



Hello!

It must be something in the water.

I've had the opportunity to share with you news of our growth in the past, and will do that again this time. But, this time around, we've grown the Extentia family in a more traditional way.

I am very happy to share with you the news that several Extentians are discovering (and in some cases rediscovering) the joys of parenthood. We've had three babies join us recently and have several more in the pipeline – you'll have to watch this space in the future to find out more!



Mihika

Extentians Ketaki and Chaitanya Deshpande had a delightful baby daughter, Mihika, on Jan 11, 2006 and have been enjoying every minute of their parenthood. Preeti and Extentian Ramachandra Putti said hello to their second daughter Aarushi on Dec 26, 2005. And, Shaaran and Extentian Komal Khilnani welcomed their daughter, Samaara, into their lives on Mar 24, 2006.



Aarushi



Samaara

With the growing number of babies and toddlers, we're seriously revisiting the once shelved plan to start a crèche and day care center for our team members.

In other news, our sports enthusiasts have been keeping busy and you can read more about that below. Our technology teams have been working harder than ever and several new initiatives are on the verge of being announced. I look forward to sharing more details on that in the coming months.

Lastly, I hope to continue to keep you posted on Extentia's news and with what's happening in the world of Information Technology. We always look forward to hearing from you, knowing what your needs are, and creating compelling solutions to help you fulfill them.

Umeed Kothavala, Director

Customer Focus: Vazu, Inc.



This month's focus is on **Vazu, Inc.**, a privately held California corporation that enables users to mobilize information that is send messages, snippets, contacts and reminders from Outlook directly to a mobile phone anywhere worldwide.

Extentia works very closely with the Vazu development team to help build features and functionality for Vazu's unique service that enables users to send contacts from their computers to their mobile phones. Users can easily search directory information for residential and business listings, and then send it to their mobile phone in one click. The service does not require any cables and eliminates the painful process of thumbing in information on phones.

Extentia helped to develop Vazu Seek, a search service that allows users to look up contact information for a person or business and then easily send that information to the user's mobile phone and email address. We have enjoyed working with the Vazu team, and are happy to know they appreciate our work.

“ I wanted to acknowledge on behalf of everyone at Vazu all the hard and smart work that the Extentia team has put in and are continuing to do. It is great to see the timelines being met without feeling the effect of time zones and the Extentia team blending with ours to act as one team. The progress made by working together with us on Vazu Seek and all the other projects is really phenomenal. ”

- **Soujanya Bhumkar**, Co-founder and COO, Vazu, Inc.

Market Insider: Top 10 predictions for Indian IT in 2006

India is poised to be the fastest growing IT market in the Asia Pacific region – [this article from Rediff](#) explains. With an estimated growth rate of 19% in 2006, India is all set to boom in various segments such as outsourcing, color laser and digital service technologies, unrestricted IP telephony access and consumer broadband connections etc. More so, as the Indian economy integrates and aligns more closely with the global economy, industries are gearing up to compete internationally resulting in accelerated growth in vertical and specific applications across the board.

“ Year 2006 will be governed by the underlying themes of mobility, convergence and infrastructure management. ”

- **Kapil Dev Singh**, Country Manager, IDC (India) Ltd.

Sporting Encounters

Intermittently active during the year (while dodging build schedules!) the Sports team at Extentia is headed by a handful of sports enthusiasts who just love encouraging us in burning off a couple of calories!



Sports events for the year included the ever popular badminton matches and the recently concluded ping pong tournament.

With everyone's keen participation, it was as exhausting for the audience as the participants who put in an incredible performance and gave us an opportunity to see some stellar sporting activity up close. Balancing these hectic endeavors were the more sedate carrom and chess tournaments that attracted a somewhat more quiet, but no less keen, audience and level of participation.

The highlight of our sporting activities has been the victorious innings of our cricket team while participating in local tournaments. With strategic planning and better practice, our cricket team has been reaching the finals and been putting up a strong and competitive performance lately.

“ I had never thought I'd have to play as hard as I have to work at a software company. Extentia has made this possible! The badminton matches were filled with fun and excitement. I was very excited to reach and play in the doubles finals doubles – it almost made breaking my arm (really) seem worthwhile! ”

- **Aarti Gosavi**, Project Coordinator