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Mark Robert Watkins is Director of Storage Technologies for HP's Storage Business, where he leads a development team that makes existing HP solution designs relevant for new markets, such as the cloud. Most recently, he has been developing cloud-scale object storage technologies.

Recognized as a leader in the storage industry for delivering high-performance cloud computing in warehousing and storage environments, Watkins has been involved in every major initiative in HP's Storage Division as both a driver and an active team member. He also established HP's World-Wide Technical Evaluation Process (TEP), which is designed to keep HP abreast of the latest in cloud and other emerging technologies.

With over twenty years' experience in the industry, Watkins is an acknowledged subject matter expert in the areas of software, firmware, ASIC, and Internet technologies, and was named to CRN's 2010 listing of 'storage superstars.'

A prolific inventor, Watkins holds numerous patents that have both improved the utilization of data storage arrays and led to new storage methods for data and auxiliary information – a number of which have been licensed to third party manufacturers.

Watkins received his B.Eng. in electrical and electronic engineering and a M.Sc. in Information Engineering from Bristol University.