

Bio (long)

Todd is a technology advocate, community builder and entrepreneur that has been in the technology field for more than 15 years. He got his start working for an internet company pre-dot com bust in 1999 and has since worked for and with large consulting firms, Fortune 500 companies, a technology nonprofit, and his own consulting company for nearly 10 years.

He has created some of the leading open source technology conferences in the United States over the last decade, including [All Things Open](#), [Great Wide Open](#), and [POSSCON](#). Each has attracted thousands of attendees from all over the world and nearly every major technology company in the country regularly participates. He is a strong believer in open source technology and believes it will be the dominant approach/methodology in the future.

A noted technology advocate and public speaker, he's created and started events and publications designed to heighten awareness around the changing economy and the need for technology education, including The SC Summit on IT and the SC State of IT annual report. He's managed a program designed to make a minor in Applied Computing available statewide, which is now in place at 9 colleges and universities and with classes being taken by thousands of students. He's worked with numerous elected officials to get technology related legislation introduced, supported, and passed. He's spoken at events and to groups all over the country ranging in size from 10 to thousands.