

# Red Hat CEO: We've Grown So Fast That Employees Spread This Crazy Rumor About Me

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What does it feel like to be the CEO of a super-hot company as it crests the billion-dollar-revenue mark and grows to 5,000 employees?

Red Hat CEO Jim Whitehurst says that it's hard to notice the changes. Then something happens to make you realize you are the boss of a very big place.

"It creeps up on you," says Whitehurst with a laugh. "It's a little like boiling a frog in water. If you heat it up slowly, it never jumps out."

It's been a big year for Red Hat.

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