

Did Red Hat's CTO Walk ? Or Was He Pushed?

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He went on to say that some within Red Hat speculate that tensions between Stevens and Paul Cormier, Red Hat's president of products and technologies, might be responsible, although there doesn't appear to have been any current argument between the two. Cormier will take over Stevens' duties until a replacement is found.

Vaughan-Nichols also said that others at Red Hat had opined that Stevens might've left because he'd risen as high as he could within the company and with no new advancement opportunities open to him, he'd decided to move on. If this was the case, why did he leave so abruptly?

Stevens had been at Red Hat for nearly ten years. If he was leaving merely because "I've done all I can here and it's time to seek my fortune elsewhere," we'd expect him to work out some kind of notice and stay on the job long enough for Red Hat to find a suitable replacement. Turning in a resignation that's effective immediately is not the ideal way to walk out the door for the last time. It smells of burning bridges.

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