

# Biographical Note



**John Markus Lervik**



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Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer

John Markus is in charge of the strategic direction of Cognite. He co-founded Fast Search & Transfer (FAST) in 1997. The same year, he received the Esso prize for best overall PhD for his thesis at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). John Markus served as CTO and then as CEO at FAST until Microsoft acquired the company in 2008. He then took the position of Vice President of Enterprise Search at Microsoft until 2009. In 2010, John Markus founded Cxense ASA, a software company listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange in 2014.