

## SKILLS

## DVT to import Indian skills

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**LOCAL SOFTWARE** development company Dynamic Visual Technologies (DVT) has opened an office in India, to tap into the vast skills market in the world's second most populous country.

The company aims to bring in skills that in short supply locally, a move that will also benefit the local software sector through skills transfer initiatives.

CEO Chris Wilkins says there is a "slew of Indian skills in almost any technical base you can imagine". He adds SA lacks skills in marginal areas, such as Cobalt, and DVT will import those talents to the country.

"There are not enough people coming out of school with the right subjects and coming out of university with the right qualifications," says Wilkins. He explains that local companies cannot fill the skills void with the available talent, which is why DVT will import those skills.

DVT specialises in the development, delivery, implementation, and support of software applications and related services. Its offerings include .NET and Java custom-built software, among other services, such as business analysis and project management.

Wilkins says DVT has already seen demand for the skills, despite having only opened its office six months ago.

"We have been in India for six months and employed eight application developers, who are already active, allowing us to grow our business through offshore development. Apart from enhancing our skills base in SA and allowing us to attract new business here, we may also aim to attract offshoring business from Europe."

Wilkins says the company may expand its business in India at a later stage. "It's not easy breaking into a new market," he says of the commercial differences between SA and India.