



Getting Your Next Innovation to Market

To succeed in today's business environment, companies need to constantly innovate. If not, they face the possibility of their business stagnating and failing. Network infrastructure companies have the challenge to get their next generation products to market quickly. These products must be disruptive exhibiting next generation ideas and technologies.

The approach many successful companies take is to engage experts with the "Intellectual Capital" enabling innovation. Without these expert consultants, many companies risk missing the market window for their product. Are you looking to release a new product and lack the technical expertise to take it to market? Here's an approach and checklists to help you relieve your product release pain points.

What's Your Need? What's Holding You Back?

- Does your current product line provide the performance that's demanded by the market?
- Does your current product line address the functionality the marketplace demands?
- Are you taking advantage of the cloud paradigm?
- Does your product line require custom hardware?
- What are the market requirements for your planned product?

In many cases, companies have the internal expertise, experience and resources develop and maintain their current and past product lines, but they don't have the expertise and experience to create a new disruptive product to market. For those companies, the answer to solving their development needs is to find the right software consultant with the expertise and experience their company lacks.

There are alternatives to hiring expert consultants, but the risk is often too great for your company to endure. Attempting to hire difficult to find, niche skilled resources can take too much time and delay your time to market. Once you hire full-time resources, you realize that you've hired a team with limited skills. Or you hire general purpose consultants or individual contractors without the expertise your project demands. Then you're stuck with the current architecture, and miss the adaptation of the new cloud infrastructure that can take you to the next level.

BENEFITS OF USING A SOFTWARE CONSULTANT

- **Product performance tuning and functionality extension without limitation imposed by previous efforts**
- **New product innovation that is truly disruptive**
- **Reduced time to market due to expert talent being immediately available**
- **Ability to meet flex staff requirements with equivalent or improved technologists**
- **Reduced cost of lost opportunity due to delay of product introduction**
- **Corporate revenue, EBITDA, and profit improvement**

IDENTIFYING THE RIGHT CONSULTANT

When you search for the right consultant, you'll start with a large scope and will need to narrow the field. How should you identify the right consultant?

- **Pull together a list of software consultants who focus in your technology domain. Who has the domain experience you require and has worked with similar companies in your technology domain? Get referrals from your contacts in the industry who have had success with consultants.**
- **Do they focus in your market segment? Do they not only understand your market, but do they have the expertise and technical knowledge on future technologies expected for your market segment?**



What's the Answer?

Now you should have a targeted short list of consultants, or maybe just one leading consultant.

Your leading consultant company is very likely Northforge Innovations. Northforge Innovations advances network communications by delivering innovative software consulting and development services. We are a leader in network infrastructure, network security and media systems with operations in North America.

Northforge fits your needs to address tomorrow's marketplace requirements. Northforge is trusted by 60+ CEOs of software development companies to develop their innovative software. Northforge enables their customer's products to achieve greater performance, securely, and reliably. Northforge provides expertise in leading edge technologies to develop software products for OEMs' advancing cloud computing. We have been delivering results for customers for over ten years with a team of more than 80 dedicated technology professionals. Northforge's developers bring DNA with an average of 15 years of experience to each project.

Our approach differs from the rest of the pack in how we look into the future of network communications and how we develop our expertise today to meet the needs for tomorrow's networks. We call it "Intellectual Capital". Instead of only being focused on today's requirements from our customers, we ask "what expertise will be needed for networks in the next few years." Our customers need to be ready to implement the latest technology advances and we will be ready with the expertise to help them with future challenges and their most complex issues.

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- **Do they possess the intellectual capital that can generate disruptive technology? Do they have not only the experience to handle today's challenges, but the expertise to design next generation software and products that are merely a dream today?**
- **Now identify the consultants who actually have a track record of succeeding. Do they have a team of expert personnel who always succeed and have the passion to succeed?**
- **Finally, are they based in North America? The last thing you want to deal with are time zones issues, language and communications barriers.**

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