

UiPath® Forward

+ TECH ED

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Q. What are the key dates for FORWARD + TechEd Call for Speakers content?

Call for Speakers Opens	April 15, 2024
Call for Speakers Closes	May 27, 2024
Acceptances sent out	June 3-21, 2024
Speaker agreements due	June 28, 2024
PPTs first draft due	August 15, 2024
PPTs final draft due	September 15, 2024

Q. What is the format of this year's event?

FORWARD + TechEd is a global, in-person event that will take place October 21-24, 2024 at MGM Grand in Las Vegas. FORWARD is a 2.5-day event and TechEd is a two-day event. We are accepting submissions for both events.

Q. Who can submit a proposal?

UiPath customers, partners, and employees.

Q. Is there a limit on speakers per session?

A session can have up to four speakers and, if being submitted as a panel discussion, a moderator as the fifth.

Q. What are the session themes?

All of our sessions are 20 minutes in length. We're looking for stories that showcase how companies are transforming using automation and AI. We have four groups we use to categorize presentations:

Automation for Good: Automation isn't just a technology to implement. It can benefit organizations, employees, society, and the environment. We call this "Automation for Good." You have a moving story that delivers a positive outcome for society.

Automation inspiration: You have an inspirational automation story. You have an amazing business example that returned an incredible result.

Automation how-to: You have a pragmatic solution that automation success practitioners can use today.

Automation deep dive: You have a technical best practice using UiPath product(s).

Q. How do I prepare a submission?

1. Draft a session title: your session title should be compelling. See "How do I create an effective title?"
2. Write a session abstract: see "How do I write a compelling abstract?" for tips and tricks when writing your abstract.
3. Outline the key takeaways for session attendees: session length is 20 minutes.
4. Articulate your audience: choose the primary audience for your session, including title and industry.

R. How do I create an effective title?

Your title is the introduction to your idea. Convey as much as you possibly can in your title; 80% of attendees will read a title, while only 20% will go on to review the abstract for further information.

- Craft an attention-grabbing title. Present a solution to a problem, or a benefit, and entice the reader to continue reading your abstract.
- Avoid putting UiPath product names in the title. The focus of the title should be the problem/solution and not the UiPath product or product feature.
- Use clear and concise language. Avoid vague titles and observe the character limit.
- When applicable, use identifiers. These may include phrases such as "Introduction To," "Deep Dive," or "Case Study."
- Limit the use of acronyms and abbreviations. Using UiPath product acronyms is never acceptable (in title, abstract, or slides). If you must use acronyms for space considerations, please limit them to those in common industry or colloquial usage, and spell them out in the first reference in your abstract.
- Skip competitor or company names. If you will be highlighting other companies in your session, we prefer you present those names in the abstract.
- Keep punctuation simple. Avoid exclamation points, parentheticals, and ellipses.

S. How do I write a compelling abstract?

Your abstract should convince us that you can present a solution to a business challenge and should intrigue, excite, and inspire potential attendees. Provide a high-level overview to convey the goals of your session, and make sure the content and information is relevant to your audience.

- Skip the sales pitch. Don't sound like you're promoting a product or service. Rather, present an exciting opportunity for attendees to learn something new about a topic.
- Avoid phrases like, "In this session you will learn...". Try posing a rhetorical question or sharing an interesting industry data point to start your session abstract and capture interest.
- Spell out abbreviations on first reference. When using abbreviations or acronyms, include the abbreviation or acronym in parentheses when first referenced. Thereafter, you may use the abbreviation or acronym.
- Observe length limits. Keep your abstract to under 200 words. A strong abstract should be 75-150 words in length.
- Ask for a peer review. Enlist someone outside your field of work to review your submission for misspellings or grammatical errors and to help determine if you are communicating your goals effectively. Additionally, enlist someone who is similar to the session attendee target, as he or she can confirm the information is clear and interesting.

T. What if my session contains confidential information that cannot yet be published?

Please do not submit session information that cannot be used publicly.

Q. Do I get free access to FORWARD or TechEd if I'm selected as a speaker?

Yes, if you are chosen as an on-stage speaker or panel participant, UiPath will waive your FORWARD or TechEd registration fee.

Q. What can I expect after submitting my session idea?

- Review and acceptance: You will receive an email confirmation once you submit your proposal. The FORWARD + TechEd content review team considers all submissions and makes final decisions after rigorous review. If your session proposal has been accepted you will be notified by July 21, 2024.
- Next steps: If your proposal is accepted, the FORWARD + TechEd content team will guide you through all required timelines and deliverables. You will also be assigned a speaker manager to help you through the process.
- Thanks for submitting and good luck!

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