

Red Hat CEO Jim Whitehurst to Deliver Keynote Address at Open Source Business Conference

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RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced that president and CEO, Jim Whitehurst, will deliver the keynote address at *Computerworld's* Open Source Business Conference (OSBC) on May 21, 2012. OSBC 2012 features content-rich sessions from visionary thought leaders and industry executives on how open source technology is being used and what the implications are from a business perspective, and the conference offers the chance to connect with the developers, users and companies behind some of the most significant open source, mobile and cloud technologies.

Traditional IT, long the object of ridicule, has finally reached its "escape velocity" and is emerging from the data center to fundamentally shape business and our lives in multiple ways. Today, growing computing power, combined with falling costs, is driving technology's own ubiquity. In his visionary keynote address, Whitehurst will describe the profound mega-trends he believes have been unleashed as a result of the prevalence of computing and communications, and explain how these mega-trends help drive new dynamics that have contributed to an explosion of innovation, radical new business models and fundamental shifts in governance.

WHAT: Red Hat president and CEO Jim Whitehurst keynote
IT Everywhere: The Future of Computing
Open Source Business Conference

WHERE: Hyatt Regency San Francisco
5 Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, California

WHEN: Monday, May 21, 2012, 9:15 a.m. PT

For more information on OSBC, visit www.osbc.com, or follow the event on Twitter at www.twitter.com/osbc, or via the hashtag #OSBC.

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