

## **Harish Pillay**

### **Manager, Partner Development**

Harish Pillay has been with Red Hat Asia Pacific since September 2003. He is currently overseeing the company's ISV eco-system initiatives in Singapore and the region. The focus of this initiative is the Linux Enterprise Applications Porting (LEAP) Center – a joint effort with Oracle. LEAP is based in Singapore. He is also a Red Hat Certified Engineer (RHCE).

Harish joined Red Hat from Maringo Tree Technologies, an open source consultancy, training and services company he co-founded in 2002. In 1999, he also co-founded Inquisitive Mind, a Singapore-based educational applications services provisioning business, where he was the principal planner and architect of the network, systems and applications. He had also previously held senior management and technical positions at Brokat Asia, Sembawang Media (now known as Pacific Internet), CSA Automated and CSA Holdings (now known as Computer Services Corporation).

Harish, an avid activist and leading commentator for open source, co-founded the Linux Users' Group Singapore (LUGS) in 1993. He is currently the President of the LUGS. Harish is also a senior member of the Singapore Computer Society and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. In 2005, he was inducted into the Oregon State University's Engineering Council of Outstanding Early Career Engineers in recognition of distinction in professional practice in the profession and to the society at large.

Over the years, he has presented papers and spoken at numerous events such as the IX Asia 2003/2004 in Singapore, Asia Open Source Software Symposium, LinuxWorld Asia in New Delhi, COSGOV in Hanoi, Indian eGov Conference, Cochin, India, just to name a few. He also writes about technology and its impact on developing economies focusing on the benefits open sourced software can bring. Harish has authored a chapter discussing the internet in Singapore in the book, “Asia Pacific Internet Handbook” ISBN 0-07-044519-2, published in 2002.