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## ABOUT STEVE

Steve Chen is cofounder and former chief technology officer of the video-sharing website YouTube. After cofounding AVOS Systems and building the video-sharing app MixBit, he joined Google Ventures in 2014.

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YouTube is a website that allows users to upload, view, share and comment on videos. Though it was not the first video-sharing site, YouTube made video-sharing easier and more accessible than ever before. Today, YouTube has 1.3 billion users and 5 billion video views per day.

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"We would get together either at Chad's house, dinners in Palo Alto, and just talk about what we wanted to do next. ... we had all been part of that whole PayPal experience from the very beginning. And I think in a way it provided some confidence as to say, look, if we can build this global payment service from a group of 10, 20 people, let's talk about something else that we want to do. I think that some of that confidence is probably artificial in that it's always going to be difficult to start a company that succeeds, but I think the confidence just ends up building, purely because we went through it once with PayPal."