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Suman is a technology and engineering leader with over 20 years of experience building and scaling large-scale platforms across commerce, payments, loyalty, and digital experiences. Most recently, he served as a Director of Engineering at Mastercard, leading engineering organizations responsible for platforms serving millions of users.

His interests include artificial intelligence, machine learning, distributed systems, platform architecture, and building technology that solves complex real-world problems. He is currently pursuing Stanford's Artificial Intelligence Graduate Certificate to deepen his expertise in AI and its application to modern products and platforms.

Outside of technology, Suman is a lifelong chess player, former state champion in India, and co-founder of Chess Brains Academy, an initiative created from his passion for chess and education.