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Ben Aminnia started his computer career with IBM as a systems engineer and has held various consulting and managerial positions in the IT industry. His roles included management of the SQL Server database department at one of the largest U.S. companies, overseeing a staff of 12 DBAs and database professionals. He has also been President and Database Architect of Pointer Corporation (**www.pointercorp.com**) since 1986.

In 1990, long before it was acknowledged as a worldwide phenomenon toward the end of the 20th century, Ben was among the first computer science visionaries to publish an in-depth article about the upcoming Y2K crisis and various methodologies to address its consequences. Shortly afterwards, he wrote a book called Diary of a Successful Computer Consultant.

Ben is currently president of the Los Angeles SQL Server Professionals Group (**www.sql.la**) and a board member of the Los Angeles .Net Developers Group (**www.ladotnet.org**). He has also been a frequent speaker at various computer user groups and database technology events.

Additionally, he is the architect and co-developer of the **V**irtual **I**nformation **P**ortal (VIP) System, which is a web-based platform for secure generation, archival, and retrieval of corporate correspondence and letters (**www.vipletters.com**).

In his role as an expert witness involving legal cases in the Information Technology industry, here's a sample of Ben's experience:

• Identification of flaws in the development strategy of an off-shore developed transaction processing system which had led to entries by different agents ending up on the wrong output contract
• Discovery of illegitimate financial transactions allegedly generated by a previous system developer
• Verification of source code and development technologies in a copyright infringemnet case that led to competing companies having similar functionalities on their websites
• Justification of disputed number of hours billed for development of a complex website using .NET and SQL Server technologies

Ben holds a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and an MS degree in Computer science (from Arya Mehr University of Technology in Tehran) and also an MBA (from California State University, Northridge).