

# Red Hat Announces New Head of Virtualization

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*Radhesh Balakrishnan to Lead Red Hat OpenStack and Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization Technologies and Solutions*

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced that it has appointed a new head of its virtualization technologies and solutions. Radhesh Balakrishnan, previously of Microsoft, will serve as the global leader of Red Hat's virtualization infrastructure solutions, including responsibilities for the company's Red Hat OpenStack and Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization technologies and solutions.

Virtualization is the cornerstone of cloud computing and Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM), which serves as the foundation for Red Hat's virtualization initiatives, is a predominant hypervisor in the cloud. OpenStack has also gained broad industry support because of the power of open source development. Under Balakrishnan's leadership, Red Hat plans to expand its Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization offerings as well as deliver enterprise-class Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) solutions powered by OpenStack.

Balakrishnan joins Red Hat from Microsoft, where he held product management and product marketing responsibilities across a wide range of product lines. Most recently Balakrishnan served as a senior director responsible for the Windows Azure cloud platform business in the Asia Pacific region.

## Supporting Quotes

*Paul Cormier, president, Products and Technologies, Red Hat*

"Radhesh and his team will continue to drive open virtualization forward through our Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization and Red Hat OpenStack technologies and solutions – both of which are central to Red Hat's open hybrid approach to the cloud. We welcome Radhesh to the Red Hat team."

*Radhesh Balakrishnan, global leader, Virtualization, Red Hat*

"Red Hat's leadership in open source, KVM and OpenStack are assets key to delivering cost-effective virtualization and IaaS solutions to enterprise customers as well as cloud service providers. I am excited to join Red Hat to lead the efforts to help deliver on its promise of open hybrid cloud."

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