Cloud Surfing: Are you Flying on the Cloud or Crashing to the Earth?

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Hey you...get off of my cloud! We all need to share information, but how do we unify the tools to get us all onto the same page? The cloud offers an excellent opportunity to share information quickly and accurately, but which platform do you choose? With so many cloud collaboration tools suited to different industries, how do you choose a tool that allows for easy data sharing? How do you track changes once the information is shared? How do you keep the attachments out of email systems while making the data available through email links? How do you quickly and easily track compliance, revisions, and updates within your projects? Bring your ideas and tips to share with others in this roundtable session as we discuss ways to make our lives easier through commonly available cloud collaboration tools and methods to standardize cloud-based offerings. After all, companies can't build products if they don't know what we want, and especially if we don't know what we want!

Learning Objectives
At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Select or advise on a best approach to cloud-based collaboration

- Select or advise on a cloud-based collaboration platform

- Identify internal corporate needs for external data collaboration

- Discuss security concerns with regard to cloud-based data sharing and management

This class is not about lecture, demonstration or materials; it's about active learning through participation. Please, be prepared to bring your ideas and questions because those ideas and questions are going to be responsible for producing the content we all take away from this class.   If you're not a public speaker and the idea of asking a question scares the life out of you, please don't worry. We've all been there! The only dumb question is the one that doesn't get asked! We're all dependent on one another to get the most out of this class. In my years attending technical classes and seminars, I almost always find more value from the experience shared by class participants than from the material presented in the class.

Please bring something to take notes or capture ideas. Roundtables are not recorded, so I would really welcome and appreciate your notes and thoughts via email after the class. If something in particular resonated with you, please share it with me because I'll be providing a follow up synopsis after AU2013. AU2013 is GREEN Event!   Please bring your handout on your favourite mobile device or print it out and bring it with you before you come.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to sharing 60 minutes of energetic fun with you!

About the Speaker:

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Tim has worked with Aluminum Curtainwall Systems since 2002 as an IT systems engineer and is currently their director for technology and development. He is responsible for all things I.T. at ACS including analysis, solution architecture and implementation of Autodesk® products, their integration into the organizational workflow and the integration of output data into their ERP system. He is involved with system design, software/hardware selection and acquisition, implementation, training, and cross application development; acting as a facilitator between application vendors. His current focus at ACS is the implementation and integration of ERP & Project Management/PLM within the organization. Tim has maintained an IT consulting company since 1994 (NetWise Computer Services) and specializes in system design & integration. He became a certified network specialist in 1986 and a certified NetWare Engineer in 1996 through Novell Inc.

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