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Eric Schmidt is an accomplished technologist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. He joined Google in 2001 and helped grow the company from a Silicon Valley startup to a global leader in technology alongside founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page. Eric served as Google's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman from 2001-2011, as well as Executive Chairman and Technical Advisor. Under his leadership, Google dramatically scaled its infrastructure and diversified its product offerings while maintaining a strong culture of innovation. In 2017, he co-founded Schmidt Futures, a philanthropic initiative that bets early on exceptional people making the world better. From 2016 to 2020, he led the Department of Defense's Defense Innovation Board before being appointed and leading, from 2018 to 2021, the congressionally mandated National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence. His most recent initiative, the Special Competitive Studies Project, was founded in October 2021 and is a bipartisan, non-profit initiative with a clear mission: to make recommendations to strengthen America's long-term competitiveness for a future where artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies reshape our national security, economy, and society.