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### Short Version

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Through his keynote presentations, interactive masterclasses, and in-depth leadership programs, he shares future trends and thought-provoking insights – delivered with interaction, engagement, and humour – that leave people feeling positive, empowered, and optimistic about their future.

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*"Engaging, funny and witty, with an insightful global view of business" - Procurement Australia*

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*"Funny and entertaining while at the same time gave us the inspiration to think ahead" - Pearson Education*

*"Engaging, funny, insightful and inspiring, delivered with intelligence and charm" - Builders Coach*

*"Delivered with thought, humour and energy, Gihan shared challenging insights about the pace of change in a disrupted world" - TAL*

He has always taken the lead in embracing emerging technologies and trends, from his university thesis in AI more than 30 years ago, to leading a software development team building the infrastructure for the early Internet, founding one of Australia's first Web development companies in 1996, teaching thought leaders how to create e-learning platforms, and helping business leaders with scenario planning to lead their teams into the future.

Gihan is one of Australia's leading online presenters, and has been delivering online presentations since 2009. Citrix (the company behind GoToWebinar) engaged him to teach their clients around the world how to run better online presentations. Garr Reynolds, author of the world-renowned bestseller *Presentation Zen*, asked him to write the online presentations section for the book.

He is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), the only internationally recognised designation for professional speakers, and was awarded 2024 Educator Of The Year from Professional Speakers Australia.

His formal background is in science and AI, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Australia. But he's always been interested in people and the way they communicate – and how to become fit for the future, so they embrace change, act on opportunities, and live happier lives.

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