

Biography

Chahab Nastar

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Chahab Nastar (1968) is the Chief Research and Innovation Officer of EIT Digital. He is based in Paris.

Chahab has over 20 years of diverse experience as an academic, an entrepreneur, and a large company executive. He spent 7 years at SAP (2007-2014) first as global head of Business Intelligence Research, then as Vice President of Advanced Development. In these positions, Chahab supervised global teams developing next-generation analytics software for SAP. Previously, for 8 years (1999-2007), he was the CEO of computer vision software maker LTU technologies, a startup successfully acquired by Jastec Corporation, a listed company based in Tokyo. He had established the company by transferring the research that he had carried out as the head of the content-based image retrieval group at INRIA for 5 years (1995-99).

In 1994 and 1995, Chahab was a fellow of the MIT Media Lab, where he worked on face recognition. In 1991, he graduated from Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées -- a Grande Ecole also known as Ponts ParisTech. In 1991-94, he pursued a Ph.D. at INRIA in medical image analysis, earning it summa cum laude in 1994. In this research, he used deformable models for tracking heart motion as an early diagnosis tool.

In 2002, Chahab was recognized by Technology Review magazine as one of the world's top young innovators.

When not working, Chahab likes to spend time with family and friends, read, play the guitar, as well as take long walks, flâneur-style.

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