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Ron Bianchini has a long record of accomplishment in building and leading successful companies that deliver breakthrough technologies. Ron Bianchini is currently a Distinguished Engineer of the Microsoft Corporation. Ron's responsibilities include leading the Pittsburgh office of Microsoft and directing the caching architecture for the Azure Storage division. Prior to joining Microsoft, Ron was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Avere Systems. Avere developed a novel caching architecture for Network Attached Storage solutions in the datacenter, in the cloud, and in hybrid cloud deployments. Avere was acquired by Microsoft in February of 2018.

Prior to Avere, Ron was a Senior Vice President at NetApp, where he served as the leader of the NetApp Pittsburgh Technology Center. Before NetApp, he was CEO and Co-Founder of Spinnaker Networks, which developed the Storage Grid architecture acquired by NetApp. Ron also served as Vice President of Product Architecture of FORE Systems, where he was responsible for ATM products. Previously, he co-founded Scalable Networks [acquired by FORE], which designed and implemented a large-scale Gigabit Ethernet switch, and earlier in his career, he was a professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

Ron received an S.B. degree in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees. He also holds numerous patents in fault-tolerant distributed systems and high-speed network design and has published extensively in technical journals.