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Mr. Kalajainen has worked with teams around the world to establish and execute best practices for successful delivery. He led the development of IBM's systems engineering methods and developed master's degree courses jointly with Stevens Institute of Technology which are being used globally to educate prospective systems engineers, both in the company and in the university setting. He has four patents from work early in his career in networks and satellite systems development.