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SHARE Fort Worth 2020

On February 23-28, 2020, over 1,300 enterprise IT professionals from across the entire ecosystem gathered at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas for technical education and opportunities to connect with peers and subject-matter experts. SHARE Fort Worth offered 500+ technical sessions on relevant topics that included Security and Compliance, DevOps in the Enterprise, Women in IT, and IBM z15. **Explore the SHARE Fort Worth technical agenda (<https://events.share.org/Winter2020/Public/sessions.aspx>).**

Keynote Highlights

On Monday, Kris Paronto, former Army Ranger from the 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, author, and private security contractor, kicked off SHARE Fort Worth with an exciting keynote focused on bottom up leadership, collaboration, and dealing with times of crisis as a team. Paronto is considered an American hero that helped save over 20 lives while fighting off terrorist for 13+ hours. His keynote touched on his numerous challenges he's overcome, from the 2012 U.S Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, to security related operations in South America, Central America, and South Africa. Attendees were inspired by his messages on using humor to take the edge off a difficult situation, appreciation for your team and learning to overcome together, and remembering that you can't always control what happens around you, but you can control how you react in these situations.



Tuesday's keynote speakers, Mark Figley, Director of AI at Red Hat Synergy for Z, and Brian Gracely, Senior Director of Product Strategy at OpenShift, discussed application development and the mainframe. The two talked on ways IBM and Red Hat are reshaping how the mainframe will have a seat at the table of the next software feast.



Event Highlights



We were pleased to continue to bring attendees the Women in IT tracks, designed for women in the enterprise IT space to make peer-to-peer connections, and share tips and tricks for navigating the industry and supporting others. At SHARE Fort Worth, attendees joined in the Encouraging Women in IT Breakfast, networking reception, and various sessions that allowed them to hear what the women of Z have been working on for the last year.



Secure Z! Escape Room

In this collaborative Escape Room experience, we challenged attendees to play the roles of newly hired z/OS security professionals investigating a possible insider threat to a massive data breach. With a mix of logic puzzles and security best practices on IBM Z, and just an hour to complete their task, teams competed for the fastest time and highest score in the game. Plus, several clues stemmed from the new Enterprise Knights video curriculum on IBM Z Secure Engineering, and attendees had the chance to earn their own badge as a Knight-Errant. Those that participated were able to use this as one of the twelve sessions needed to earn a digital badge.



Discussion Lounge

New for SHARE Fort Worth, the Discussion Lounge provided another opportunity for attendees to make connections with their peers, enjoy open dialogue between attendees and subject-matter experts on topics requested by attendees. With over 500 technical sessions, hands-on labs, and activities, it makes sense that there was a lot to discuss! From DevOps to z/OSMF Roundtable to GEEK SPEAK Millennial Style, and more, there was something for everyone to look forward to.



Digital Security Badges

New for SHARE Fort Worth, SHARE brought back the Security Warrior badge and launched the DevOps Wizard badge. Those that attended at least **12** identified Security Warrior and DevOps sessions, earned a digital badge to demonstrate their mastery! Those that earned their digital badge in Fort Worth can add them to email signatures, social media profiles, and digital resumes to help you showcase their accomplishment. Keep an eye out for these in Boston!



SHARE Recognizes

Best Session Awards

SHARE is proud to consistently feature a variety of technical sessions from users and experts across the globe. In recognition of their exemplary presentations, SHARE congratulates the following session presenters, and their organizations, for receiving the highest attendee ratings from SHARE Pittsburgh, held in August 2019.

Best of the Best Session Winners – Pittsburgh 2019

At each SHARE event, from the hundreds of sessions presented, SHARE recognizes the Best of the Best from within User, IBM and Vendor session categories. Those winners are selected based on session evaluations completed by event attendees and recognized at the subsequent event.

With SHARE Pittsburgh Session Winners, SHARE added new digital badge recognition for the Best of the Best Session Winners to allow presenters to showcase their accomplishment across their professional networks. Look for these badges in the SHARE community.



Congratulations to these SHARE Pittsburgh Best of the Best Session Winners:

User Session

Application Architecture Development & Integration Program

24934: Intro to IPCS for CICS People

Speaker: Ezriel Gross

Project Manager: Glenn Schneck, CICS Project

IBM Session

Enterprise Data Center Program

25054: Getting the Most Out of OSA and HiperSockets with z/OS Communications Server

Speakers: Jerry Stevens

Project Manager: Angela Schmitz, Communications Server Project

VEND Session

Information Management Program

25290: IMS API's : You Don't Know What You Don't Know

Speaker: Dusty Rivers

Project Manager: Jim Martin, Jr., IMS Project

View (page/past-events) additional Best of the Best Session Winner information from past SHARE events.

Best Session Winners – Pittsburgh 2019

Application Architecture Development Program

IBM Session

24933: Enhancing the Foundation of CICS

Speaker: John S. Tilling

Project Manager: Glenn Schneck, CICS Project

VEND Session

25333: I'm a New Mainframe Developer - Can I Use My Favorite IDE?

Speakers: Venkat Balabhadrapatruni

Project Manager: Brian Jagos, ADI Project

Enterprise Data Center Program

VEND Session

25439: Introduction to Cryptography on IBM System Z and z/OS

Speakers: Greg Boyd

Project Manager: Carla Flores, Security and Compliance Project

Enterprise-Wide Program

IBM Session

25200: z/OS Intro - Part 1 of 2

Speakers: Luisa Martinez, Steve Warren

Project Manager: Hemanth Rama, zNextGen Project

VEND Session

25492: Introduction to Parallel Sysplex and Data Sharing

Speakers: Peter Enrico

Project Manager: Hemanth Rama, zNextGen Project

Information Management Program

User Session

25302: Db2 for z/OS and z14 Hardware Synergy: User Experience at Worldpay

Speaker: Lethika Panicker

Project Manager: Dan Ruehl, Database Project

IBM Session

25893: Zowe, APIs and More for System Administrators

Speaker: Haley Fung

Project Manager: Jim Martin, Jr., IMS Project

Linux & VM Program

USER Session

24859: Lab: Linux for Beginners, Part 1 of 3

Speakers: Neale Ferguson

Project Manager: Mark Post, Linux Project

IBM Session

25883: Introduction to Virtualization: z/VM Basic Concepts and Terms

Speaker: Jacob Gagnon

Project Manager: Rich Smrcina, VM Project

MVS Program

User Session

25153: z/OS CPU Measurements Demystified

Speakers: Scott Chapman

Project Manager: Meral Temel, MVS Performance Project

IBM Session

25745: z/OS V2R4 Web Enablement Toolkit Enhancements

Speaker: Steve Warren

Project Manager: James Lund, MVS Core Technologies Project

VEND Session

25564: Looking for Parallel Sysplex and Data Sharing Performance Opportunities

Speaker: Peter Enrico

Project Manager: Meral Temel, MVS Performance Project

Year-Round RAVE

SHARE wouldn't be what it is without high-value input from many dedicated individuals. The RAVE (Recognize a Valiant Effort) Award recognizes the extra efforts of SHARE attendees who enhance the overall educational experience. Anyone who participates in SHARE can nominate another participant for their assistance.

RAVE is meant to recognize efforts over and beyond the norm. If you feel someone has exceeded the already high quality of networking, assistance, support and presentations available for SHARE members, then RAVE is your vehicle to celebrate and reward that effort!

All SHARE Members can nominate SHARE participants for the award. Nominees will be notified quarterly. A letter will be sent to the SHARE member's manager as well as to the nominee, who will also receive the RAVE pin. All RAVE recipients will be recognized in *interactions*. RAVEs will continue to be awarded at all SHARE conferences.

Submit your RAVE nomination by clicking [here](#) (raves).

RAVE Award Winners - SHARE Fort Worth 2020

Rick Barlow (Velocity Software, Inc.)

Nominated by James Vincent (Velocity Software, Inc.)

As Director of Operations I needed help with all the activity and work involved with organizing all the details around producing the two conferences every year. Since Rick was a captive audience at my office, I was able to convince him to take the role of Deputy Director of Operations.

Tom Petrolino (IBM)

Nominated by Ray Mullins(Rocket Software)

Tom stepped up to fill in for a speaker from IBM China who was unable to attend due to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

William Yates (IBM UK)

Nominated by Nick Garrod (IBM)

In these times of constrained travel, Will has stood in for my absence numerous times, attending planning meetings in his own time, and working with the SHARE committee to get the best CICS Project agenda we can. His own sessions are well attended with excellent feedback, and Will makes himself available for 1-1 meetings, is available for discussion in the Expo area. He really goes those extra yards to ensure your attendees get the best possible experience and value from the CICS Project.

Jerry Seefeldt (NewEra Software)

Nominated by Pul Robichaux (NewEra Software)

Doing a fantastic job of running the Security Project to keep us moving forward together.

Theresa Hans (IBM)

Nominated by Dusty Rivers (GT Software)

Theresa works tirelessly to insure the smooth inner working of the IBM Z champion program and getting those champions involved at SHARE. Thanks.

Rose Sakash (Broadcom)

Nominated by Jerry Edgington (W&SFG)

Rose, once again stepped up and chaired 6 sessions, then chaired, seventh stepping in to help. Thanks Rose, very much.

Cody Giardinello (Broadcom)

Nominated by Reg Harbeck (Mainframe Analytics Ltd.)

When the presenter for session 26903 about no cost Z training didn't show up Cody, session chair, spontaneously took the mike and led an in-depth discussion of the subject for which nearly 20 people stayed to participate in. Well done!

Paul Spicer (BMC)

Nominated by Ellis Holman (IBM)

Please accept my thanks for pitching in and helping chair sessions when I was not able to attend SHARE.

Martha McConaghy (Marist)

Nominated by Ellis Holman (IBM)

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Ray Sun (Sun Coast)

Nominated by Ellis Holman (IBM)

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Sai Swetha Gujja (Broadcom)

Nominated by Ellis Holman (IBM)

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Karla Houser (Broadcom)

Nominated by Ellis Holman (IBM)

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Deb Carbo (Broadcom)

Nominated by Ellis Holman (IBM)

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Reg Harbeck (Mainframe Analytics Ltd.)

Nominated by Warren Harper (BMC)

For leading the ENTW Program meetings at SHARE in the Program Managers absence.

Cody Giardinello (Broadcom)

Nominated by Warren Harper (BMC)

For taking charge of zNextGen when the Project Manager couldn't make it. Thanks for stepping up!

Sujay Solomon (Broadcom)

Nominated by Warren Harper (BMC)

For leading and organizing the Open Source Project in its first conference. Sujay committed a lot of time in starting the new project and learning all the intricacies of planning and confex. Thank you for all your hard work!

Rosalind Radcliffe (IBM)

Nominated by Jerry Edgington (W&SFG)

Rosalind has been very helpful with resolving issues during several sessions, including helping with getting DevOps badge codes for speakers. Thank you.

Case Card Awards - Fort Worth 2020

Ed Jaffe, MVS Program

Nominated by Meral Temel, James Lund, and Russell Witt

We like to give a card case award from all three Project manager of our mvs program to Ed Jaffe, for his great leadership and effort for our mvs program. He is always helpfull and gave big effort to make program and SHARE successfull. He is always there to fill the gaps , track ,follow and guide and influence us for being more successfull and helpfull for SHARE.

Because of all above, we as three MVS program Project managers, like to give a card case to Ed Jaffe for his great leadership.

MVS Core Project Manager James Lund,
MVS Storage Project Manager Russell Witt,
MVS Performance Project Manager Meral Temel

Volunteer Spotlight - Fort Worth 2020

Martha McConaghy - SHARE Vice President

Martha has been instrumental in initiating, supporting and leading the efforts to support SHARE's Women in IT initiative. She has facilitated the Women in IT track from its inception and is a champion for this new (to SHARE) effort. On behalf of SHARE's Women in IT committee, I want to thank Martha for all of her hard work and continuing support for this effort.

[Written by: Karla Houser - EDC Program]

Thank You to Our Volunteers

SHARE Fort Worth would not be possible without the countless hours of support from volunteers. A special thanks to all SHARE Program and Project volunteers who act as the guiding light for the event's technical program. They help put together a program full of compelling content based on attendee interests and feedback.

Learn more (<http://www.SHARE.org/volunteeropportunities>) about how you can volunteer with SHARE.

Next Up: SHARE Boston 2020
