

**Sunil Paul, Founder and Chairman
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Sunil Paul was inspired to develop a better solution to the spam problem because his personal email accounts were overrun by spam. In October 1997, he founded Brightmail, Inc., a company dedicated to giving users control of their email and enhancing the capabilities of email for the Internet.

Prior to starting Brightmail, Sunil created FreeLoader, Inc., the first company to offer a Web-based push service. In 1996, FreeLoader was acquired by Individual, Inc. for \$38 million, making it the best and second-best performing investments in the VC portfolios of Euclid and Softbank, respectively.

Before launching FreeLoader, Sunil was with America Online (AOL) as that company's first Internet Product Manager, successfully creating most of AOL's early Internet capabilities. Before AOL, Sunil was a policy analyst at the U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment, where he specialized in information technology and telecommunications, including the then-emerging Internet. Prior to that, Sunil spent three years working on NASA's Space Station Information System. He has a B.E. in electrical engineering from Vanderbilt University.