

**February Luncheon**  
Global Initiatives with Jim Wasko  
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*“To be globally viable, you need to be able to manage development teams across the globe.”*

**Attend this session and hear Jim share insights gained** from managing teams in a distributed environment. He'll cover how to evaluate if the right conditions exist to effectively manage a team across geographical boundaries.



**The recent worldwide economic crisis** has illustrated that we are all connected on a global scale. What happens in the US, or Japan, or China affects each and everyone of us and the companies we work for. In the 1980's and early 1990's, innovation often flowed from the US or Europe into other parts of the world. Technology in China, Russia or India often lagged the US and Europe by 5-10 years. As a result, most R&D projects were done at a major US or European locations with Development Engineers from other parts of the world moving to those locations to work on projects.

**Today, with the advances in internet technologies**, reduced data storage costs, infrastructure improvements in developing countries and reliable communication links, it is no longer a requirement to co-locate developers in one location to effectively manage a project. Today's economic growth countries are yesterday's outsourcing locations: India, China, Vietnam, Brazil, Mexico, and Hungary, to name a few.

**Presenter Jim Wasko**

Program Director for Cloud Computing development for IBM's Systems and Technology Group, Jim has over 19 years of experience working in the Computer Technology Industry and has managed teams in Germany, Hungary, Russia, China, Brazil, India, United Kingdom and the United States. Jim's team is working on the evolving technology used within corporate data centers.

His prior position was Program Director for the Linux Technology Center's kernel, security, quality and test development teams. Past assignments include managing Linux customer support teams, strategic alliances, and field services.

Jim is a Board member for the Software Association of Oregon, and a previous member of the Linux Foundation's (formerly OSDL) Data Center Linux steering committee.

**Doors open at 11:30, Speaker from 12-1, Networking 1-1:30**  
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