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Venkat Devraj is chief technology officer (CTO) for Application Automation at HP Software. As CTO, Devraj is responsible for driving the application automation strategy, as well as cross-product architecture and technology planning internally across the company's IT management software and externally with customers.

Devraj joined HP through the Stratavia acquisition, where as co-founder, chairman and CTO, his primary focus was to develop and launch the vision and strategies to help customers enable the next generation of IT automation solutions. During his nearly five-year tenure at Stratavia, Devraj helped propel the business into being the leading provider of database and middleware automation solutions. Also during that time, Devraj managed the pre-sales and customer success / professional services organizations.

Previously, Devraj was the co-founder and chief executive officer of ExtraQuest, one of the industry's first remote management service providers focusing on database and application administration. He is the author of "Oracle 24x7 Tips & Techniques," previously listed in the Top five Oracle bestsellers on Amazon.com, as well as co-author of "Oracle8i Web Development," both published by Osborne/McGraw-Hill.

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