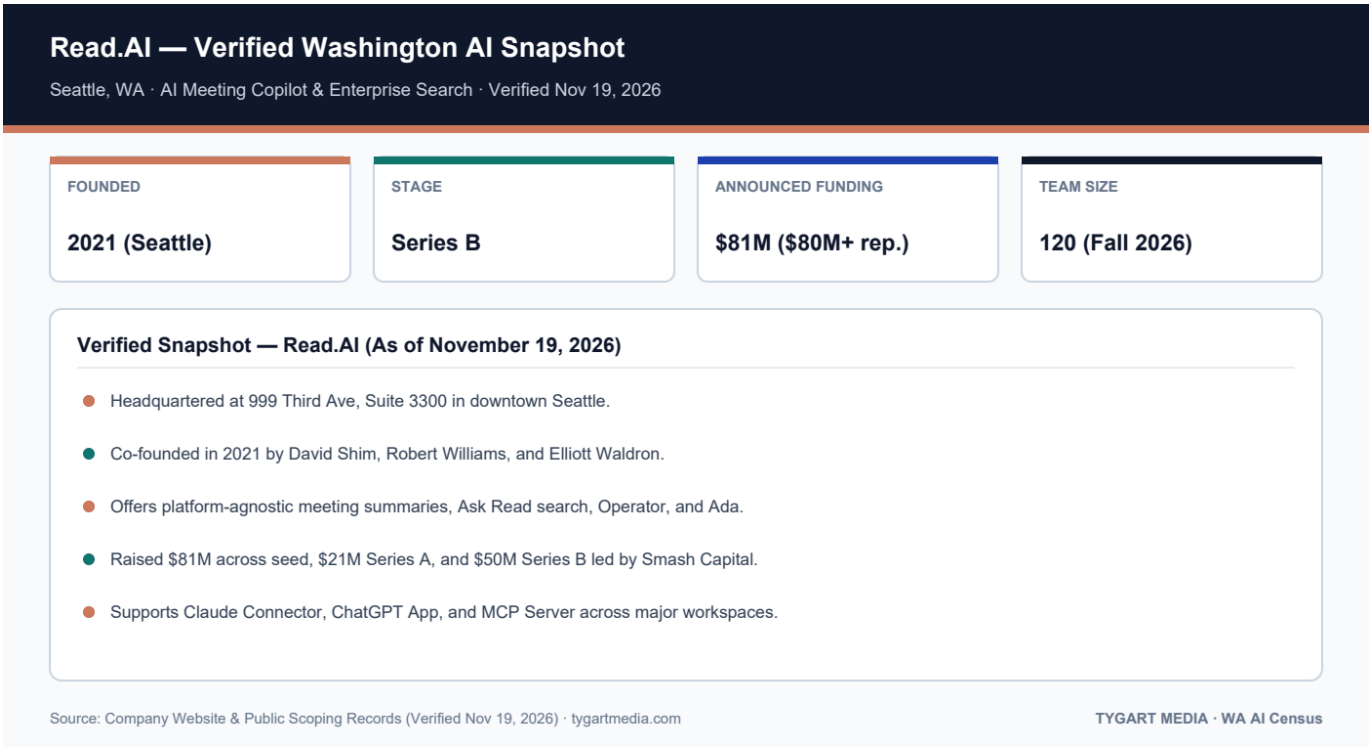
Read.AI: Seattle AI Profile — Product, Footprint & Verified Record

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Verified Record Summary: As of November 19, 2026, Read.AI operates independently from downtown Seattle with a live commercial platform at read.ai and 120 employees listed on the Fall 2026 GeekWire 200. Founded in 2021, the company builds a platform-agnostic AI meeting copilot, enterprise search tool, in-person workplace audio tool Operator, and email-embedded digital twin Ada. Public disclosures reflect $81M in total venture funding through its $50M Series B, backed by Smash Capital, Madrona Venture Group, Goodwater Capital, and PSL Ventures.



Field	Verified Record (As of Nov 19, 2026)
Company	Read.AI (branded as Read AI)
Official Website	https://www.read.ai/
Washington HQ	Seattle, WA (999 Third Ave, Suite 3300, Seattle, WA 98104)
Other WA Footprint	Corporate headquarters in downtown Seattle; no additional Washington satellite offices publicly disclosed.
Founded	2021
Founders / Leadership	David Shim (Co-founder & CEO), Robert Williams (Co-founder & CTO), Elliott Waldron (Co-founder & VP of Data Science)
Stage	Series B
Announced Funding	$81M ($80M+ per Feb 2026 GeekWire; includes Sep 2021 seed, $21M Series A, and $50M Series B)
Team Size	120 (Fall 2026 GeekWire 200; older third-party SaaS tracker GetLatka estimated under 50)
Primary Ecosystem Ties	Madrona Venture Group, PSL Ventures (Pioneer Square Labs), GeekWire 200 (Fall 2026), GeekWire Awards Next Tech Titan finalist (2024, 2025), WTIA Washington Tech Universe Map

What Read.AI Builds

Read.AI (branded on its site as Read AI) builds a platform-agnostic generative AI meeting assistant, transcription service, and enterprise search copilot designed to unify context across workplace communication channels. According to the Read.AI official website, its system works across Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, email, calendars, messaging platforms, and CRMs rather than locking teams into a single office suite.

Through its Ask Read search layer, users query past meetings, emails, and messages to retrieve decisions, action items, and summaries. In 2025 and 2026, Read.AI broadened that workflow beyond video calls by launching Operator for in-person workplace conversations and rolling out Ada, an email-embedded AI digital twin that drafts replies and coordinates scheduling with human-in-the-loop sidebar approval.

Washington Footprint and Leadership

Read.AI maintains its corporate headquarters in downtown Seattle at 999 Third Ave, Suite 3300, Seattle, WA 98104, as stated in its legal and privacy disclosures. The company was co-founded in 2021 by CEO David Shim, CTO Robert Williams, and VP of Data Science Elliott Waldron, as detailed on the Read AI About page.

In 2026, GeekWire reported executive leadership additions at Read.AI as the organization scaled past the 100-person mark. The Fall 2026 GeekWire 200 lists 120 employees for the Seattle company, whereas an older third-party SaaS tracker (GetLatka) estimated under 50 employees.

Products, Users, and Public Traction

Read.AI serves individual professionals, knowledge-worker teams, universities, and enterprise organizations, including custom-branded deployments for organizations purchasing 25 or more licenses. When the company introduced Ada in February 2026, GeekWire reported the rollout reached a user base of more than 5 million monthly active users.

On the Read.AI homepage, the company publishes testimonials from users and customers including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Particle41, Nitrogen PR, and the Tiger Sisters podcast. On security and data handling, Read.AI states SOC 2 Type 2, GDPR, and HIPAA compliance along with a policy of no default training on customer data.

Funding, Stage, and Place in Washington's AI Landscape

Read.AI has raised $81M in total disclosed venture capital across a September 2021 seed round, a $21M Series A in April 2024, and a $50M Series B in October 2024 led by Smash Capital. February 2026 GeekWire reporting summarizes cumulative financing as over $80M, while figures referencing only its 2024 institutional rounds total $71M+. Investors include Smash Capital, Goodwater Capital, and Seattle firms Madrona Venture Group and PSL Ventures (Pioneer Square Labs).

Within Washington's AI ecosystem, Read.AI sits among the higher-scale independent productivity software companies outside Microsoft and Amazon. Its local recognition includes ranking on the Fall 2026 GeekWire 200, back-to-back GeekWire Awards Next Tech Titan finalist selections in 2024 and 2025, and inclusion in WTIA Washington Tech Universe Map coverage.

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