Asian American Engineer of The Year

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For leadership and original sustained contributions in the architecture and development of hybrid cloud computing technology to address enterprise innovation and transformation

Bala Rajaraman has held leadership positions in various aspects of IBM’s Cloud effort spanning public, private and hybrid cloud. He led the efforts for IBM’s cloud platform-as-a-service, IBM’s Private Cloud and the evolution to hybrid cloud. He was also responsible for the architecture, design and delivery of key cloud infrastructure-as-a-service orchestration and management capabilities, enterprise service management and modernization of the IBM System z platform to the internet and cloud era. His leadership and innovation has resulted in significant and sustained impact to enterprise in the areas of Cloud Computing, Data Center Automation, IT Service Management and IBM’s System z platform. His contributions have been recognized through several Outstanding Technical Achievement and Innovation Awards.

Bala has filed 35+ patent applications and authored over 20 technical publications and has several acknowledged contributions in various books and publications. Over the course of his career, he has been contributed to several key standards bodies and open source communities. He was appointed an IBM Fellow in 2015 in recognition of his technical and professional contributions. He is highly sought after for his technical expertise and is a trusted advisor to numerous enterprises as well as a frequent keynote speaker at industry, client, media and analyst events across the globe.

He has mentored technology professionals worldwide and worked with high school & universities students to evangelize STEM disciplines. Bala received a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from Clemson University, South Carolina, a Masters in Computer Engineering from Drexel University, Philadelphia and his B.Tech from the Institute of Technology at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India.