

Raj Bala
Chief Technology Officer
Cognizant

Rajasekaran Balasubramaniam (Raj Bala), Cognizant's Chief Technology Officer, is responsible for providing technology leadership for Cognizant and also heads our Global Technology Office. His varied experience helps Cognizant focus and develop expertise on newer and advanced technologies.

Raj has over 22 years of industry and was previously Managing the Global Delivery Centers of General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC), recently renamed Ally Bank, in India and Argentina. He was also the Chief Architect in General Motors where he was responsible for implementing global eBusiness solutions. He also set up and led solution factories, namely the Global Integration Factory, to cater to all external and internal integrations, and a Global Reporting Factory to handle all areas of data warehousing and business intelligence. He has proven capability in incubating several new technologies and helped blend them with delivery, thereby helping build highly technology-focused organizations.

Prior to joining General Motors, Raj worked for Complete Business Solutions Inc. (CSC now), and Tata Consultancy Services in various technology and delivery-intensive roles.

Raj holds a Master of Engineering degree in Computer Science from College of Engineering, Guindy, and a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Regional Engineering College, Trichy. He was a gold medalist in B.E., (Honors), and also the university topper in M. E., (Computer Science).

He enjoys playing volley ball and likes solving puzzles/brain teasers to unwind. He also enjoys teaching. He is based out of Chennai.