Today's challenges, and tomorrow's opportunities for IT

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Abstract:

CIO's are faced with competing challenges over the next few years: How to open up access to Enterprise services for partners, while appropriately securing those services from inappropriate access. As the Enterprise workforce becomes increasingly mobile and no longer tethered to a fixed device and desk, new ways to manage identity and access to applications and data also need to be considered. In addition to providing a first-hand perspective on the challenges of the CIO role and an overview of IT at Sun today, Bob Worrall will share his insights on the future of IT in the networked age.

About the Speaker:

Appointed Chief Information Officer of Sun Microsystems, Inc. in July 2006, Bob Worrall is responsible for all aspects of Sun's global IT infrastructure and line-of-business application development, support and maintenance, including information service delivery and security. Under Worrall's direction, the IT department is dedicated to working with business partners to accelerate Sun's business by aligning Sun's technology deployment strategy with its business strategy. The IT department takes a leadership role in the design of world-class, integrated strategies, processes and architecture that ensure the integrity of Sun's computing platform and a more productive, efficient and valuable use of information within the enterprise.

With 25 years of technical and IT management experience, Worrall has held a wide variety of Information Technology roles at Sun. Most recently, he served as Vice President of Information Technology, reporting directly to the CIO. In this role, he led Sun's IT Strategy, Architecture and Governance organization, and was responsible for defining the overall IT Architecture as well as managing all compliance and regulatory commitments for the IT organization.

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