

John Helm

Speaking Biography

John Helm is the Principal of JHelm Associates, LLC; a business results consultancy. Previously John was the Vice President of Engineering and Chief Technology Officer of Imprev.com. Prior to joining Imprev he was the CTO of Drugstore.com. Before Drugstore, John was a founding partner of Umaxon, a company specializing in system and software architecture, design, implementation, testing, and maintenance. Before Umaxon, John had several senior management positions at Merrill Lynch, including Head of Architecture; COO of Global Messaging, Collaboration Services and Directory Services; and Chief Information Architect. While at Merrill Lynch, in 2003 one of John's Open Source projects garnered a CIO Magazine "Resourceful 100 Award"; later he was tapped to rebuild and update the company's global messaging and directory infrastructures following the September 11 terrorist attack. Prior to Merrill Lynch, John has held key technology management positions at Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley.

Other experience includes a variety of positions in academia and in the nonprofit and public sectors. John was on the faculty in the Department of Applied Physics at Columbia University, a Fellow at the National Academy of Engineering, and the Director of Computer Services at the American Health Foundation, where he was responsible for the management of epidemiological databases and biostatistics software. Currently, John is an advisory board member for University of Washington Agile Certificate Program.

John holds a Ph.D. in Applied Physics, a master's in Nuclear Engineering, and a bachelor's degree in Applied Chemistry from Columbia University.