MVP’s that have already expressed interest in helping. They are the authors of much of the content and have already delivered the content in NYC.

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| **Ben Day** | Benjamin Day is a consultant and trainer specializing in software best practices using Scrum with Microsoft’s DevOps tools. Ben’s main areas of emphasis include Team Foundation Server, Scrum, software testing, and software architecture. He is a Microsoft Visual Studio ALM MVP, a certified Scrum trainer via Scrum.org, and a speaker at conferences such as TechEd and VSLive. When not developing software, Ben’s been known to go running and sea kayaking in order to balance out his love of cheese, cured meats, and champagne. His online courses are available at <http://www.pluralsight.com>. He can be contacted via <http://www.benday.com>. |
| **Jason Haley** | Jason Haley is an independent consultant who focuses on Azure and Angular. He has over 20+ year’s experience architecting, designing, developing and delivering software solutions using mostly Microsoft technologies. Jason recently achieved his MCSE: Cloud Platform and Infrastructure certification in May 2017 (by passing all of the 70-532, 70-533 and 70-534 exams). He is also a Microsoft Azure MVP and leads the North Boston Azure User Group. He frequently speaks at community events on topics relating to Azure. |
| **Jim O'Neil** | Jim has over 25 years of experience in the software industry spanning the disciplines of software prototyping, commercial software development, technical support, and developer evangelism. Jim comes to BlueMetal after almost six years as a Technical Evangelist for Microsoft where he most recently focused on helping developers achieve success in the Windows and Windows Phone marketplaces. A strong proponent of the local software economy, Jim is the co-founder of New England GiveCamp, an annual Hackathon supporting non-profits in the region, and he can often be spotted at technical meetups and events in the greater Boston area. |
| **Bill Wilder** | Bill Wilder is a cloud-computing veteran, with deep expertise in the Microsoft Azure cloud platform, with a technology focus on public cloud, distributed systems architecture, and application security. Since 2014, Bill has been CTO at [Finomial](http://www.finomial.com/), an early stage SaaS company serving the global hedge fund industry from the cloud. Prior to that, Bill consulted as a hands-on architect to giant corporations (including Microsoft), mid-sized companies, and startups, helping them execute on the cloud by providing architecture guidance, Azure training, and custom development. Bill began working with the Azure cloud platform the day it was unveiled at the Microsoft PDC in 2008 and subsequently founded, in October 2009, [Boston Azure](http://bostonazure.org/), the oldest Azure-focused community user group in the world. Bill is the author of the book [*Cloud Architecture Patterns*](http://www.cloudarchitecturepatterns.com/) which explains patterns and concepts core to understanding how to most effectively use public cloud platforms such as those from Microsoft, Amazon, and Google. Bill is recognized by Microsoft as a [Microsoft Azure MVP](http://bit.ly/billmvp), a reflection of his Azure cloud expertise, a willingness to share it, and community leadership. |

Additional speakers that may be able to help…

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| **Dan Stolts** | Dan Stolts “ITProGuru” is a technology expert who is a master of systems management, DevOps and security. He is Chief Technology Strategist for Microsoft, owns several businesses and is a published author. Reach him on his primary blog <http://itproguru.com> or twitter [@ITProGuru](http://twitter.com/itproguru). He is a proven leader of teams, people and projects. He is proficient in many datacenter technologies (Windows Server, System Center, Virtualization, Cloud, etc.) and holds many certifications including MCT, MCITP, MCSE, TS, etc. Dan is currently specializing in DevOps and cloud technologies. Dan is and has been a very active member of the user group community. Dan is an enthusiastic advocate of technology and is passionate about helping others. See more at <http://itproguru.com/about>. |
| **Mike Corkery** | Mike Corkery is a trainer and solutions consultant from the Boston area. As a trainer, he helps students learn a wide variety of Microsoft technologies including programming, database design, Microsoft SQL Server, Project Server, Power BI, and the entire suite of Microsoft Office applications. As a consultant, Michael helps clients integrate various technologies to create business solutions. Michael’s first career out of college was in the biotech industry. He first learned to program by using Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) in Microsoft Excel. He turned hours of manual data processing into minutes and could spend more time analyzing data instead of processing data. Michael passed his first Microsoft exam in early 2001 and became a Microsoft Certified Trainer later that year. In 2012, Microsoft presented him the MVP award for work with the Office Systems suite of products. |
| **Mark Grimes** | Mark Grimes has been with Microsoft Consulting Services for just under 7 years. He has focused on Identity Federation solutions over the duration and in the past 2 years has been helping organizations to plan, design and implement Azure infrastructure solutions as part of the Azure Center of Excellence at Microsoft. Mark has also lead Microsoft Azure Certification sessions internally at Microsoft, at Microsoft Ignite and on Microsoft Virtual Academy for the past couple of years for the Azure Infrastructure and Architecture exams. He is a frequent blogger on Azure, Azure Stack, AD, AD FS, Certification and other topics at aka.ms/markgrimes. Follow his updates on Twitter @markbgrimes. |