



Did You Know...

Taos Provides Services to Engineering as Well as IT?

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Over the past 20 years, Taos has adapted its service offerings to keep pace with the evolution of technology and IT support in the Bay Area. During this time, we've witnessed two significant changes:

- 1) System administration has become its own profession
- 2) The internal IT function has become a consistent part of every major business and organization

It used to be that technical people worked almost exclusively in Engineering or R & D. As a result, these groups provided their own IT support; usually in the form of the team member who dug into whatever technical issue was preventing forward progress. In fact, Taos' founders, Ric Urrutia & Alexis Tatarsky, dreamed up the idea for Taos' business model in the late 80's when they were working as UNIX Engineers at Apple Computer. Both often found themselves providing this kind of system administration support for their team and were eager to find a better way to screen technical contractors to join their group.

Today, it's easy to think of IT support coming exclusively out of the IT department. However, we've found that despite the existence of IT organizations, engineering teams continue to provide their own system administration support. Due to our roots in this field, Taos has consistently provided talented technical consultants to support engineering groups. Now, with our growing number of relationships within IT, our consultants often find themselves in a position where they can contribute to building a connection between engineering and IT. The role has also evolved beyond basic system administration support to include everything from level 1 support to project management to architecture.

By the numbers

- 24% Taos Clients with engineering groups served by Taos Consultants
- 20% Taos Consultants serving engineering
- 30% Taos Consultants with work experience supporting or working in an engineering team