

**HOW TO TRAIN YOUR(SELF)
DRAGON-STYLE
TO SUBMIT TALKS**

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**YOU DON'T HAVE TO
WRITE THE WHOLE TALK
TO SUBMIT IT**

YOU CAN USE A TALK TO LEARN SOMETHING

FOR EXAMPLE

- ▶ **I have a theory about how to build a pipeline to use chef audit mode to test that cookbooks all work nicely together.**
- ▶ **I don't have to know exactly HOW to do this to write an abstract**
- ▶ **I can just come up with the idea and I'll learn how to do it as I write the talk**

REMINDER
YOUR ABSTRACT
DOESN'T HAVE TO BE
"PROVEN OUT"

**HOW DO I COME UP
WITH AN IDEA FOR A
TALK, ANYWAY?**

YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE

**SOMETHING YOU'VE
LEARNED RECENTLY
THAT YOU FOUND
SUPER INTERESTING**

**SOMETHING YOU WANT
TO LEARN ABOUT**

WHERE TO SUBMIT TALKS
FORGET ABOUT PLACES LIKE VELOCITY

PLACES THAT AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH DEVOPS

- ▶ Local Dev meetups
- ▶ Agile conferences
- ▶ Software tester organizations
- ▶ You get the point...
- ▶ All kinds of tech conferences can be found at bit.ly/techconfs

DEVOPSDAYS IGNITES

These are great places to try out (short talks), but have some challenges

- ▶ **The Ignite format can be tough (but really fun)**
- ▶ **DevOpsDays are picky about repeated content**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PREED IT



- ▶ **Come up with one or two abstracts and submit them everywhere**
- ▶ **This is how the pros (i.e., Jez) do it**
- ▶ **Having to create new content for every engagement is exhausting**



TRY OUT MATERIAL "ON THE ROAD"

It can be really helpful and less intimidating to present at an out-of-town meetup where you are not part of that group - you don't have to worry about your reputation (or perceived lack thereof) of preceding you.

USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM

PEER REVIEWS

- ▶ Co-workers
- ▶ Friends in the community
- ▶ Fust ask the twitters (if you're bold)



Q&A IS YOUR FRIEND

tstratton / **speaking**

just a place for me to store a few proposals, abstracts, etc

33 commits

0 releases

1 contributor

branch: **master**

speaking / +

some submodule mess

tstratton authored 15 days ago

latest commit b4e

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Add diagram and some submodules

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Initial commit

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Update bio with interop and kids

PROTIP #1
STORE ALL YOUR
SPEAKING STUFF IN A
GITHUB REPO

PROTIPS #1.1 - #1.3

- 1. Make all your presentations submodules**
- 2. Put your bio text in a text tile in github**
- 3. Put all your proposals/abstracts in github also**

PROTIP #2

CREATE A "SPEAKER PAGE" ON YOUR BLOG/WEBSITE

Bridget Kromhout

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**WHAT ARE YOUR
GOALS?**