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Areas of Expertise

After graduating from Furman University with an accounting degree, Andy Kurtz began his career with accounting firm Price Waterhouse as an accountant. While he enjoyed accounting, he discovered he had the entrepreneurial bug, and left Price Waterhouse to work as the controller for one of his clients. Having become interested in software development in high school, he soon found himself actively using his seven-plus years of self-taught programming skills to expand upon and build new software systems for his employer.

In 1999, Kurtz founded Kopis (formerly ProActive Technology), serving as President and CEO since that time and, together with his team, has successfully delivered solutions for firms, from startups to Fortune 500 companies. In 2003, he founded Vigilix, the leading provider of remote monitoring and management solutions for the retail and hospitality industry, a business he continues to run today.

Under his leadership, Kopis has successfully navigated major changes in the tech industry, including the shift to Internet-based, data-driven business operations. His firm is the largest and most established custom software development firm in the region, and specializes in custom software development, Business Intelligence solutions, application development,

DBA services, and ERP solutions for rapid-growth organizations whose growth typically outpaces their legacy systems and the ability to support and innovate their technologies.

Currently, Andy gives back to the community through his involvement with the NEXT initiative, which supports expansion of the tech industry and entrepreneurism in the Upstate. He was one of the original founding CEOs of NEXT, an entrepreneurial community out of Greenville, S.C., and today serves on the NEXT Board. Andy also founded Kopis Cares, an organization that gives charitable grants to local and regional organizations whose missions are rooted in education, entrepreneurship, and economic development.