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Technology Leadership & Culture

Jim Bradley, VP IT, Tecomet

Technology First Board of Directors, Past Chair

So, what has it been like being a technology leader during these unprecedented times over the past year? And how has the technology culture changed in the new normal virtual world?

Technology Leadership: Being a technology leader during the past year has been truly challenging. For many of us, traveling has gone from regular to non-existent, whether that be local, regional, national, or global. This has freed up a significant amount of time which was subsequently and rapidly filled with on-going remote video meetings, typically supported by more presentations. Also, most of us are working longer hours without our usual commutes, both earlier in the morning and longer into the evenings and weekends. Many of us depended on personal face-to-face interactions with our customers, our team and our partners and suppliers. We never thought it could or would work without that, but it has. It is less personal for sure, without the ability to see full body language, having some of the interpersonal chats before or after the meetings, or the always valuable informal hallway chats or those during travel, meals, and drinks. We've had to compensate and communicate in other ways. >>[read more](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Jon Rike | CIO, City of Dayton

What advice would you give aspiring IT leaders?

Enjoy the process of becoming! I think in life we often try to speed the process of reaching a given objective without fully embracing or appreciating the journey. As Kobe Bryant said, "Those times when you get up early... those times when you stay up late... when you're too tired... you don't want to push yourself, but you do it anyway. That is actually the dream." Enjoy the ride, be a voracious reader, learn from your mistakes, and always put relationships first! >>[read more](#)



Paul Webendorfer | Director of IT, ChangeUp

What's the best career advice you ever received?

Throughout my career, my managers have primarily been on the business side of the organization, rather than the IT side of the organization. I think this factor helped form my "business first" IT philosophy. As a young man, just learning about business technology, enamored by technical bells and whistles, my boss gave me some excellent advice. He told me, "technology doesn't mean a thing to us, if it doesn't help the business." This simple, practical advice set me on the right path of focusing on business solutions and not on the technology itself. To this day, I consider myself a business person working in IT, not an IT person working in business... and that has made a big difference for me. >>[read more](#)



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May 12, 2021 | 12-1pm

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May 14, 2021 | 9-10am

Led by: Phil Heather, RSM

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Led by: J.D. Whitlock, Matt Coatney, Don Hopkins, and Margaret Swanson

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