

Jerry Fiddler

Co-Founder of Wind River

Chairman of Solazyme

Principal of Zygote Ventures

Jerry Fiddler, the principal of Zygote Ventures, has helped create and grow a number of companies, as CEO, director, chairman, investor and advisor.

Mr. Fiddler is the founder of Wind River and was for 23 years its CEO and Chairman. Since its establishment in 1981 in Fiddler's Berkeley garage, Wind River grew to become the leading provider of device software worldwide, with over \$400M in annual sales, and market cap well over \$1B. Its operating systems control devices are everywhere, from the commonplace, such as digital cameras and routers, to the exotic, such as the Mars Rovers. While at Wind River, Fiddler gained an international reputation as an expert in the design and implementation of real-time systems. Wind River was acquired by Intel in 2009.

Mr. Fiddler is the Chairman of Solazyme, a biotech company working with algae for energy, industrial, and health applications. Solazyme, which filed recently for an IPO, is the first company in the world able to make production quantities of oil using algae. Mr. Fiddler also sits on several other corporate boards.

He has worked actively both with students and in an advisory capacity at a number of universities, including University of California/Berkeley, Stanford, Wharton, and University of Illinois. He has been Foundation Capital executive-in-residence, and adjunct professor at UC Berkeley, teaching entrepreneurship and organizational behavior. He serves on the UC President's advisory board on science and innovation. He is president of the foundation board of Chabot Space & Science Center, and a trustee of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, and The Jazz School.

After a decidedly "checkered" academic journey, he received a BA in music and photography, and an MS in computer science, both from University of Illinois. He still plays and composes music, some of which can be heard at jerryfiddler.com, and some of his photography can be seen at jfiddler.smugmug.com.