

Welcome to PromCon Online 2020

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Welcome

Beautiful weather in Vancouver, today!

I was watching Vancouver wake up over a webcam while writing this

But for some reason, we couldn't make it

Mental health

Last year, I talked about burnout, and alluded to how soul-crushing it can be.

For those who asked: It's better now, and thank you for asking.

Mental health

Why talk about mental health again?

COVID-19

Everything is on fire. At the same time.

COVID-19

It's OK to feel bad.

COVID-19

It's OK to feel sad.

COVID-19

It's OK to feel scared.

COVID-19

Help those around you.

Talk with others about how you feel.

Follow best current scientific advice.

COVID-19

I hope to see a lot of you in person next year :)

There are benefits & downsides to online conferences

PromCon Online, Pros

More inclusive

Less travel (we talked about this last year...)

PromCon Online, Cons

Harder to block time

Less incentive for speakers to follow through

Harder for you to focus on the conference

No real hallway track

PromCon Online, immediate learnings ;)

If you're in a room, you depend on there not being a pandemic

If you're online, you depend on the video back-end not being on fire

PromCon Online, immediate learnings ;)

Online still incurs cost

Plus, CNCF managed to postpone, not cancel, the venue for next year



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If anything goes wrong, look into the announcement doc and on Twitter

@TwitchiH & @PrometheusIO will have up-to-date information

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We will send out a questionnaire and would love to know what you think.

Janitorial

We have an announcement doc; linked on `promcon.io` and our video platform

Lightning talks still open, write yourself in

Link in announcement doc

Be excellent to each other

We follow the CNCF Code of Conduct and expect you to be excellent to each other

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If you feel unsafe, please see contact information in the announcement doc.

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I hope you have fun

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I know I will

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