

# Red Hat Encourages Open Collaboration by Establishing Independent Board for Open Source Project GlusterFS

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*Open source industry thought leaders join forces to foster continued innovation for GlusterFS*

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced the establishment of the GlusterFS Advisory Board focused on expanding the reach of the GlusterFS project. The creation of an independent board is expected to foster more contributions and participation from third-party sysadmins, developers and independent software vendors (ISVs). With meetings scheduled on a quarterly basis, the GlusterFS Advisory Board includes open source experts from a number of large companies making their mark in the industry.

Board members include:

Chairman: John Mark Walker, GlusterFS Community Manager at Red Hat  
Richard Wareing, Storage Engineer, Facebook  
Anand Babu (AB) Periasamy, office of the CTO at Red Hat; co-founder, GlusterFS project  
Ewan Mellor, Xen engineer, Citrix; core contributor to OpenStack project  
David Nalley, CloudStack community manager, Citrix; member, Fedora Advisory Board  
Louis Zuckerman, senior system administrator, Picture Marketing  
Joe Julian, senior system administrator, Ed Wyse Beauty Products  
Jeff Darcy, Sr. Filesystem engineer, Red Hat; founder, HekaFS project  
Greg DeKoenigsberg, community VP, Eucalyptus; co-founder, Fedora project

GlusterFS is a freely available version and foundation of Red Hat Storage that has been downloaded in over 100 countries worldwide. Over the past year, downloads increased by 300 percent.

"We have established this advisory board to help ensure the future success of GlusterFS and facilitate communication between community members and the project. Each of these board members were selected based on their past contributions to GlusterFS or their standing in related communities," said John Mark Walker, GlusterFS Community Manager.

"I'm excited to be part of the continuing evolution of the GlusterFS project," said Richard Wareing, Storage Engineer at Facebook and GlusterFS board member. "The future of GlusterFS is bright, and I am honored to help guide the project."

New enhancements that develop through the GlusterFS project help enhance future features added to Red Hat Storage. Red Hat's software development model includes active sponsorship of several leading open source projects, amongst the more well-known is the Fedora project. The Fedora community produces and releases a complete Linux-based operating system approximately every six months, incorporating leading-edge technologies that are built by software developers around the globe. Through its involvement in open source projects, Red Hat has developed strong relationships with customers, developers and partners across the IT industry.

The nine GlusterFS board members serve as individuals and do not represent their employers. No more than three individuals per company may sit on the board. Each member may serve until they are no longer involved in the GlusterFS project or they elect to step down.

Examples of items that will be voted on include approval or modifications of the board charter, approval of new initiatives for GlusterFS and approval of release schedules and roadmaps.

For more information on the duties of the advisory board see here: <http://gluster.org/advisors/>.

For details on the roadmap of GlusterFS and if you would like to register for the webinar on January 26, please visit: <http://www.redhat.com/webinars/?zPage=2012-01-26-The-future-of-gluster-dot-org-a-roadmap>.

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