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Since joining Planet Technologies, Ben has been the principal architect of SharePoint-based search appliance and established the Search QuickStart Program. While supporting a number of key clients in the Federal space, Ben also spent 18 months working in the Reston Microsoft Technology Center supporting over 50 strategic Microsoft customers in envisioning and designing solutions based on Office SharePoint Server. Emphasizing SharePoint as a platform for solution development, Ben has designed systems to provide Enterprise Search, Collaboration, Records Management, Web Content Management, and Business Process Automation capabilities.

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