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Chuck Benton is the founder and CTO of Technology Systems, Inc., a leading small business in the development of innovative software based systems for security related applications. Chuck started out in the flight simulator business, and in 1981 started writing computer games, including 'Frogger' and what became the 'Leisure Suit Larry' series. In 1987, Chuck was lured back into the simulation business by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, at which time he formed Technology Systems, Inc. a pioneering group within the networked simulation industry. His team developed the first globally deployed Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system, and many other now commonplace designs that were based upon emerging network capabilities. Chuck's patents include several in the area of Augmented Reality, and have spawned new products that are used within the US military. Chuck's system integration background, coupled with experience in navigation as an aircraft pilot and USCG licensed Master has led to his most recent focus, the application of emerging smart-phone capabilities to enhance safety and situational awareness in domains including vessel operations and small team tactical operations.