

HPE Confirms Hybrid IT Focus, Layoffs

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HPE CEO Meg Whitman confirms a couple of reports the company's annual security analyst meeting-- HPE will push into hybrid IT with Internet of Things (IoT) investment as it slashes employee numbers even further.



As well as the IoT, HPE hybrid IT investment will include composable infrastructure and software defined tools. The Machine, an effort in revamping computing and memory announced back in 2014, is also closer to commercialisation thanks to the HPE being more nimble and innovative than the larger likes of Dell.

In addition the company is making grounds into high performance computing, all-flash arrays and converged infrastructure, all "strong and growing markets where HPE is well positioned" according to Whitman. As for the cloud, HPE looks to be investing into private cloud since companies are bringing operations back in house where appropriate.

As for the staff cuts, Whitman simply confirmed previous social media reports from a number of HPE employees. For example, Portland-based senior engineering manager Vicky Brasseur tweeted she laid off her entire team. Many of the layoffs appear to be from the team behind Stackato, the development service currently being sold to Micro Focus-owned Linux distribution provider SUSE.

Layoffs, of course, are nothing new to Hewlett Packard-- last week saw HP reducing employee numbers in the name of profitability in an industry moving further towards the cloud.

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