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Adam Cheyer • 3rd

Co-Founder & VP Engineering, Viv & Siri

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Viv Labs



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Adam Cheyer is an inventor, entrepreneur, and engineering executive who explores how computers can augment individual and collective intelligence. He is currently co-founder and VP Engineering of Viv Labs, whose goal is to simplify the world by providing an intelligent interface to everything. Viv Labs is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Samsung. Previously, Adam was co-founder and VP Engineering of Siri, a virtual personal assistant for your phone. As a startup, Siri won the Innovativ...

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## Experience



Co-Founder & VP Engineering

Viv Labs

Sep 2012 – Present • 6 yrs 9 mos

Viv radically simplifies the world by providing an intelligent interface to everything.



Viv



Vice President, R&D

Samsung Mobile

Messaging












**Keynote Speaker**  
**BigSpeak Speakers Bureau**  
Feb 2016 – Present · 3 yrs 4 mos  
Speaking topics include artificial intelligence, machine learning, and the future of work.  
BigSpeak at info@BigSpeak.com, or  

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Viv Labs was acquired by Samsung in October 2016, for which it remains an independent subsidiary.

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**Founding Member, Advisor**  
**Change.org**  
Jan 2006 – Present · 13 yrs 5 mos  
San Francisco, CA  
Change.org is the premier social network for social good.  
- Founding team member, with Ben Rattray, Darren Haas, Mark Dimas.  
- Implemented first version of the system in Ruby on Rails.  
- Helped grow and hire early technical team.... See more

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**Co-Founder, Advisor**  
**Sentient**  
Jul 2007 – Present · 11 yrs 11 mos  
Co-Founder and Director (Board). Contributes to technology, IP, product and business model. Helped raise a significant B round of funding. Continuing in role as Advisor.

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**Engineering Director**  
**Apple Inc.**  
Apr 2010 – Jun 2012 · 2 yrs 3 mos  
Cupertino, CA  
Responsible for server-side engineering (AI algorithms, scalable platform, application domains, deployments) for Siri.

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**Co-Founder, VP Engineering**  
**Siri, Inc.**  
Mar 2008 – Apr 2010 · 2 yrs 2 mos  
Technical co-founder for Siri, your virtual personal assistant. Key contributor to original algorithms and technical approach, hired team, managed product features and engineering release schedule, ensured timely delivery of a quality product. Sold to Apple in April 2010.

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**Program Director, AI Center**  
**SRI International**  
Apr 2003 – Mar 2008 · 5 yrs  
Chief Architect of the CALO/PAL project, an ambitious effort to create a next-generation personal cognitive assistant. Responsible for managing all technical deliverables for a 5-person, \$33M/year project, leading a team integrating state-of-the-art AI technologies from 25 research institutions, universities, and commercial companies, into a functional system that can provide user value and show improvement on a set of yearly SAT-like tests.

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**Vice President, Engineering**  
**Dejima, Inc.**  
Jan 2002 – Apr 2003 · 1 yr 4 mos  
Responsible for all aspects of development for Dejima's product line, including product management, engineering, and engineering services (QA, Training, Support, Technical Publications, IT). Dejima's products include a suite of integrated development tools supporting a patented approach to software engineering; a carrier-grade application suite deploying highly scalable and available Dejima applications; and a number of applications providing "Direct Access" to consumer and enterprise content and services.

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**Verticalnet, Inc.**  
2 yrs 3 mos

**Vice President Engineering, Enterprise Products**  
Jan 2001 – Jan 2002 · 1 yr 1 mo  
Responsible for managing VerticalNets distributed development teams creating products for deployments totaling more than \$100M of committed revenue. Our product set of integrated trading applications (auction, reverse auction, RFQ, structured negotiation), C2 Suite (an ontology-driven distributed data visibility and comprehension framework), OSM, a platform for managing intelligent integration throughout the extended enterprise, and applications leveraging these, including strategic sourcing, spend analysis, and more. See more

**Senior Director, Advanced Products and Strategy**  
Nov 1999 – Jan 2001 · 1 yr 3 mos

**Messaging**





Managed a multi-disciplinary team of business analysts, software engineers, and research scientists, leading VerticalNet's advanced technology strategy and development.

Responsible for the vision, implementation and commercialization of the Open Services Management™ platform, a new in... See more

**SRI International**

6 yrs 5 mos

- Co-Director, Computer Human Interaction Center**  
 Feb 1999 – Nov 1999 · 10 mos  
 Responsible for providing research direction for SRI's advanced user interface group, comprised of eleven research staff and eight international visitors. Our initial research was on "mediated spaces", where we constructed six integrated applications – two for the home, two for the car, two for the office, all implemented using a web services architecture.
- Sr. Computer Scientist, Artificial Intelligence Center**  
 Jul 1993 – Nov 1999 · 6 yrs 5 mos  
 Primary inventor of a new approach to building complex, dynamic systems, called Delegated Computing. Leader of research group focusing on distributed agent architecture and advanced user interfaces for web services. Managed successful projects for government and commercial clients totaling several millions dollars in research and development.

**Sr. Software Engineer**

Bull, SA

Sep 1987 – Aug 1992 · 5 yrs

Responsible for the implementation of the core inference engine of NOEMIE, an expert tool that automates the configuration of all hardware and software orders from a single line of more than thirty thousand parts.

Direct returns for Bull have been estimated at more than fifteen million dollars per year.

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MS, Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence

1992 – 1993

Activities and Societies: Computer Programming Team

Winner of "Outstanding Masters Student" award for the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS), UCLA

**Brandeis University**

BA, Computer Science

1984 – 1988

Graduated with Highest Honors.

**Sharon High School**

Computer Science

1980 – 1984

**Volunteer Experience****Board Member**

Oakland Food Pantry

Apr 2014 – Dec 2018 · 4 yrs 9 mos

Social Services

Board member of the Oakland Food Pantry, a non-profit organization focused on alleviating hunger by providing nutritious food for those who need it, in a dignified manner.

**Skills & Endorsements**

1.

**Software Engineering** · 99+

Endorsed by Jim Spohrer and 10 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 2 of Adam's colleagues at Senti Technologies

2.

**Artificial Intelligence** · 77

Endorsed by 2 of Adam's colleagues at Vivian Li

Endorsed by Rana el Kaliouby and 23 others who are highly skilled at this

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3. Start-ups - 70

Endorsed by Venkat Raju and 14 others who are highly skilled at this

Endorsed by 3 of Adam's colleagues at Senti Technologies

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## Recommendations

Received (12) Given (23)

- Holly Dei Wesselhöft**  
Executive Operations | Sales  
July 9, 2015, Holly Dei worked with Adam but at different companies  
Adam is a giver. He spoke at my event to a group of early-stage founders about entrepreneurship and he was candid, and you could literally feel the community around him being energized by his view of future and human connection.
- Jason Baeg**  
Director at Apple - SW Engineering  
November 11, 2013, Adam worked with Jason in the same group  
I met Adam in 1993 when we started developing Open Agent Architecture at SRI. During that time, Adam demonstrated his great programming and architect skills. In fact, his real value comes not only from his technical skill set, but also from his passion - his passion to make this world a better place. Adam was always very excited whenever he talked about this kind of visions and dreams. He was an excellent technical person with a great philosophical mindset. I am sure he will make something a... [See more](#)

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## Accomplishments

## 5 Publications

A Collaborative Programming Environment for Web Interoperability • IRIS: Integrate. Relate. Infer. Share. • Evolution of the Laws that Deal with the Utilization of Information Networks • The Open Agent Architecture: A framework for building distributed software systems. • Multimodal Maps: An Agent-based Approach

## 4 Honors &amp; Awards

Upstart 100 Award, "Inventor" Category • Crunchies Award for Best Technology Achievement • Winner of SXSW Innovative Web Technologies Award • Selected Top Ten Emerging Technology

## 3 Patents

Software-based Architecture For Communication and Cooperation Among Distributed Electronic Agents • Mobile navigation of network-based electronic information using spoken input • Intelligent Automated Assistant

## 2 Languages

English • French

## 1 Project

Siri

## Interests

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