

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

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Annual conference features visionary thought leaders in open source

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced that its president and CEO, Jim Whitehurst, will be delivering the opening keynote at this year's Open Business Conference on April 29, 2013. Open Business Conference, formerly known as Open Source Business Conference, is a two-day conference that through keynotes and sessions will aim to cover the open source strategic challenges enterprise IT managers are dealing with on a daily basis. Hosted by *Computerworld*, this year's event hopes to be ground zero for attendees to learn from experts and network with open source peers, developers and sponsors. Whitehurst's opening keynote will discuss the concept of "Open or Die?"

Whitehurst plans to discuss two paradigm shifts happening in technology today. The first is around cloud computing and mobile with focus on features and functionality. The second is centered around how innovation happens. As technologically sophisticated users continue to influence and drive the speed of innovation, Whitehurst will describe how innovation is happening in open source. As these two paradigms are closely inter-related, Whitehurst's address will highlight how businesses must realize the technology they chose today will influence how they innovate and do business. Businesses must choose the path that will benefit them now and in the future. Whitehurst believes they must open or die. His keynote will cover why he sees open source as the only alternative for businesses looking to stay ahead of innovation.

WHAT: Red Hat president and CEO Jim Whitehurst opening keynote entitled "Open or Die?"

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

WHEN: Monday, April 29, 2013, 9:15 a.m. PT

For more information on Open Business Conference, visit www.osbc.com or follow the event on Twitter via the hashtag #OpenSource.

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