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**Early, Early Bird Registration Closing Soon for POSSCON 2012**

**Columbia, SC** – The Early, Early Bird Registration rate of \$99 will close on January 31<sup>st</sup> for the world-class Palmetto Open Source Software Conference, presented by IT-oLogY.

The Palmetto Open Source Software Conference will once again bring a world-class lineup of IT thought leaders to the Southeast for two days to discuss the latest issues for developers, executives, government leaders and educators.

We are extremely pleased to announce that Scott McNealy will headline POSSCON 2012. He is one of the most influential and widely quoted leaders in the history of IT. Whether co-founding Sun Microsystems at the age of 27, eventually selling Sun Microsystems to Oracle, overseeing the development of Java and the acquisition of MySQL, assuming the role of defender of the free computing world, originating the visionary phrase ‘the network is the computer,’ or starting the open source education nonprofit Curriki, McNealy has literally changed the course of technology and open source history.

POSSCON 2012 will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center March 28-29, 2012, and will feature track sessions, hands-on training and social and networking events. Tracks will include Education, Technical, Big Picture and Demo/Training.

Other speakers include Dr. Douglas Maughan, Director, Department of Homeland Security, Cyber Security Division; Jim Jagielski, Co-Founder and President, Apache Software Foundation; Chris Aniszcyck, Open Source Manager, Twitter, Inc.; and many others.

In 2011, more than 500 people from 15 states, 30 colleges and universities and approximately 100 business and government organizations attended.

Early-early bird registration is now open at a discounted rate of \$99. Registration is available at [www.posscon.org](http://www.posscon.org).

IT-oLogY is a non-profit collaboration of businesses, academic institutions and other organizations dedicated to growing the IT talent pipeline and advancing the IT profession. IT-oLogY is doing this through three major initiatives: Promote IT (K-12 schools), Teach IT (Higher Education) and Grow IT (Professionals and Businesses).

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