

Ajei Gopal



Dr. Ajei Gopal has over 30 years of leadership experience in the software industry. For the past five years, Dr. Gopal has been president and CEO of S&P 500 company [Ansys](#), the global leader in engineering simulation. Ansys helps the world's most innovative companies engineer radically better products – from computer chips to rocket ships. During his tenure as Ansys CEO, Dr. Gopal has helped accelerate the company's growth and doubling revenue and the number of employees.

Dr. Gopal has been on the Ansys board of directors for over a decade, initially as an independent member serving on the Audit Committee. He was also on the Citrix board from 2017 until 2021, where he served on the Compensation, the Technology, Data and Information, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance committees.

Dr. Gopal previously served as operating partner for Silver Lake Partners, where he worked with several of Silver Lake's portfolio companies and was seconded as interim president and chief operating officer to Symantec. Prior to that, Dr. Gopal served as senior vice president and general manager of Hewlett Packard Software, executive vice president at CA Technologies, and executive vice president and CTO at Symantec, positions where he was responsible for software product and technology portfolios that drove billions of dollars in revenue.

Earlier, Dr. Gopal was the founder and CEO of Reefedge Networks, a wireless LAN security company, which was acquired by Symantec. Before that, Dr. Gopal held several roles at IBM Research and IBM's Software Group. He began his career at Bell Communications Research in 1984.

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Dr. Gopal holds 23 U.S. patents and has authored numerous papers and technical reports published in scientific conferences and journals. He earned a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Cornell University and a B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay, which has named him a distinguished alumnus.