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Bdale Garbee drives open source strategy and advocacy within the company from the CTO Office in HP Labs. He also serves as a pan-HP resource for open source matters across HP business groups.

Widely respected in the open source community, Garbee's career with HP spans almost three decades. Most recently, he was HP Chief Technologist for Open Source and Linux. He took early retirement in 2012 and served briefly as Senior Open Source Adviser to Samsung before returning to HP in 2014.

Garbee has been a Debian developer since the earliest days of the project, serving as Debian Project Leader (DPL) from 2002-2003. He currently serves as Chairman of the Debian Technical Committee.

Garbee is president of Software in the Public Interest, represents the interests of individual members and developers on the board of directors of the Linux Foundation, and serves on the board of the Freedombox Foundation.

A frequent invited speaker at open source events, Garbee has given keynote talks at numerous conferences. In 2008, he became the first individual recipient of a Lutece d'Or award from the Federation Nationale de l'industrie due Logiciel Libre in France.

Garbee enjoys extending open source principles to areas such as open hardware design. He serves on the board of directors of Aleph Objects, makers of open design 3D printers that won the first-ever "Respects Your Freedom" brand from the Free Software Foundation, and co-founded Altus Metrum, LLC, a producer of open hardware and open source avionics products for high-powered model rockets.

Garbee is also widely known for his technical contributions to amateur radio, including innovations in packet radio, weak-signal communications, software-defined radio, and building amateur satellites. He received his B.S. computer engineering and math from Carnegie Mellon University.