Igor Jablokov, CEO of Pryon

Igor is the CEO of Pryon, an AI company focused on augmented intelligence. Pryon’s cognitive technology helps machines better understand people, putting AI at the core of enterprise digital transformations. Impatient with the gap between the invention of AI technologies and their commercialization, Igor left his career at IBM and founded Yap in 2006. Just 5 years later, Amazon acquired the company for its AI technology, which is now found in billions of Alexa, Echo, and Fire TV devices. Igor was awarded both the Eisenhower and Truman National Security fellowships to explore and expand the role of entrepreneurship and venture capital in addressing geopolitical concerns.

Igor is a passionate supporter of career and educational opportunities in the STEM fields. As such, he serves as a mentor in the TechStars’ Alexa Accelerator, was a Blackstone NC Entrepreneur-In-Residence (EIR), and founded a chapter of the Global Shapers, a program of the World Economic Forum.

Igor holds a BS degree in Computer Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University, where he was named an Outstanding Engineering Alumnus, and an MBA from The University of North Carolina.