

## Re: Outsourcing to India and China

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Gerald Kelly <gkelly@mminternet.com> wrote:

> "Gary Labowitz" <glabowitz@comcast.net> wrote:

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>> My problem is this doesn't create more jobs for ME. It's a little late in my  
>> career to retrain to work in another field and I find it difficult enough to  
>> keep up with computer advances. What really frosts me is that persons from  
>> other countries come into the USA as "consultant" employees, work in groups  
>> of 4-6, share expenses, and undercut the market price. It's clever, true,  
>> but makes places like India a suburb of the USA. I'm also too old also to  
>> (re)join a coop and work for little pay.

> The thing is: can you name an Indian or Chinese software application  
How could you tell? If a U.S. software company outsources development they do not put "Made in India" on the box. Similarly, foreign software companies are aware of the attitude of U.S. purchasers of software that was "Not Invented Here" and they are careful to use a U.S. subsidiary to sell it.

> ? Something you can find on the shelves at a North American or  
> European retailer ? Something that you use on your computer often ?  
I would guess that almost all of the hardware drivers for peripherals like printers, scanners, mice, webcams and sound cards were written in Asia.

> Probably not, eh ? What does that tell you ?

I think it tells me that the software industry is following the same "head in the sand" path as that of the automobile and consumer goods industries. "It's OK to lose the low end of the market because they can never compete with our most technically advanced products".