Global Supply Chain Systems at Plantronics
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Abstract:
Plantronics, the world leader in communication headsets has been in business since the early 1960s. Since then, they have grown from an airline pilot's vision for a lightweight cockpit headset to a company with revenues of $850 million selling into 70 countries. In 1972, Plantronics started manufacturing headsets in Mexico as part of the Maquiladora program. Today Plantronics is a global company with distributed design centers and a growing manufacturing presence in China.

This talk will cover an overview of Plantronics supply chain systems vision and roadmap using Information Technology and the methodology chosen to implement the project in Plantronics’ global environment.

About the Speaker:
As Senior Director of Supply Chain Systems at Plantronics, Kai Hypko has responsibility for company wide supply chain systems. Drawing on more than seventeen years experience in Planning, Purchasing and Supply Chain, Kai is considered a catalyst and change agent with extensive global leadership experience in supply chain management. He previously worked at Lexar Media, Finisar, Harmonic and Siemens. In his role at Plantronics Kai is tasked with the job of re-engineering the supply chain business processes and systems.
He has a BS in Management Information Systems and Business Administration from Ambassador University in Texas. Kai is a member of APICS, the Association for Operations Management, NAPM, Board of Directors of NorCal OAUG and has a seat on the Aberdeen Research Advisory Council. He is active on several Oracle Customer Advisory Boards and frequently speaks at Supply Chain events such as CES, ESCA and Open World.

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