# 1979 to 1982 Apple Computer, Inc.

**Engineering Supervisor** 

Hardware & firmware development of local area network on Lisa team; Design of hardware/firmware interpreter for Pascal p-machine processor.

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1977 to 1979 Tandem Computer, Inc.

Senior Engineer

Advanced development of next-generation multi-processor systems; Study of rollback-recovery in distributed databases.

1972 to 1977 Digital Equipment Corp.

**Consulting Engineer** 

Design of computer processor hardware & operating system software; Design of Input/Output subsystems, distributed systems, distributed storage systems; Design of buses for high-speed I/O channels and for minicomputer systems.

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Computer Science, Stanford University, 1973

M.S., Electrical Engineering, California Institute of Technology, 1966

B. Engineering Physics, Cornell University, 1965

### **LITIGATION RELATED EXPERIENCE** – Please see separate summary

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Get Out of the Way: How to Manage Development of Timely, Innovative and Relevant Products, Cupertino, CA: Happy About Publishing, May, 2010

**If Extreme Programming is Good Management, What Were We Doing Before?** *EDN Magazine*, November 13, 2003.

Twelve Things to Ask Your Software Development Team, ComputerWorld Online, September 22, 2003.

A File Structure for Non-Erasable Media, with Wayne Wang, Ninth IEEE Symposium on Mass Storage Systems, pp. 72-76, 1988. also published as "An Operating System-Independent WORM File System" in Software for Optical Storage, Meckler Corp., 1989, pp. 23-54

**Small Image Retrieval System**, with Wayne Wang, *Ricoh Technical Report No. 16*, pp. 93-95, 1987.

**Buses, the Backbone of Computer Structures**, in *Computer Engineering (Chapter 11)*, by Bell et al. (editors), Digital Press, 1978.

**Computing with Multiple Microprocessors**, (Ph.D. Thesis) *Stanford Linear Accelerator Center Report No. 161*, 1973

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#### U.S. PATENTS

Patent Number	Year Issued	<u>Title</u>
4,245,303	1981	Memory for Data Processing System with Command and Data Buffering
4,229,791	1980	Distributed Arbitration Circuitry for Data Processing System
4,232,366	1980	Bus for a Data Processing System with Overlapped Sequences
4,045,781	1977	Memory Module with Selectable Byte Addressing for Digital Data Processing System
4,007,448	1977	Drive for Connection to Multiple Controllers in a Digital Data Secondary Storage Facility
3,999,163	1976	Secondary Storage Facility for Data Processing Systems
3,911,400	1975	Drive Condition Detecting Circuit for Secondary Storage Facilities in Data Processing Systems

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS**

**Association for Computing Machinery** 

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers:

Computer Society - National Lecturer on bus design

Forensic Expert Witness Association

### UNIVERSITY-LEVEL TEACHING

### University of San Francisco, Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning

2014	Innovation & Computers in the Modern World
2013	The Meaning of Life in the Digital World
2012, 2010, 2008, 2006	The Digital Revolution in the Home
2011, 2009, 2007, 2005	Computers - the Inside Story

### San Francisco State University

1980-81 Computer Input/Output Architecture