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**Announcing the 2021 Sessions:**

**Opening Keynote:**

***Technology Trends & Directions***- Fred Held, Info-Tech Research Group

**Lunch Keynote:**

***CIO Leadership Panel*** - Details coming soon!

**Cloud & Collaboration Track**

***Build a Foundation for Any Enterprise Workload using Azure Storage*** - Andrea Waugh Metzger, Senior Azure Specialist, Microsoft

***Getting Control of Cloud Costs***- Steve Daly, Senior Director Technology, Fusion Alliance

***The hybrid office is the future and will present new challenges to businesses that we can solve with CBTS/Cincinnati Bell Technology*** - Joe Ropp, Director of Commercial Sales, Cincinnati Bell & Brent Baker, Senior Sales Engineer, CBTS

***Lift and Shift to The Cloud*** - Jake Hewitt, Tenet3

***Workflows to M365 Power Platform*** – Richard Toland, Chief Technology Officer, Focal Point Solutions

**Cybersecurity Track**

***Advanced Persistent Threats: Root Causes and Solutions*** - Bilge Karabacak, Lead Faculty, Franklin University

***The Evolution of Ransomware and Recipes to Defend Against It*** - Dan Wilkins, Director of Cyber Defense, CareSource

***Prepare for the Unthinkable - Knowing How to Navigate the Inevitable Cyber Attack*** - Bryan Hogan, President/CEO, Afidence, Inc.

***SASE is the future of SD-WAN and Network Security*** - Nick Enger, CTO, Advanced Technology Consulting (ATC)

***Wolf in Sheep's Clothing...Living off the Land -*** Chris Kuhl, CISO/CTO, Dayton Children's Hospital

**Data & Analytics Track**

***Blend Your Digital and Data Clouds for Better Decision-Making*** - John Kitson, Business and Data Analysis Leader, CoStrategix

***Data Actionability: Rightsizing data presentment for every user type*** - John DeCaprio, VP, Fusion Alliance

***Data Rocket - an Internet-of-Things distributed data processing platform*** - Philip Moore, VP Engineering Innovation R&D, 84.51°

***Uncover Sentiment, Opinions and Other Insights With Text Data Analysis Using Cloud APIs*** - Andrew Murphy, Business Intelligence Consultant, Integrity Data Insights

***What Data Scientists and Engineers can learn from each other*** - Nick Hamilton, VP Engineering, 84.51°

**Developers Track**

***Agile Approaches to Project Estimation and Future Planning -***Michael Miller, Scrum Master & Agile Coach, Smart Data

***Leveraging cloud and API enterprise strategies to drive true digital transformation*** - John Dages, Sr. Solutions Director, Fusion Alliance

***Low-Code/No-Code Software: A Game Changer for Small, K-12 School Districts***- Margaret Swanson, EMIS Coordinator, Yellow Springs Schools & Wright State Graduate Student

***Software Release Speed with Quality – the synergies and ecosystem of DevOps Pipelines, QA SDETs and SREs***- Dan Fisher, VP of Platform Engineering, 84.51°

***Developers Panel Topic***

**Leadership Track**

***The Case for Leadership Agility*** - Aaron Kopel, CEO, Project Brilliant, LLC

***Document Management-Pre and Post-Pandemic*** - Leah Seymour, Senior Sales Director & Zak Danison, Director of Software, Modern Office Methods

***Everything I know about leadership I learned from my 6 year olds*** - Jim Sparks, Scrum Master, Midmark

***How Co-Managed Partnerships Can Benefit In-House Technicians*** - Kyle Hamilton, Vice President, Opti-Vise IT

***Academic Panel – Workforce Development*** – Sinclair College, University of Dayton, and Wright State University