

MICROSOFT AZURE SPACE LEADERSHIP TEAM + BIOS



TOM KEANE

Title: Corporate Vice President, Microsoft Azure Global

About: Tom Keane leads a worldwide engineering team dedicated to building Microsoft's Azure cloud computing platform to enable adoption by every country, every industry, and every customer in the world. The team manages Azure's Global Infrastructure, designing and launching future Azure data center regions and expanding global coverage and Microsoft's hub, hero, service ring and availability zone infrastructure. Tom is responsible for Azure's Cyber Sovereignty engineering, and works frequently with global governments and regulators enabling Azure to be the industry leader in privacy, compliance and security. He also heads engineering for financial services, agriculture, energy, retail, silicon, and gaming commercial industries and federal, state and local governments, departments of defense, global intelligence communities, space and critical infrastructure.

For nearly two decades, Tom has worked at Microsoft. During his career, he helped ship the first enterprise cloud service (Office 365) and led the expansion of Azure into 61 global regions covering 84% of the world's GDP. He was also responsible for the build out of Microsoft's government cloud capabilities, including the effort to host classified data. Originally from Adelaide, Australia, Tom received a degree in Computer Science from the University of South Australia.

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JULIA WHITE

Title: Corporate Vice President, Microsoft Azure

About: Julia White leads the marketing team for Microsoft Azure, and focuses on how Microsoft presents its Applications, Infrastructure, Data and Intelligence capabilities to customers and partners. In addition to Azure, Julia and her the team are responsible for Microsoft's hybrid cloud assets; including SQL Server, Windows Server, Developer tools and management capabilities. Across this portfolio, Julia is also responsible for the value proposition, global go-to-market strategy and industry engagement. She also works in partnership with engineering leadership to chart the product roadmaps.

In 2001, Julia joined Microsoft as a product manager in the Enterprise Server team. In 2005, she moved to Microsoft's US sales organization to run channel marketing and sales incentives. In 2007, she returned to product leadership, taking on Exchange Server product marketing. Over the course of the next 8 years, she was instrumental in leading the product's evolution from an on-premises server technology to establishing Office 365 as the leader in cloud productivity services. She has Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School.

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**STEPHEN KITAY**

Title: Senior Director, Microsoft Azure Space

About: Stephen Kitay co-leads Microsoft's efforts to connect Azure with the space sector. The rapid advances in commercial, government and international space capabilities provides a unique opportunity to both enable the space industry through the power of Azure and leverage these space services for Azure customers. Stephen and the Azure Space team are developing capabilities and services to extend connectivity across the world, simulate digital space environments, discover new insights, and drive innovation both on the ground and in orbit.

Prior to Microsoft, Stephen served in the United States Government, most recently as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy where he had a key leadership role in the establishment of the U.S. Space Force. He has also held a range of positions in the Air Force, Intelligence Community and Capitol Hill. Stephen has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Syracuse University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of West Florida.

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CHIRAG PARIKH

Title: Senior Director, Microsoft Azure Space

About: Chirag Parikh co-leads Microsoft's efforts to connect Azure with the space sector. His work focuses on using the power of Azure's global cloud capabilities to enable the space industry and applying the advantages of space to further enable Microsoft cloud users. Chirag's focus spans across defense, intelligence, civil, and commercial providers and users of space capabilities, incorporating a multinational partner community, and working with partners ranging from large, defense primes to startups. The Azure Space team is developing capabilities and services to extend connectivity across the world, simulate digital space environments, discover new insights, and drive innovation both on the ground and in orbit.

Prior to joining Microsoft, Chirag worked for two decades in the United States Government, most recently as a Senior Executive at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) where he served in a variety of roles including leading collection and tasking of geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) sensors and the analysis of GEOINT data for global national security missions. He also served as the White House Director of Space Policy on the National Security Council, led the space intelligence community as the Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, and began his career as an aerospace engineer for the United States Air Force. He received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

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WILLIAM (BILL) CHAPPELL

Title: Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft Azure Space

About: Dr. William Chappell is the CTO of Azure Global and the VP of Mission Systems. He is bootstrapping efforts for Azure Space, Critical Infrastructure and Secure Hardware Design, where the cloud is used for some of the most challenging workloads and requirements. Dr. Chappell and the Azure Global team are focused on mission use cases of the cloud and highlighting how the cloud can support critical customers, such as government users, at the point of need. This entails making data accessible for missions anywhere on the planet, through either satellites or terrestrial networks. His team is showing that the cloud can support not only critical information technology but mission specific applications such as real time decision making, coordination, and advanced communications.

He was formerly the director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Microsystems Technology Office (MTO), where he focused on National Security efforts and established the Electronics Resurgence Initiative (ERI), the nation's largest investment in the foundation of electronics. Also, as office director, he helped structure and authorize the Spectrum Collaboration Challenge (SC2), the first DARPA RF grand challenge, continuing his focus on adaptive and collaborative RF systems.

Prior to his DARPA appointment, Dr. Chappell served as a professor in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department of Purdue University, where he led the Integrated Design of Electromagnetically Applied Systems (IDEAS) Laboratory and researched high-frequency components. He received his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Electrical Engineering, all from the University of Michigan.

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**BILL KARAGOUNIS**

Title: General Manager of Industry Sovereign Solutions, Microsoft Azure Global

About: Bill Karagounis leads efforts focused on delivering critical technologies for Azure sovereign clouds. This includes Azure Modular datacenters and edge platform devices to allow government and commercial customers access to Azure in the field and in remote locations. During his time at Microsoft, Bill has held a variety of field and engineering roles, including Director of Program Management for Operating System Quality, Battery life and Performance, Founder and General Manager of the of the Microsoft Managed Desktop Service, Group Manager for Audio, Video and Camera platforms, Practice Manager Microsoft Consulting, Development Tools Sales Director – Australia, and Windows Insider Program Founder/Director.

Prior to joining Microsoft, Bill worked at Accenture in Financial Services and mission critical systems solutions. He received a Bachelor of Science in computer science and organic chemistry from the University of New South Wales, and audio engineering degree from the University of Washington.

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