

Biography



Shah Talukder
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Shah Talukder has been a seasoned business leader for over 22 years in the areas of telecommunications, medical electronics, enterprise systems, and consulting. Talukder is General Manager of the Safety, Security and Systems Business Unit at Cisco. He started his career as a systems design engineer at a digital PBX start-up in 1983. He then spent 6 years at Phillips Medical Research Ultrasound Division holding positions with increasing scope and responsibility, in the areas of design and development, marketing, and product management for ultrasound imaging and servo control. Talukder moved rapidly into leadership and management positions in sales and marketing, after his MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1994, in various companies including Gemini Strategy Consulting (Telecommunications Group), Sun Microsystems, and Cisco. In addition, Shah founded E-SchoolNet and Zayant Inc. (IEEE 1394 start-up), which was acquired by Apple Computers.

In 2000, Talukder moved to Cisco Systems as the Director of Marketing for Long-Reach Ethernet. In this role, he defined the vision, strategy, and business models for enabling the in-building broadband market and successfully launched LRE into strategic accounts such as Starwood Hotels and Sprint. He also developed ecosystem and channel partners to complement Cisco products and solutions.

Starting in 2002, Talukder has passionately worked on addressing the mobility and communications interoperability problems in many verticals, especially Public Safety and Transportation. He built a “start-up” team within Cisco that developed the vision, strategy, and road map for Cisco IPICS and formed the Safety, Security and Systems Business Unit (S3BU) dedicated to address the communications interoperability in enterprise operations, safety/security, and emergency management.

Talukder has built, managed, and mentored teams towards industry excellence through product innovations and timely delivery of solutions. He thrives on creating a start-up company feel even in large companies that he has worked in.

Talukder has a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and an MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University.