

## Refinder Founding Team

Our management team brings in outstanding experience in the Semantic Web and Semantic Desktop areas.



Dr. [Leo Sauermann](#) (34), Founder and CEO

Leo Sauermann is CEO of Gnowsis and responsible for sales and strategy. His Mission is: making information work easier. He is a pragmatic expert on semantic web, personal information management, and enterprise social software. He worked for the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence ([DFKI](#)), [Impact Business Computing](#), [Compag](#), and contributed to projects of the [World Wide Web Consortium](#), [Eclipse.org](#), and others.

He envisioned the first "[Semantic Desktop](#)", a tool to get a good overview on all your information and finding the right thing when you need it. This idea led to the [NEPOMUK Social Semantic Desktop](#) EU Project, where he and others created a vision for the next-generation software of semantic-web-based knowledge work. His career started in Vienna as a software architect for startup companies, learning how to make customers happy.

Privately, the believing Christian is married, enjoys netculture and the digital revolution.

[Bernhard Schandl](#) (32), Founder and CTO



Bernhard has been a researcher at the University of Vienna since 2004, and has been actively driving development towards the semantic desktop in the [SemDAV](#) and [MobiSem](#) project. He finished his PhD thesis in the field of semantic desktop infrastructures, for which he won the [Award of Excellence](#) by the Ministry of Science and Research in 2009. He has published numerous papers about semantic technologies and gives multimedia and semantic web technology lectures at the University of Vienna and the University of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien. He is also an active musician and enjoys playing drums and violin.

The company behind Refinder is called „Gnowsis“.

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