

GUNNAR HELLEKSON

STRATEGY AND ADVOCACY

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Profile

A respected technology executive and lifelong advocate for open source, free culture, and collaborative innovation.

Skills

Collaborative Development

Proven ability to build and maintain working communities across disparate skills, talents, and interests.

Advocacy

Speaking and writing to turn complicated issues in technology and culture into meaningful work.

Government

A nationally-recognized expert in government technology, security, and procurement needs.

Activities and Awards

FCW Fed 100 Award, 2010

FedScoop 50 Award, 2012

Government Technology Opportunity in the 21st Century, Commissioner

SIIA, Software Division, Board Member

SIIA, Public Sector Innovation Group, Board Member

Open Source Election Technology Foundation, Board Member

California Civic Innovation Project, Advisor

Open Technology Fund, Advisor
Open Source for America, Founder

X-Lab, Advisor

Military Open Source Working Group, Founder

opensource.com, Editor, Government Channel

Projects

"Open Source in the US Government", an interactive timeline of every major event and software release in US Government history.

"Dave and Gunnar Show" a weekly podcast on open source, privacy, and government.

Experience

Red Hat: Chief Strategist, US Public Sector 2010-2014

Set the direction for sales and product teams in the US Federal, state, and local markets for a \$1.5 billion open source company. A liaison between the developer, partner, and customer communities. Managed C-level customer relationships. Advised on the company's legislative, policy and regulatory agendas.

Red Hat: Lead Architect, US Public Sector 2006-2010

Lead a team of 12 systems architects. Influenced the development of new and existing products. Coordinated formal responses to government procurements. Represented Red Hat with executive-level customers and in the media.

Core Services: Director, Research and Development 2005-2006

Responsible for all internal development projects at an Oracle Applications service provider. Led a team of developers, administrators, and engineers across many departments.

Jodie Lane Project: Founder and Executive Director 2004-2005

Managed a coalition of community groups to respond to safety problems in New York's electrical system.

Five Points Consulting: Managing Partner 2003-2005

Business and technical consultant to small- and medium-sized not-for-profit organizations.

Company of the Far Countries: Vice President, Technology 1999-2002

Managed development and operations for an online giftware wholesaler.

Trilux: Senior Developer 1996-1999

Developed, produced, and maintained web sites for diverse set of clients.