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Abhay Parasnis has always been fascinated with how things work – from gadgets to hardware and software. His early passion for tinkering paved the way for his commitment to tech innovation and formed the basis for his core belief: continuous reinvention is how businesses disrupt and lead.

As CTO of Adobe, Abhay is applying that same desire to disrupt and lead to the company's technology strategy, bringing a fresh vision to initiatives across the company's cloud platform, mobility, data science and technology ecosystems. He leads a team responsible for integrating Adobe's cloud solutions, driving a consistent customer experience and ensuring Adobe's products are engineered using industry leading security practices.

Abhay also oversees Adobe Research and its focus on the core areas of world-class innovation, creative design tools, media and document intelligence and customer intelligence – including content and mobile intelligence. Most recently, Adobe Research has taken on an expanded and unified charter for artificial intelligence (AI) research and immersive media.

Before bringing his talents to Adobe, Abhay held leadership positions at IBM, Oracle, Microsoft, i2 and Kony, and has contributed to more than 20 patents.

As a child Abhay frustrated his parents by spending countless hours programming on his first PC, a Sinclair ZX81. Later, he left his Sinclair behind to earn a bachelor's degree in Electronics and Telecommunications at the College of Engineering in his hometown of Pune, India. He later studied Advanced Computer Science at the National Institute of Information Technology.

In his spare time, Abhay enjoys hiking and pursuing landscape photography.

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