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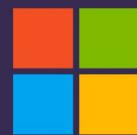
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Share your feedback and enter for a chance to win premium swag during Tuesday night's Welcome Reception!



★ Six lucky winners will be chosen from those who complete our survey using the QR code or via aka.ms/vslive

Even More Ways to Score Swag at Visual Studio Live!

We love giving back to our amazing developer community! Don't miss these fun ways to grab exclusive Visual Studio swag.

① Discover Your Visual Studio Benefits

During Expo Hours, experts on Visual Studio benefits will be on hand to answer questions about Azure and Dev/Test Credits & Skilling Opportunities. Score some swag at the booth.

Stickers



② Share Your Favorite VS Feature or Subscriber Benefit

Visit our Expo booth and share your favorite IDE feature, VS shortcut, or subscriber benefit. Your input will be part of a fun collage shared on our social channels!

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③ Show Your VS Pride - I'm a Visual Studio Developer

Snap a quick photo at our booth and join others sharing their love for Visual Studio.



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CONFERENCE MAP



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INTERNET CONNECTION

SSID: **VSLive 2025**

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SLIDES AND CODE

To access presentation slides and materials from the conference go to the website:

<https://vslive.com/vegasslides>

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WELCOME TO VISUAL STUDIO LIVE! LAS VEGAS 2025 AT PARIS LAS VEGAS

WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT, WHERE INNOVATION, LEARNING, AND NETWORKING COME TOGETHER IN THE VIBRANT CITY OF LAS VEGAS. Whether you are a seasoned developer, a tech enthusiast, or someone eager to sharpen their developer skills, this event promises to offer something for everyone.

Set against the dazzling backdrop of the Las Vegas Strip, this year's conference offers more than just cutting-edge sessions—it's an immersive experience in one of the most dynamic cities in the world. From the energy of iconic casinos to world-class entertainment and dining, Las Vegas provides the perfect setting to inspire new ideas and connections.

Throughout the week, you'll have the opportunity to attend insightful sessions led by industry experts and Microsoft innovators, participate in hands-on workshops, and engage in thought-provoking discussions. Our goal is to equip you with the tools, knowledge, and inspiration to elevate your expertise.

In addition to the educational sessions, we encourage you to take advantage of the networking opportunities available including the Mix & Mingle, Welcome Reception sponsored by Microsoft, interactive lunches, and VSLive!s Out on the Town in Old Las Vegas. Connect with speakers and fellow attendees, exchange ideas, and build relationships that can

last a lifetime. The connections you make here can be just as valuable as the knowledge you gain.

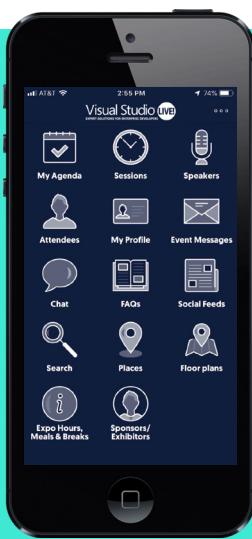
We are committed to making this event a memorable and rewarding experience for you. Please take some time to review the program carefully, as it provides all the information you need to easily navigate your way through the week. If you have any questions or need assistance, our team is here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Your feedback is invaluable to us. We encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions to help us improve future events. Together, we can continue to make Visual Studio Live! an even better experience for everyone.

Thank you for being the most important part of Visual Studio Live! Las Vegas 2025. We look forward to an inspiring and productive event together.



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Download our mobile app using the QR Code, or search for "**Converge360 Events**" in your app store. Once you have the downloaded the app, log in with the credentials below, and stay up to date with all conference information at your fingertips. For assistance with the mobile app, check with the conference registration desk.

Log-in Email: The same Email you used to register

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REGISTRATION HOURS

MONDAY
MARCH 10
7:30AM - 6:00PM

TUESDAY
MARCH 11
7:00AM - 4:15PM

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12
7:30AM - 5:30PM

THURSDAY
MARCH 13
7:30AM - 4:00PM

FRIDAY
MARCH 14
7:30AM - 5:00PM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN DO I NEED MY BADGE?

Your conference badge is your ticket to everything while at Visual Studio Live! Please wear it at all times for admission to any conference events and areas.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE AN EMERGENCY?

Please alert any conference staff member, speaker, security personnel, or hotel staff immediately for assistance.

DOES THE CONFERENCE AREA HAVE WIRELESS ACCESS?

Yes, wireless access is available throughout the conference area.

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LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE OR LOSS OF DATA:

Visual Studio Live! will not be responsible for any damages to your computer or device or loss of any data caused by accessing the wireless network or by your inability to access it.

WHAT MEALS ARE PROVIDED AT THE CONFERENCE?

Morning coffee and pastries and lunch will be available each day of the conference.

A variety of food and beverage choices will also be available at the Tuesday Welcome Reception sponsored by Microsoft.

HOW DO I ACCESS PRESENTATION SLIDES AND MATERIALS AFTER THE CONFERENCE?

For your convenience, conference materials are available on the track page of the Visual Studio Live! Las Vegas website. Updated or missing session slides and materials will be added to the website as they are received. To access the presentation materials, visit <https://vslive.com/vegasslides> and log in with the following:

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IS SMOKING PERMITTED AT PARIS LAS VEGAS?

Smoking is prohibited throughout all non-gaming areas. Please use the designated smoking areas located in the casino area and outside.

IS THERE A BAG CHECK AREA?

We recommend you leave personal belongings at your hotel during the conference. If you need bag check service, please see the bell desk in the Paris Las Vegas lobby.

CAN I USE MY MOBILE PHONE DURING THE CONFERENCE?

You're welcome to use your cell phone, tablet, and whatever other devices you might own. But, please, switch them into silent mode. A ringing device distracts the speaker and your fellow attendees.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR DURING THE CONFERENCE?

Conference alumni know to dress casually for Visual Studio Live! We want you to be comfortable while sitting in the sessions.

NOTE: The temperature in the session rooms may vary, so be sure to bring a sweater or light jacket. We recommend wearing layers.

HOW CAN I GIVE CONFERENCE FEEDBACK OR SUGGESTIONS?

Session evaluations are available for each session through the Visual Studio Live! Las Vegas mobile app.

Use the QR code to access the Overall Conference Evaluation to share your feedback about the entire event.

Starting Thursday morning after 9:15am, you can get the Visual Studio Live! Las Vegas 2025 T-shirt if you take a screenshot of the survey Thank You page and show it to the Conference Registration Desk staff.



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Share your best moments from VSLive! Las Vegas for a chance to WIN BIG! Follow VSLive! on our socials and share your experiences using #WinVSLive. Prizes include \$50 and \$100 Visa gift cards and exclusive VSLive! merch.

See page 10 for full details.



THE FUN STUFF: VISUAL STUDIO LIVE! LAS VEGAS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

ENJOY THE BLEND OF LEARNING AND FUN AT VISUAL STUDIO LIVE! LAS VEGAS! These activities not only enhance your conference experience but also provide opportunities to build lasting connections and create memorable moments. Here are some exciting activities you can look forward to.

NETWORKING BREAKFASTS

Monday, March 10 – Friday March 14

VSLive! Lounge

Coffee and pastries will be served each morning of the conference allowing you more time to meet and network with your peers.



MIX & MINGLE

MIX & MINGLE @ VSLIVE!

Monday, March 10, 6:45 – 8:00pm

Blondies Sports Bar & Grill, in the Miracle Mile Shops,
3663 S Las Vegas Blvd #183

(Meet at 6:30pm at the Registration Desk to walk over with the group.)

Join us to mix and mingle at Blondies Sports Bar and Grill Las Vegas, your one stop shop for an awesome atmosphere, great service, amazing drinks, and delicious food! Whether you're looking to make new friends, discuss the latest tech trends, or simply relax and have a good time, this Mix & Mingle event is not to be missed.

Enjoy light appetizers provided by VSLive! while you get to know your fellow attendees and speakers and take in the exciting Las Vegas atmosphere. VSLive! will also provide one drink ticket to each attendee but all other beverages are on your own.

Participating speakers include **Robert Bogue**, **Eric D. Boyd**, **Andrew Brust**, **Marcel de Vries**, **Angela Dugan**, **Jon Galloway**, **Philip Japikse**, **Isaac Levin**, **Rockford Lhotka**, **Leonard Lobel**, **Craig Loewen**, **Davide Mauri**, **James Montemagno**, and **Catherine Wang**.

Come join us and make the most of your conference experience!



WELCOME RECEPTION

WELCOME RECEPTION & TUESDAY TRIVIA

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Tuesday, March 11, 4:15 – 5:30pm

VSLive! Lounge

Join us as we kick off the conference at the Welcome Reception sponsored by Microsoft for an evening of fun, networking, and celebration. Enjoy drinks, appetizers, and exciting games while you relax, unwind, and network with fellow attendees and speakers after a long day of learning.



TABLE TOPICS LUNCH



VISUAL STUDIO LIVE! LAS VEGAS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

Test your knowledge against your fellow attendees with VSLive! Trivia Fun! Everyone can join in by using their mobile device. Each round winner will receive a prize along with bragging rights for the week!

Create your own unique conference souvenir at our custom shirt bar. Choose from a variety of designs and colors to make a shirt that commemorates your time at the conference.



You'll also have the opportunity to visit with our exhibitors to discover innovative solutions that can elevate your projects. Don't forget your raffle card – visit all exhibitors to get your card stamped to be eligible for the conference raffle on Wednesday afternoon.

TABLE TOPICS LUNCH

Wednesday, March 12, 12:00 – 1:00pm

VSLive! Lounge

Join other attendees at lunch to share ideas, talk about the issues of the day, and maybe solve a few. While you enjoy lunch, you can find and connect with other like-minded people at tables designated for certain languages, technologies, and interests.

We will also have designated speaker tables - noted with the speakers' name. Join your favorite speaker for a lunchtime discussion or to follow up on any questions from a session.

All seating is on a first come basis. Don't miss out on this enriching experience!



TABLE TOPICS LUNCH

RAFFLE DRAWING

Wednesday, March 12, 2:20pm

VSLive! Lounge

Visit our exhibitors to get your raffle card stamped to enter the raffle. All stamped raffle cards can be dropped off at the registration desk before 1:00pm on Wednesday, March 12. Raffle winners will be announced at 2:20pm in the VSLive! Lounge. You MUST be present to win.

Great Prizes include: MetaQuest 3S provided by Progress, backpack, hoodie & mug provided by Twilio, Meta Quest 3 provided by Xceed, \$500 Gift Card provided by USIO, iPad, Yeti Tundra, \$150 Sunglass Hut Gift Card, Belroy Tech kit, JBL Clip 5 speaker, Travel charging station, Go Pro Hero, \$50 Amazon gift card, \$100 Gift Card, VSLive! 2026 Pass and a High Roller Package including \$50 gaming chip, Poker chip set in aluminum case, 2 high roller tickets and car service to the airport.



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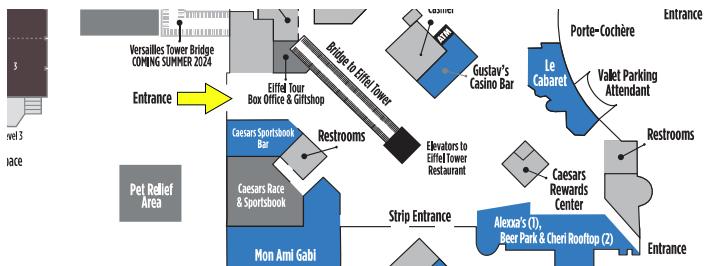
VSLIVE!™'S OUT ON THE TOWN IN OLD LAS VEGAS

Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 – 11:30pm

The Las Vegas strip is exciting, but have you experienced all that downtown Las Vegas has to offer? This is your chance to explore the historic heart of Las Vegas, where vintage charm meets modern excitement. See the real Las Vegas (or “Glitter Gulch” as it was known for years due to all of the neon lights), from the first Vegas hotel (still operating as the Golden Gate Hotel and Casino) to the nightly Viva Vision show, you don’t want to miss the “real” Las Vegas.

Join us on Wednesday night as complimentary buses run from our host hotel, the Paris Las Vegas Hotel, to the heart of old town Fremont Street (drop off and pick up will be at the Golden Nugget Rush Tower, 129 E Fremont St.). Take this opportunity to stroll down Fremont Street, marvel at the dazzling neon lights and soak in the vibrant atmosphere that has made this area legendary. Don’t miss the renowned eateries, Fremont Street Experience, SlotZilla Zip Line, pedestrian mall, Neon Museum, Viva Vision show, casinos, and so much more. Viva Las Vegas!

Buses will depart the Paris Las Vegas Hotel (bus pick-up at the North Entrance near the SportsBook) starting at 6:00pm and will run back and forth, roughly every 30 minutes, with the last bus departing Fremont Street at the Golden Nugget, Rush Tower at 11:30pm.



Remember to complete your Conference Evaluation and get your FREE Visual Studio Live! Las Vegas 2025 t-shirt!

Your input is critical to the success of future Visual Studio Live! events. Please complete the full conference evaluation by following the QR Code or by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vslivelv25>. To receive your VSLive! Las Vegas 2025 conference t-shirt, please take a screenshot, photo or print the confirmation page and take it to the conference registration desk to receive your Official VSLive! Las Vegas t-shirt.

Note: You can only pick up your t-shirt on Thursday, March 13 after 9:15am or Friday, March 14 *while supplies last



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EXPERIENCE INNOVATION AT THE VISUAL STUDIO LIVE! LAS VEGAS DEMO THEATER PRESENTATIONS

**PROGRESS
DEMO
THEATER**

**Tuesday, March 11,
1:00 – 1:15pm**
Vendôme A
Alyssa Nicoll
Sr. Developer Advocate, Progress

A PEEK AT THE NEW ANGULAR

A Peek at the New Angular — A short synopsis of some of the high-level changes to the framework, a demo using things like standalone, new control flow, deferred loading and signals, as well as showing off the power of the front-end component library, Kendo UI.

All those attending a Demo Theater presentation will be entered into a separate raffle for a \$100 Gift Card.



**TWILIO
DEMO
THEATER**

**Wednesday, March 12,
1:00 – 1:15pm**
Vendôme A
Anthony Dellavecchia
Developer Evangelist, Twilio

AI & MAGIC

Be part of the illusion and see how tech meets magic. In this live demo, I'll use Twilio to bring an interactive magic trick to life, right before your eyes. Whether you're curious about the code or eager to experience a magic show, join us for a hands-on journey into the world of Twilio Magic.

All those attending a Demo Theater presentation will be entered into a separate raffle for a \$100 Gift Card.





Swing by the Progress Software booth

to see latest Telerik and KendoUI components across .NET/JS, AI integrations and developer productivity updates.

You can grab some cool swag and be in the raffle to win

Meta Quest 3S!



**Come to our Demo
Theater Session:
A Peek at the New Angular**

Alyssa Nicoll, GDE
Tuesday, March 11 @ 1:00
Vendôme A



KEYNOTES

WANT A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY? Attend the keynotes for Visual Studio Live! Las Vegas to learn cutting-edge insights, trends, and innovations that can transform your development skills and career. These keynotes are a unique opportunity to gain inspiration, learn from the best, and stay ahead in the ever-evolving tech landscape.

TUESDAY KEYNOTE:

The AI, Cloud-Native, Run Anywhere Future of .NET

Intermediate

Tuesday, March 11, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Rivoli B



James Montemagno

Principal Lead Program Manager -
Developer Community,
Microsoft



Jon Galloway

Principal Program Manager,
Developer Division Community Team,
Microsoft

.NET is vast, open, constantly growing, and has an ever-evolving ecosystem that millions of developers around the world are leveraging to build applications for virtual on any platform across cloud, web, mobile, desktop, AI, ML, IoT, and more. Develop on any operating system you would like, with the tools you love, and the cloud you desire, .NET is world class, productive, performant, and ready for what comes in the future. .NET 9 is the latest release and is unlocking new scenarios for developers as AI and cloud-native development continue to change the world around us, and .NET 9 unlocks this new opportunity for developers to grasp. Let's talk about this new future that we are living in and how to leverage .NET 9 everywhere.

WEDNESDAY KEYNOTE:

Developing AI Applications with SQL AI: Ground to Cloud to Fabric

Introductory

Wednesday, March 12, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Rivoli B



Davide Mauri

Principal Product
Manager, Microsoft



Bob Ward

Principal Architect for
Azure Data team,
Microsoft

Many developers are seeking to develop new AI applications using their data without compromising security or performance. Microsoft SQL has the deployment choices you need to build Enterprise ready applications using the same consistent powerful database engine you have come to trust with security, privacy, and scale. You can develop AI applications using vector support built into the SQL engine including interfaces with AI models of your choice ground to cloud and powerful searches with DiskANN indexes. Whether you are using SQL Server 2025 on-premises, SQL database in Fabric, or Azure SQL in the cloud, you have the same engine capabilities, same T-SQL interfaces, and same integration with popular AI frameworks like LangChain and Semantic Kernel. Develop these applications in the environment that meets your needs including Copilot experiences to help you end-to-end.

JOIN THE #WINVSLIVE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST!

Share your best moments from VS Live! Las Vegas for a chance to WIN BIG!

- 1) FOLLOW VSLIVE! ON SOCIAL**
- 2) SHARE YOUR VSLIVE! LAS VEGAS EXPERIENCE USING #WINVSLIVE**
- 3) JOIN US IN THE VSLIVE! LOUNGE ON MARCH 13 TO HEAR THE WINNERS ANNOUNCED!**

Daily winners will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

5 Grand Prize Winners - one per platform - will receive a \$100 Visa gift card

Must be present to win – Thursday, March 13 @ 1:00pm in the VS Live! Lounge.

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Live Magic Show at the Twilio Booth

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You won't believe what's possible when digital tech meets sleight of hand.

Scan to Create Your Own Magic





AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Sessions and speakers subject to change.



Modern Software Engineering	Data & Analytics	Developing New Experiences	Human Factors in Engineering	The Core of .NET	Full Stack Web Development	Cutting Edge AI	Cloud, Containers and Microservices
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START TIME	END TIME	Visual Studio Live! Pre-Conference Workshops: Monday, March 10, 2025 <small>(Separate entry fee required)</small>							
7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Pre-Conference Workshop Registration - Coffee and Morning Pastries							
Rooms		Rivoli B	Vendôme A	Vendôme B	Vendôme C				
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	HOL01 2-Day Hands-On Lab: Elevate Your Career with Python and AI - Day 1: Getting Started with Python - Eric D. Boyd	HOL02 Hands-On Lab: SQL Server for Developers - Leonard Lobel & Norman Chow	HOL03 Hands-On Lab: Build an ASP.NET Core Razor Pages App with EF Core in a Day - Philip Japikse	HOL04 Hands-On Lab: Get Started with .NET Aspire & ASP.NET Core for Distributed Application Building - James Montemagno & Jon Galloway				
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Lunch - VS Live! Lounge							
2:00 PM	6:00 PM	HOL01 Hands-On Lab: Continued	HOL02 Hands-On Lab: Continued	HOL03 Hands-On Lab: Continued	HOL04 Hands-On Lab: Cont.				
6:45 PM	8:00 PM	Mix & Mingle @ VS Live! Blondies Sports Bar & Grill, in the Miracle Mile Shops, 3663 S Las Vegas Blvd #183 – Meet at 6:30pm at the Registration Desk to walk over with the group.							
START TIME	END TIME	Visual Studio Live! Day 1: Tuesday, March 11, 2025							
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Registration • Coffee and Morning Pastries							
Rooms		Rivoli B	Vendôme A	Vendôme B	Vendôme C				
8:00 AM	9:15 AM	T01 Building Websites with ASP.NET Core Razor Pages - Philip Japikse	T02 Ensuring Azure Resiliency - Chris Ayers	T03 SQL Server 2025: The Enterprise AI Ready Database - Bob Ward	T04 The Software Developer as an Agent of Corporate Change - Robert Bogue				
9:30 AM	10:45 AM	T05 Angular for .NET Developers: Getting Productive with Angular & WebAPI - Benjamin Day	T06 .NET Configuration In Depth - Chris Ayers	T07 Microsoft Fabric: Defragmenting the Analytics Stack - Andrew Brust	T08 Navigating the World of Cloud Developer Environments with GitHub Codespaces and Microsoft Dev Box - Isaac Levin				
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	KEYNOTE: The AI, Cloud-Native, Run Anywhere Future of .NET - Rivoli B James Montemagno, Principal Lead Program Manager, Developer Community, Microsoft & Jon Galloway, Principal Program Manager, Developer Division Community Team, Microsoft							
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch / Visit Exhibitors - VS Live! Lounge							
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	Demo Theater - A Peek at the New Angular with Progress® @ 1:00pm - Vendôme A							
1:30 PM	2:45 PM	T09 Building Native & Hybrid Mobile & Desktop Apps with .NET MAUI & Blazor - James Montemagno	T10 State of the AI World for Developers - Brian A. Randell	T11 Updating Legacy Apps to Modern .NET - Jon Galloway	T12 Useful New-ish Features in .NET/C# - Deborah Kurata				
3:00 PM	4:15 PM	T13 Building a Modern, Native Application for Windows: Which UI Framework Should You Choose? - Alvin Ashcraft	T14 Integrating AI into Your Existing Applications Using Semantic Kernel & C# - Marcel de Vries	T15 What's New for Developers in SQL Server 2022 - Leonard Lobel	T16 Burnout in Software for Development - Robert Bogue				
4:15 PM	5:30 PM	Welcome Reception with Trivia - Sponsored by Microsoft - VS Live! Lounge							
START TIME	END TIME	Visual Studio Live! Day 2: Wednesday, March 12, 2025							
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Registration • Coffee and Morning Pastries							
Rooms		Rivoli B	Vendôme A	Vendôme B	Vendôme C				
8:00 AM	9:15 AM	W01 Deep Dive in MAUI - Sam Basu	W02 DI Why? Getting a Grip on Dependency Injection - Jeremy Clark	W03 Build a RAG Solution on Azure SQL - Davide Mauri	W04 Creating Effective Distributed-Team Development Environment - Mitchel Sellers				
9:30 AM	10:45 AM		W05 Introduction to .NET Aspire - Jon Galloway & James Montemagno	W06 Empowering AI Applications with Vector Search in SQL Server and Azure Cosmos DB - Leonard Lobel	W07 Implementing Scrum with GitHub Projects - Benjamin Day				
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	KEYNOTE: Developing AI Applications with SQL AI: Ground to Cloud to Fabric - Rivoli B Davide Mauri, Principal Product Manager, Microsoft & Bob Ward, Principal Architect, Microsoft Azure Data, Microsoft							

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

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START TIME		END TIME		Visual Studio Live! Day 2: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (Continued)					
12:00 PM	1:20 PM	Table Topic Lunch & Visit Exhibitors - VS Live! Lounge							
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	Demo Theater - AI & Magic with @ 1:00pm - Vendôme A							
Rooms		Rivoli B		Vendôme A		Vendôme B			
1:20 PM	1:40 PM	W08 Fast Focus: JavaScript Framework / Library Showdown - Allen Conway		W09 Fast Focus: .NET Aspireify Your Apps in Minutes to Boost Productivity & Insights - James Montemagno		W10 Fast Focus: Learn, Share, and Grow: How to Become a Microsoft Learn Contributor - Alvin Ashcraft			
1:50 PM	2:10 PM	W12 Fast Focus: Introduction to Angular Signals - Deborah Kurata		W13 Fast Focus: Data Lakehouses, Data Warehouses and Datamarts - When to Use Which in Microsoft Fabric - Andrew Brust		W14 Fast Focus: Magnetic Leadership: Pulling the Best Out of Everyone - Elena Marquetti-Ali			
2:10 PM	2:45 PM	Networking Break - Exhibitor Raffle @ 2:20 pm (Must be present to win) - VS Live! Lounge							
2:45 PM	4:00 PM	W16 Versioning and Documenting ASP.NET Core Services - Philip Japikse		W17 I'll Get Back to You: Task, Await, and Asynchronous Methods in C# - Jeremy Clark		W18 Workflows of Highly Functional App & Data Engineering Teams - Davide Mauri			
4:15 PM	5:30 PM	W20 Get Started Building Windows Apps with WinUI and the Windows App SDK - Alvin Ashcraft		W21 Get Started Using .NET Aspire with SQL Server & Azure SQL Database - Davide Mauri		W22 Leveraging the Power of Microsoft Fabric with SQL - Bob Ward			
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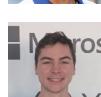
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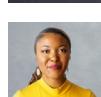
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HOL01

2-Day Hands-On Lab: Elevate Your Career with Python and AI - Day 1: Getting Started with Python

Introductory / Intermediate

ERIC D. BOYD

Monday, March 10, 9:00am – 6:00pm

According to the TIOBE Index, Python currently stands as the most popular programming language. Its remarkable trajectory over the past three decades can be attributed to its inherent simplicity, an expansive ecosystem of libraries and packages, and its remarkable versatility across a diverse array of domains including data analytics, machine learning, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, IoT, robotics, and automated task execution.

Embark on a two-day journey to learn a new programming language with far-reaching applicability. As the language of choice for data science, advanced research, and the expanding field of AI, Python will propel you into the heart of machine learning and artificial intelligence.

Join Microsoft Azure MVP, Eric D. Boyd, for an immersive hands-on lab, a two-day expedition into the world of Python, AI, and ML. You don't need to have any prior knowledge of Python or AI to attend. We'll begin with the bedrock principles of Python. And on day two, we will explore the foundations of artificial intelligence and machine learning through many types of problems, scenarios, and algorithms.

Day 1 – Getting Started with Python

On Day 1, we will begin by getting our development environment set up for Python development with Visual Studio Code. Once everyone is up and running, we will spend the rest of the day exploring the Python language and writing Python code together. We will start exploring fundamental language constructs including variables, data types, functions, conditionals, loops, and guidelines for writing Python code according to the conventions established by the Python community.

Next, we will explore Python data structures for working with collections of data and learn how we

can work with these data structures effectively and efficiently using powerful Python language features. We will also explore exceptions and how to handle errors in your Python programs.

From there, we'll explore how you can structure and reuse code with Python modules. We will explore what's available in the built-in Python standard library, and we will explore the ecosystem of Python packages and libraries including popular libraries like NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib.

As a developer, one of the things you should do to create great software is test your code. In addition to exploring the troubleshooting and debugging capabilities of Visual Studio Code, we will explore how to create automated tests to test your Python code.

Closing out Day 1, we will explore how to use Python to create programs and apps beyond the terminal window. We will use Notebooks for interactively working with Python and see how Microsoft Fabric enables you to bring your Python skills for data engineering and analytics. We will explore how you can consume Python from other languages like C# and how Python can integrate with your C# apps. And lastly, we will explore how to create web apps and web APIs with Python using Flask and FastAPI.

Attendee Requirements:

- You must provide your own laptop for this hands-on lab
- Your machine must have a modern web browser
- Visual Studio Code needs to be installed on your machine: <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
- Git needs to be installed on your machine: <https://git-scm.com/downloads>

HOL02

Hands-On Lab: SQL Server for Developers

Intermediate

LEONARD LOBEL & NORMAN CHOW

Monday, March 10, 9:00am – 6:00pm

This full-day workshop will get you up to speed on powerful new features in SQL Server 2022. Lenni will pull no punches as he rips through the most important SQL Server features for developers in this intensive demo-packed tour.

We'll kick things off with the broad multi-platform support across Windows, Linux, and Docker. Learn how SQL Server's ability to run inside Linux containers on both Windows and Mac will revolutionize the way you work with the database engine. Then you'll explore the Intelligent Query Processing (IQP) features, which deliver groundbreaking performance improvements to the query engine. We'll then move on to the latest development platform improvements, including T-SQL enhancements added in SQL Server 2022, Python integration, JSON support, and temporal tables. And you'll discover the brand-new Data API Builder that enables you to instantly create REST and/or GraphQL endpoint services right over your database tables, views, and stored procedures.

Next, we'll explore security features, starting with ledger tables. New in SQL Server 2022, ledger utilizes blockchain technology that hashes every transaction, and guarantees tamper evidence in your database. Then we'll examine dynamic data

masking, row-level security, Always Encrypted and demonstrate support for secure enclaves to enable rich querying over encrypted data. We'll wrap up with the latest PolyBase enhancements to query external data in Azure Blob Storage, MongoDB, Oracle, and other remote data sources.

You'll learn a ton of new SQL Server features in this information-packed day!

You will learn:

- How to boost developer productivity by running SQL Server inside Linux containers with Docker
- About Intelligent Query Processing features, T-SQL enhancements, Python integration, JSON support, and Data API Builder
- Discover the newest security features including ledger tables, Always Encrypted with secure enclaves, and the latest data virtualization capabilities with PolyBase

Attendee Requirements:

- You must provide your own laptop computer (Windows or Mac) for this hands-on lab.
- All other laptop requirements will be provided to attendees 2 weeks prior to the conference.

HOL03

Hands-On Lab: Build an ASP.NET Core Razor Pages App with EF Core in a Day

Intermediate

PHILIP JAPIKSE

Monday, March 10, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Interested in ASP.NET Core and Entity Framework Core, but unsure where to start? Start here with an all-day Hands on Lab where you will build a complete solution using the latest development technology from Microsoft. You will create a data access library using Entity Framework Core, complete with repos and migrations. Next, you will build an ASP.NET Core web application using Razor Pages, leveraging all of the latest ASP.NET Core has to offer, including Tag Helpers, View Components, Dependency Injection, and more!

You will learn:

- Build Web Application with ASP.NET Core Razor Page
- Build DAL with EF Core
- Build full stack web app in a day

Attendee Requirements:

- You must provide your own laptop computer (Windows or Mac) for this hands-on lab.
- All other laptop requirements will be provided to attendees 2 weeks prior to the conference.

HOL04

Hands-On Lab: Get Started with .NET Aspire & ASP.NET Core for Distributed Application Building

Intermediate

JAMES MONTEMAGNO & JON GALLOWAY

Monday, March 10, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Spend a day with James and Jon learning how to build distributed applications with the newly announced .NET Aspire stack and ASP.NET Core.



HANDS-ON LABS (continued)

This workshop is for existing .NET developers looking to fully understand what .NET Aspire is, why they should use .NET Aspire, and how to integrate .NET Aspire into their applications.

In the morning we will go through the basics of .NET Aspire and how to add it to an existing ASP.NET Core API backend and Blazor frontend application to take advantage of resiliency, observability, orchestration, service discovery, and the basics of .NET Aspire components. In the afternoon we will tackle deeper and richer telemetry, integrating databases, custom containers, advanced orchestration, testing, and so much more.

By the end of the day you will have a grasp of all things .NET Aspire and how to integrate it into your applications and how to continue to deploy your application how you want.

You will learn:

- What is .NET Aspire
- Integration basics of .NET Aspire
- Advanced scenarios with .NET Aspire for enhancing apps

Attendee Requirements:

- You must provide your own laptop computer (Windows or Mac) for this hands-on lab.
- All other laptop requirements will be provided to attendees 2 weeks prior to the conference.

F01

2-Day Hands-On Lab: Elevate Your Career with Python and AI - Day 2: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Using Python

Introductory / intermediate

ERIC D. BOYD

Friday, March 14, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Day 2 – Introduction to Artificial Intelligence using Python

To attend Day 2 of this lab you must have either attended Day 1 of this workshop or have a strong working knowledge of Python with a functional Python development environment. There will not be any time spent on day 2 teaching Python fundamentals or setting up Python development environments.

Artificial intelligence is a machine's ability to perform the cognitive functions we usually associate with human minds. And there are many challenging problems that we face as developers of technology solutions that can be simplified using techniques and algorithms from the field of artificial intelligence.

On Day 2, you will immediately get to employ your newfound knowledge of Python to craft innovative solutions across the pivotal domains of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Together, we will delve into the foundations of artificial intelligence spanning the topics of search algorithms,

knowledge representation, uncertainty modeling, optimization strategies, machine learning, neural networks, and natural language processing. This dynamic learning experience will be underpinned by the utilization of established libraries such as Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, NLTK, and more.

We will also explore other platforms like Azure Machine Learning to create and deploy machine learning models and solutions how you can use your Python knowledge and skills with Azure Machine Learning.

And our journey won't conclude there. You'll get to embark on a journey through the emerging world of generative AI, large language models, and prompt engineering. We will explore the OpenAI models, using LLMs with your private data, and how to navigate the world of prompt engineering using tools like LangChain, opening doors to novel applications and possibilities in language-driven AI systems.

Unlock the potential of Python and AI over the course of two-days in a hands-on environment where theory evolves into tangible skills, and where your career potential gains an invaluable edge.

Attendee Requirements:

- You must provide your own laptop for this hands-on lab
- Your machine must have a modern web browser
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FULL-DAY WORKSHOPS

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F02

Workshop: Building Blazor Applications

Intermediate

JASON BOCK, ALLEN CONWAY & ROCKFORD LHOTKA

Friday, March 14, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Blazor is a modern .NET application framework, primarily used to build web applications. Since its release in 2020, it has evolved with new features and capabilities, enabling developers with the ability to produce high-quality applications for their uses. In this workshop, we'll cover numerous features that Blazor brings to the table. We'll discuss different hosting models and how you can use them to your advantage.

At the end of the workshop, you'll leave with a comprehensive understanding of the Blazor landscape.

You will learn:

- How to build web, desktop, and mobile apps with Blazor
- About authentication and authorization with Blazor
- How to build apps top to bottom, from the UI to data access, with Blazor and .NET

F03

Workshop: Copilot Engineering in the Cloud with Azure & GitHub

Introductory / Intermediate

BRIAN A. RANDELL AND KEN MUSE

Friday, March 14, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the software development landscape at an unprecedented pace. This workshop is designed to equip developers and IT professionals with the knowledge and skills to harness the power of AI in their daily workflows.

The workshop begins with an overview of AI advancements, emphasizing how Large Language Models (LLMs) like GPT-4 have revolutionized coding and problem-solving. You'll explore the fundamentals of LLMs and services such as ChatGPT, gaining a solid understanding of how to integrate these powerful language models into your applications using C#. This integration opens

up new possibilities for creating interactive and intelligent user experiences.

Moving beyond theory, Brian and Mickey will demonstrate practical implementations using both open-source tools and commercial platforms like Azure OpenAI and Microsoft's latest Copilot technologies. You'll learn how to build your own AI-powered "copilot," enhancing your applications with features that were once considered futuristic.

A significant portion of the workshop is dedicated to GitHub Copilot, an innovative tool that's redefining software development. You'll discover how to leverage GitHub Copilot's capabilities to boost your coding efficiency and creativity within your preferred IDEs, including Visual Studio and Visual Studio Code. The session will also cover integration with GitHub Enterprise Cloud, showing you how to streamline your workflow and accelerate development cycles.

Throughout the workshop, real-world examples and hands-on demonstrations will ensure you gain practical experience. While Brian and Mickey code live, you'll have the opportunity to take notes and clone sample repositories afterward, allowing you to practice and internalize what you've learned.

Copilot Engineering in the Cloud with Azure & GitHub offers an enriching experience for developers, engineers, and AI enthusiasts. By combining historical insights with practical skill development, this workshop empowers you to unlock the full potential of AI and Copilot in software engineering.



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MODERN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

The heart of Modern Software Engineering is building and delivering software faster, reducing complexity and risk, all without sacrificing quality—quality of the software AND quality of the experience of everyone involved in building and delivering that software. The list of technical strategies, tools, and leading practices that enable modern software engineering is long and evolving rapidly. This track will help you stay on top of leading DevOps, DevSecOps, and platform engineering practices, tools, and strategies. Expect us to dig in on topics like providing remote access, robust environments, and automation that is secure, easy to access, and readily available. You'll explore topics such as implementing Scrum in GitHub, the Windows Subsystem for Linux, crafting efficient git commit histories, improving code quality, and better security with DevOps. Additionally, you'll learn about GitHub Copilot for various applications.

T08

Navigating the World of Cloud Developer Environments with GitHub Codespaces and Microsoft Dev Box

Introductory / Intermediate

[ISAAC LEVIN](#)

Tuesday, March 11, 9:30 – 10:45am

In this session, we will have an introduction to two major options in the CDE space, GitHub Codespaces and Microsoft Dev Box. These tools provide different experiences but overall can bring immense value to a developer who wants to ensure success for all their coding journeys.

T10

State of the AI World for Developers

Intermediate

[BRIAN A. RANDELL](#)

Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 – 2:45pm

You will learn:

- What's the current state of AI as of the presentation date
- What are some tools you can use to build your own "AI-enabled" apps
- What should consider when adding AI to your applications

W04

Creating Effective Distributed-Team Development Environment

Intermediate / Advanced

[MITCHEL SELLERS](#)

Wednesday, March 12, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- Understanding common pitfalls of distributed teams and development processes that were not architected around the distributed teams
- Pros/Cons of various models of deployment for remote teams with various additional levels of dependencies (VPN or otherwise) and how teams can overcome them.
- Illustrative concept examples of how common project types (MAUI, ASP.NET MVC, etc) would be structured to support a distributed team.

W07

Implementing Scrum with GitHub Projects

Intermediate / Advanced

[BENJAMIN DAY](#)

Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- Backlog management, prioritization, and refinement using GitHub Projects
- Customizing your Issues to support fields to help with estimation and situational awareness for the team and Scrum Master
- How to create helpful custom charts like Sprint Burndown and Product Backlog Burndown

W10

Fast Focus: Learn, Share, and Grow: How to Become a Microsoft Learn Contributor

Introductory

[ALVIN ASHCRAFT](#)

Wednesday, March 12, 1:20 – 1:40pm

You will learn:

- Understand what Microsoft Learn offers developers
- To submit feedback and GitHub issues for docs on Learn
- To submit a PR and work with Microsoft writers to get your contributions merged

W15

Fast Focus: What's New in the Windows Subsystem for Linux!

Intermediate

[CRAIG LOEWEN](#)

Wednesday, March 12, 1:50 – 2:10pm

You will learn:

- Get an overview of what WSL is and how it can be used for modern software engineering

- Understand the latest feature improvements in WSL
- How to deploy WSL securely to your Enterprise with the latest zero trust features

H05

GitHub Copilot More Than You Know

Intermediate

[BRIAN A. RANDELL](#)

Thursday, March 13, 9:30 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- What's New in GitHub Copilot
- How to Extend GitHub Copilot
- How to use GitHub Copilot successfully

H11

GitHub Copilot - Measure What Matters

Intermediate

[KEN MUSE](#)

Thursday, March 13, 11:00am – 12:15pm

You will learn:

- Understand how to leverage GitHub Copilot APIs to gather and analyze GitHub Copilot data within your organization.
- Which key productivity metrics to measure beyond what's available through GitHub Copilot APIs to assess the tool's value effectively.
- Explore various reporting options and techniques to gain deeper insights into the impact of GitHub Copilot on your development teams.

H15

GitHub Actions in Action

Intermediate

[MARCEL DE VRIES](#)

Thursday, March 13, 1:15 – 2:30pm

You will learn:

- How to use GitHub Actions
- How to set up CI/CD pipelines in a traceable way
- How to secure your action workflows

H17

Developer Security: Safeguarding Your Code and Projects

Intermediate

[KEN MUSE](#)

Thursday, March 13, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- Understand the principles of secure coding practices and how to apply them in real-world projects.
- Learn to integrate security tools and methodologies into your GitHub and Azure DevOps workflows for enhanced project protection.
- Develop the ability to identify, mitigate, and respond to security threats, fostering a robust DevSecOps culture within your development teams.



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DATA & ANALYTICS

Working with data is critical to most applications and services. This track covers essentials of working with SQL Server 2022, both basic and advanced concepts. You'll delve into hidden features of Visual Studio for database development, effectively leveraging Microsoft Fabric, and techniques for building secure and scalable applications using Microsoft SQL, leveraging the power of AI.

T07

Microsoft Fabric: Defragmenting the Analytics Stack

Intermediate

ANDREW BRUST

Tuesday, March 11, 9:30 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- Basic analytics concepts, including data lakes, columnar storage and dimensional analysis
- How Fabric combines elements of Azure services like Synapse Analytics, Data Factory, Event Hubs, Stream Analytics and Data Explorer with Power BI and open source technologies, and makes them all easier to use
- How analysts, data engineers and data scientists can collaborate on the same data, using their own toolchains and skillsets

T15

What's New for Developers in SQL Server 2022

Intermediate

LEONARD LOBEL

Tuesday, March 11, 3:00 – 4:15pm

You will learn:

- How to secure your data using ledger tables
- Apply granular permissions to dynamic data masking
- Leverage new T-SQL enhancements

W13

Fast Focus: Data Lakehouses, Data Warehouses and Datamarts - When to Use Which in Microsoft Fabric

Intermediate

ANDREW BRUST

Wednesday, March 12, 1:50 – 2:10pm

You will learn:

- The basics of data lakehouses, warehouses and marts
- Aligning platform choice with your org's current skillsets
- The right strategy for creating Power BI reports on your data

W18

Workflows of Highly Functional App & Data Engineering Teams

Intermediate

DAVIDE MAURI

Wednesday, March 12, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- Understand approaches to Enterprise Data Management
- Leverage tooling intended for Data Engineering teams
- Step through CI/CD strategies for incremental data updates

W22

Leveraging the Power of Microsoft Fabric with SQL

Introductory

BOB WARD

Wednesday, March 12, 4:15 – 5:30pm

You will learn:

- The power of Microsoft Fabric for your data platform
- How to integrate all your SQL data in Microsoft Fabric
- How to build new application experiences including AI with SQL and Microsoft Fabric

H03

Making Your Azure Applications Performant and Intelligent with Redis

Intermediate

CATHERINE WANG

Thursday, March 13, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- Increasing awareness of the latest update from Azure Cache for Redis
- How to use Azure Redis for performance critical web applications
- How to use Azure Redis for Intelligent Applications with Azure Open AI

H06

Data Science in Microsoft Fabric

Intermediate

ANDREW BRUST

Thursday, March 13, 9:30 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- AutoML basics using FLAML, SynapseML and MLflow Tracking
- Use of Fabric's Data Wrangler and its Python code gen capabilities
- How to do Generative AI inferencing from Fabric notebooks

DEVELOPING NEW EXPERIENCES

The expectations around “user experience” are being upended right before our eyes. In today’s world, you need to understand not only graphical interactions with keyboard, mouse, touch, and stylus but also gesture, 3D, mixed-reality, and more. This track provides content for rich multi-platform apps covering Windows, macOS, mobile, and more. You’ll learn about modern design approaches, cross-platform development, Blazor render modes, improving legacy applications with UX design, UI frameworks, and practical applications with MAUI.

T13

Building a Modern, Native Application for Windows: Which UI Framework Should You Choose?

Introductory

ALVIN ASHCRAFT

Tuesday, March 11, 3:00 – 4:15pm

You will learn:

- What UI frameworks Microsoft supports and recommends for Windows development in 2024
- Choose the best UI framework for your next Windows app based on a set of criteria
- How to take your Windows apps to other platforms as well



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W01

Deep Dive in MAUI

Intermediate

SAM BASU

Wednesday, March 12, 8:00 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- Explore latest in .NET MAUI
- Understand platform reach and code sharing
- Explore latest framework & tooling updates

W20

Get Started Building Windows Apps with WinUI and the Windows App SDK

Introductory

ALVIN ASHCRAFT

Wednesday, March 12, 4:15 – 5:30pm

You will learn:

- Understand the Windows UI framework choices in 2024
- Learn WinUI XAML and C# development
- Understand how to implement the MVVM pattern in a WinUI app

H12

Improving Legacy Applications with UX Design

Introductory

BILLY HOLLIS

Thursday, March 13, 1:15 – 2:30pm

You will learn:

- Identify key parts of existing apps for significant improvement thru redesign
- Gain a roadmap for implementing redesign of key parts of your existing apps
- A lightweight design process you can apply to redesign of app chunks

H16

What Do Your Users Really See: The Science Behind User Interface Design

Introductory

BILLY HOLLIS

Thursday, March 13, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- How the science behind the human visual system affects user perception of app screens
- See examples of poorly designed screens that don't respect how the visual system works
- Find out ways to apply new UI technologies to leverage how users see screens



HUMAN FACTORS IN ENGINEERING

Engineering software, systems, and processes is complex! One factor that is key to success that is particularly challenging to account for and that is often not focused on proactively – is the human factor. Drucker famously said that “culture eats strategy for breakfast”, meaning that the best laid system architecture, cloud strategies, and DevOps pipelines are only as effective as the people and teams who are implementing those brilliant plans. And to be effective, those individuals and teams need leaders who are connected and present and who provide clear vision and priorities for their teams to align to. They also need to work within a culture that embraces and encourages experimentation, learning, and continuous improvement, with access to tools and processes that reduce friction and boost collaboration. The sessions in the Human Factors in Engineering track focus on topics that will be relevant and useful for a lifetime regardless of the platform, languages, and “best practices” that you use along the way.

T04

The Software Developer as an Agent of Corporate Change

Intermediate

ROBERT BOGUE

Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- Identify individual personal motivators
- Assess the impact of trust on your change project
- Synthesize strategies to motivate your colleagues

T16

Burnout in Software for Development

Introductory / Intermediate

ROBERT BOGUE

Tuesday, March 11, 3:00 – 4:15pm

You will learn:

- Understand the factors that lead to burnout
- Identify activities and perspectives that reduce the incidence of burnout
- Synthesize interventions that will discourage burnout in your organization

W14

Fast Focus: Magnetic Leadership: Pulling the Best Out of Everyone

Intermediate

ELENA MARQUETTI-ALI

Wednesday, March 12, 1:50 – 2:10pm

You will learn:

- Purposeful Leadership: Gain clarity on your purpose, unlocking effective leadership with a clear direction
- Strengths Unleashed: Identify and leverage your strengths for impactful leadership growth
- Future-Ready Leadership: Cultivate skills for tomorrow's leaders, adapting and thriving in dynamic environments

W19

Alone Together: Team-building for Remote Teams

Intermediate

ELENA MARQUETTI-ALI

Wednesday, March 12, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- Mastering virtual connection
- The Psychology of Remote Collaboration
- Increase Resilience and Productivity

W23

Navigating the Project Storm: A Guide to Overcoming 10 Development Project Pitfalls

Intermediate

KEN MUSE

Wednesday, March 12, 4:15 – 5:30pm

You will learn:

- How to identify and overcome the top 10 pitfalls that can sabotage your development projects
- How to gain actionable insights to enhance project planning, communication, testing, and risk management
- How to acquire practical strategies for fostering collaboration, stakeholder engagement, and a culture of adaptability within your development teams

H04

Navigating Your Career as a Software Engineer

Introductory

ALLEN CONWAY

Thursday, March 13, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- About career progression options as a software engineer
- How to weigh and consider options and decisions throughout your career
- About the tradeoffs of different decisions in your software engineering career



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H07

The Extreme Risk of Generational Turnover

Introductory

BILLY HOLLIS

Thursday, March 13, 9:30 - 10:45am

You will learn:

- The concept of generational turnover and the risk it entails
- See how to spot the signs in your own business
- Find out potential strategies to mitigate the risks

H18

Fear and (Self) Loathing in IT - A Healthy Discussion on Imposter Syndrome

Introductory

ANGELA DUGAN

Thursday, March 13, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- What Imposter Syndrome is
- Recognizing Imposter Syndrome in ourselves and others
- Leveraging Imposter Syndrome as an opportunity to thrive



THE CORE OF .NET

Modern .NET is the open-source and cross-platform .NET 8. You need to understand the major changes in the platform, not to mention the cool features being added to C#. These are the foundation-level topics you need to know for success in the Microsoft development world and we've got sessions and hands-on options for you to explore!

T06

.NET Configuration In Depth

Intermediate / Advanced

CHRIS AYERS

Tuesday, March 11, 9:30 – 10:45am

This session will cover:

- Strongly typed configuration
- Configuration providers - JSON, XML, INI files; Environment variables; Command Line; Azure App Config; Key Vault
- Dependency Injection
- The Options Pattern

You will learn:

- Configuration providers
- The Options Pattern
- Strongly typed configuration

T09

Building Native & Hybrid Mobile & Desktop Apps with .NET MAUI & Blazor

Introductory

JAMES MONTEMAGNO

Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 – 2:45pm

You will learn:

- What is .NET MAUI and how can you use it to build apps
- How to deploy .NET MAUI apps to different platforms
- How .NET MAUI integrates into web frameworks and Blazor to build hybrid apps

T11

Updating Legacy Apps to Modern .NET

Intermediate

JON GALLOWAY

Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 - 2:45pm

You will learn:

- Understand the key values in updating your .NET applications
- Key tools for modernizing your applications
- Understand top resources for more information

T12

Useful New-ish Features in .NET/C#

Introductory / Intermediate

DEBORAH KURATA

Tuesday, March 11, 1:30 – 2:45pm

You will learn:

- Discover the latest gems in C# and .NET
- Uncover the usefulness of these new(ish) features
- Master techniques to integrate these features into your current projects

W02

DI Why? Getting a Grip on Dependency Injection

Introductory / Intermediate

JEREMY CLARK

Wednesday, March 12, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- See the problems that DI can solve
- Understand DI by using it without a container
- See how a DI container can add some magic and reduce some code

W05

Introduction to .NET Aspire

Introductory

JON GALLOWAY & JAMES MONTEMAGNO

Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- Understand what problems .NET Aspire solves
- Learn how to use .NET Aspire in existing applications
- Learn how to be more productive building distributed .NET applications with .NET Aspire

W09

Fast Focus: .NET Aspire iffy Your Apps in Minutes to Boost Productivity & Insights

Intermediate

JAMES MONTEMAGNO

Wednesday, March 12, 1:20 – 1:40pm

You will learn:

- What is .NET Aspire
- .NET Aspire Tooling for VS
- What you get from .NET Aspire with minimal changes

W17

I'll Get Back to You: Task, Await, and Asynchronous Methods in C#

Introductory / Intermediate

JEREMY CLARK

Wednesday, March 12, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- Get data back from an asynchronous method
- Handle exceptions that occur in an asynchronous method
- When to use "ConfigureAwait"

W21

Get Started Using .NET Aspire with SQL Server & Azure SQL Database

Intermediate

DAVIDE MAURI

Wednesday, March 12, 4:15 – 5:30pm

You will learn:

- Understand the Basics of .NET Aspire with SQL Server and Azure SQL Database
- Best Practices for Enterprise Integration
- Apply Practical Techniques through Real-World Scenarios



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H10

What's New in Modern .NET Library APIs

Intermediate

JASON BOCK

Thursday, March 13, 11:00am – 12:15pm

You will learn:

- See what functionality .NET provides
- Understand new features in the latest version of .NET
- Gain insight in staying on top of new runtime versions

H14

Busting .NET Myths

Intermediate

JASON BOCK

Thursday, March 13, 1:15 – 2:30pm

You will learn:

- Learn (or unlearn!) how key parts of .NET works
- Gain insight into language features and their implementations
- Develop new skills to apply in .NET applications



FULL STACK WEB DEVELOPMENT

Web development has become the dominant approach for building enterprise software. To provide your best on every project, you need to understand the server and browser client worlds. On the server, there's ASP.NET using .NET 7, Razor Pages, and support for building services. The browser client is evolving rapidly, with constant changes and updates to JavaScript, TypeScript, Angular, and other related frameworks. But more than this, there's now Blazor Server and Blazor Client (aka WebAssembly) and the ability to run other languages natively in the browser. Your need to keep up to date with all these technologies has never been greater, and we're here to give you the knowledge you need!

T01

Building Websites with ASP.NET Core Razor Pages

Intermediate

PHILIP JAPIKSE

Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- ASP.NET Core Razor Pages
- Foundational ASP.NET Core
- Why you should use Razor Pages

T05

Angular for .NET Developers: Getting Productive with Angular & WebAPI

Intermediate / Advanced

BENJAMIN DAY

Tuesday, March 11, 9:30 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- How to use Reactive Forms in Angular to create maintainable code
- How to call WebAPI actions from Angular Services and handle common errors
- Write WebAPI controller actions to handle authorization / claims scenarios without breaking Angular

W08

Fast Focus: JavaScript Framework / Library Showdown

Introductory

ALLEN CONWAY

Wednesday, March 12, 1:20 – 1:40pm

You will learn:

- About the main frameworks and libraries for modern web client development
- About the main differences between Angular, React, Vue, and how WebAssembly fits in the picture
- About what backing factors will help guide the way to making a good decision about the framework and library chosen

W12

Fast Focus: Introduction to Angular Signals

Introductory / Intermediate

DEBORAH KURATA

Wednesday, March 12, 1:50 – 2:10pm

You will learn:

- What are signals?
- Why would you want to use a signal?
- How do you create, read and change a signal?

W16

Versioning and Documenting ASP.NET Core Services

Intermediate

PHILIP JAPIKSE

Wednesday, March 12, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- Versioning ASP.NET Core RESTful services
- Documenting ASP.NET Core RESTful services
- Fix swagger to work with versioning

H01

Deep Dive: Microsoft Blazor Zero to Success

Introductory

ROCKFORD LHOTKA

Thursday, March 13, 8:00 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- How Blazor, WebAssembly, and .NET combine to enable this app platform
- How to build server-side Blazor and Blazor WebAssembly apps
- How to use Blazor UI framework features such as UI components, data binding, routing, and authorization

H08

TypeScript: Moving Beyond the Basics

Intermediate / Advanced

ALLEN CONWAY

Thursday, March 13, 11:00am – 12:15pm

You will learn:

- About advanced TypeScript language features available beyond the basics
- How to leverage the building blocks of TypeScript and build upon them with advanced features to make web client development more powerful
- About additional TypeScript language features like advanced types, decorators, mixins, symbols, generics, iterators, and declaration merging



CUTTING EDGE AI

With the advent of ChatGPT and the huge growth in generative AI, it suddenly seems like artificial intelligence is everywhere, and everyone's talking about it. The technology is exciting and powerful, and the mainstream awareness of it can help adoption and create opportunities. But learning how the technology works, and how it can help you, requires getting beyond the hype and examining the core of the subject matter itself.

Visual Studio Live!'s Cutting-Edge AI track does exactly that, by teaching you how GPT, ChatGPT and other large language models work, how best to prompt them, and how you can use them as tools in your own work, including for generating and debugging

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code. Beyond Generative AI, this track will also teach you the foundational machine learning technology that remains important and becomes even more so as AI awareness picks up. Want to get up to speed on real-world AI without sidelining your other important work? Visual Studio Live! gives you the expertise, education and pragmatic approach you need to get there.

T03

SQL Server 2025: The Enterprise AI Ready Database

Intermediate

BOB WARD

Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- New features in SQL Server 2025
- How to build an on-premises AI applications using your data
- About new capabilities specifically designed for developers

T14

Integrating AI into Your Existing Applications Using Semantic Kernel & C#

Intermediate

MARCEL DE VRIES

Tuesday, March 11, 3:00 – 4:15pm

You will learn:

- What is semantic kernel
- Adding usage of AI in your existing (legacy) applications
- Go beyond the chatbots

W03

Build a RAG Solution on Azure SQL

Intermediate

DAVIDE MAURI

Wednesday, March 12, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- RAG Pattern, Embeddings, Vectors, Ranking, etc.
- How Azure SQL supports Vectors
- How to create an end-to-end solution for RAG on your data

W06

Empowering AI Applications with Vector Search in SQL Server and Azure Cosmos DB

Intermediate

LEONARD LOBEL

Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 – 10:45am

You will learn:

- Get familiar with retrieval augmented generation, vector indexing, vector search, and other foundational AI concepts
- See how to integrate your database with Azure OpenAI to deliver a rich AI experience
- Watch live demos that showcase these capabilities using SQL Server, Azure SQL Database, and Azure Cosmos DB

W11

Fast Focus: Build Your First AI Applications with Local AI

Intermediate

CRAIG LOEWEN

Wednesday, March 12, 1:20 – 1:40pm

You will learn:

- Get an overview of what 'AI' means in terms of what's available for developers in the market
- Can use AI models locally
- Can build a sample app with a local AI model

H02

Building AI Copilots: Integrate Semantic Kernel, Azure OpenAI, and Azure Cosmos DB with .NET Aspire

Introductory / Intermediate

JUSTINE COCCHI

Thursday, March 13, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- Understand the foundational concepts for building an AI copilot
- Explore Azure Cosmos DB's DiskANN vector indexing and search
- Build a RAG pattern application

H09

Introduction to Neural Networks Using C#

Intermediate

JAMES MCCAFFREY

Thursday, March 13, 11:00am – 12:15pm

You will learn:

- Understand what types of problems neural networks can solve
- Understand how neural networks work
- Understand how to implement a neural network using raw C#

H13

Enrich Your Apps and AI Assistants with Vector Databases and Search

Introductory / Intermediate

ERIC D. BOYD

Thursday, March 13, 1:15 – 2:30pm

You will learn:

- Overview of semantic and vector search
- Getting started with Azure AI Search
- Integrating Azure AI Search into applications and AI assistants



CLOUD, CONTAINERS, AND MICROSERVICES

Cloud computing is no longer new. For most organizations, it's not a matter of "if", it's more about how much with a focus on the big three: AWS, Azure, and GCP. Container technologies such as Kubernetes (aka k8s) and Docker are having a large impact on cloud computing, as well as on software architecture. This is perhaps most clear when thinking about service-oriented, or microservice, software architectures and how they can be used to leverage cloud- and container-based environments. It is hard to imagine any enterprise development scenario where one or more of these trends would not be high on the list of critical skills.

T02

Ensuring Azure Resiliency

Intermediate / Advanced

CHRIS AYERS

Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 – 9:15am

You will learn:

- Fundamentals of Resilience
- Azure's Resilience Tools
- Practical Resilience Strategies

H19

Microservices Made Easy with DAPR

Intermediate

MARCEL DE VRIES

Thursday, March 13, 2:45 – 4:00pm

You will learn:

- Microservices design
- How to apply Dapr
- Dapr capabilities

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