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October 21st & 22nd, 2025

Where:

2300 Dulles Station West Blvd, Herndon, VA 20171

Time:

8:00 AM USA EDT to 5:00 PM USA EDT

Ayron Fears (WebSphere - Technical Account Manager)
Tiffanie Watkins (WebSphere MQ - Technical Account Manager)
Michelle Mashia Cross Brand - Sr. Technical Account Manager)
Jennifer Noble (Cross Brand - Sr. Technical Account Manager
John Alex (Expertise Connect Delivery Manager - Practice Manager)

Agenda (Tuesday, October 21st, 2025) ****All sessions given under NDA****

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	**Welcome, Breakfast & Introduction**	**Tiffanie Watkins, Ayron Fears, Jennifer Noble, Michelle Mashia, James Clarke, John Alex**
8:30AM – 9:00 AM EDT	<u>Panel Discussion:</u> **Architecture & Strategy Discussions**	**Panelists: John Alex, Ayron Fears, Jim Clarke, Kevin Grigorenko, Tiffanie Watkins**
	10 MINUTE BREAK	
9:10 AM – 10:10 AM EDT	**WebSphere Application Server & Liberty Roadmap** ➤ Roadmap & New Features ➤ IBM JSphere, IBM EAR, IBM EASeJ ➤ Support for Outdated 3rd Party Java Libraries	**Kevin Grigorenko** IBM Application Runtimes SWAT
	10 MINUTE BREAK	
10:20 AM – 11:20 AM EDT	**Modernized Runtime Extension for Java (MoRE)** ➤ Overview, Benefits and Demo	**Kevin Grigorenko** IBM Application Runtimes SWAT
	10 MINUTE BREAK	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM EDT	**Application Modernization Accelerator (AMA)** ➤ Overview, Benefits and Demo	**Kevin Grigorenko** IBM Application Runtimes SWAT
	LUNCH (1 HOUR)	
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM EDT	**Liberty on Containers** ➤ Overview & Benefits	**Kevin Grigorenko** IBM Application Runtimes SWAT
	Break out Session: Db2 Roadmap ➤ What's New? ➤ Db2 pureScale	**Dale McInnis** Principal Data Technical Specialist, Database SME
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM EDT	**Compliance** ➤ Meeting Regulatory Expectations in Data Flows	**Cassandra Terry** Program Director, MCSP Compliance
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT	**Hands-on labs:** Liberty on VMs, MoRE, AMA	**Ayron Fears, John Alex, Kevin Grigorenko**

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Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM EDT	Welcome, Breakfast & Introduction	Jennifer Noble, Tiffanie Watkins, John Alex, Michelle Mashia
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM EDT	Panel Discussion: Where Are You Now? ➢ Review of current architecture and strategic direction	**Panel:** Mariana Villar Pacheco, Atif Siddiqui, Callum Jackson, Ulas Cubuk, Tamika Moody, Tiffanie Watkins
09:00 AM – 10:00 AM EDT	What's New in MQ ➢ Latest updates and features in IBM MQ	Mariana Villar Pacheco Software Developer – MQ
5 MINUTE BREAK		
10:05 AM – 11:05 AM EDT	DataPower/DPOD Session ➢ What's New? ➢ Deep dive into DataPower and DPOD capabilities.	Ulas Cubuk, Amit Munwes Product Manager, IBM DataPower Gateway
10 MINUTE BREAK		
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM EDT	Using Ansible with MQ ➢ Automation strategies using Ansible for MQ environments	Mariana Villar Pacheco Software Developer – MQ
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	**LUNCH (45 Minutes)**	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EDT	How to Adopt Cloud Native for MQ ➢ Transitioning MQ to cloud-native architectures	Callum Jackson Solution Architect, IBM Technology Expert Labs
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT	What's New in ACE? ➢ Updates and new features in App Connect Enterprise Demo	Atif Siddiqui Technical Product Manager - ACE
5 MINUTE BREAK		
3:05 PM – 4:00 PM EDT	CP4I and Kafka ➢ Integration strategies using Cloud Pak for Integration and Kafka	Callum Jackson Solution Architect, IBM Technology Expert Labs
4:00 PM EDT	Lab Discussion & Wrap Up	