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Ric Telford's professional business career highlights 20 years of software development experience and is noted for bringing innovative approaches to the design and development of key software technologies. Telford joined IBM in 1983, as a developer for PROFS in their software lab in Dallas, TX. Prior to the acquisition of Lotus, Telford led much of the office systems development for IBM, including distributed calendaring and groupware products. During his tenure at IBM, Telford has played a number of key roles in various software initiatives for IBM, including the imaging products unit, networking and security software, and software mobility products. Ric tends to be at the forefront of emerging technologies at IBM. He served as Director of Technology for the IBM CIO, responsible for the development, implementation and adoption of technologies that hastened the transformation of IBM into an e-business. Ric was the Director of Technology for Intelligent Infrastructure, the precursor in IBM to "e-business on demand". Most recently, Ric was responsible for defining and delivering software solutions for the service provider market, also known as "xSPs." Ric worked across the IBM software group to both leverage IBM's e-business infrastructure software for service provider needs, as well as to develop solutions which address the unique requirements of the service provider. In his current assignment as Director of Strategy and Architecture, Autonomic Computing, Ric is responsible for defining and delivering the strategy, architecture, technology and standards for "Autonomic Computing." Autonomic Computing is the set of capabilities required to make a computing system more self-managing, much like the human autonomic system. Ric works across the IBM Corporation, including servers, software and storage, to develop an end-to-end, open architecture solution for self-managing systems. Ric holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Ric resides in Morrisville, NC and has two sons. Ric enjoys mountain biking, swimming and golf.

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