**Title:***Automating Event Scheduling with Python in Positron*

**Abstract (750 Character limit)**

For years, scheduling for the Atlanta Writers Conference—where 200+ writers meet literary agents and editors—was a manual, time-consuming process using Excel and individual emails. For the May 2025 conference, we automated scheduling with Python in Positron, vastly reducing the amount of time spent preparing for this conference in such a way that these massive time-savings will carry forward to future conferences too. This talk will cover our transition, lessons learned, and how we’re planning to integrate MailerLite, Cvent, and TablesReady APIs next for the November 2025 conference to further streamline the process. Attendees will gain insights into using Python for event management automation and optimizing logistical workflows.

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Hi, I’m Rebecca Hodge, a Developer at Procogia by day and a writer by night. In this talk, I’ll discuss how I merged my two passions together by transforming what used to be a time-consuming, manual scheduling process for the Atlanta Writers Conference into a streamlined, automated process, using Python in Positron.

The Atlanta Writers Conferences happens twice a year, and hosts 200+ writers and connects them with literary agents and editors.  For years, we did all scheduling for the events manually in Excel and also sent every scheduling email and reminder individually—all 200+ of them. This was obviously extremely time-intensive and manual, but the biggest problem was that we were repeating this process *every six months*. We weren’t carrying forward our efforts and time spent on past conferences to any of the future ones.

This year, we decided it was time to fix that. For the May 2025 Conference, we developed a Python-based scheduling system in Positron, where we automated the scheduling and emailing process.

In my talk, I’ll walk you through how we transitioned from manual chaos to streamlined automation, the challenges we faced, and how Python can be used to optimize event logistics. I’ll also discuss the steps we’re already taking next—integrating APIs from Cvent, MailerLite, and TablesReady—and how that will help us keep streamlining the process by allowing us to accomplish all our conference tasks in a single place: Positron.

Whether you manage conferences, team schedules, or logistics-heavy workflows, my talk will give you ideas about how to streamline, simplify and automate your own processes.