

ForwardVI

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October 9-12, 2023



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

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| Call for Speakers Opens | May 3, 2023 |
| Call for Speakers Closes | June 3, 2023 |
| Acceptances sent out | July 5-14, 2023 |
| Speaker agreements due | July 14, 2023 |
| PPTs 1st draft due | August 1, 2023 |
| PPTs final draft due | August 19, 2023 |

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

FORWARD VI is a global, in-person event and will take place October 9-12, 2023 at MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

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 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 best practice for automation success practitioners can use today.
- Automation deep dive:** You want to share a drill down into a particular product showcasing a successful use case.

Q. How do I prepare for a submission?

- State who you are: UiPath Employee, UiPath Customer, or UiPath Partner.
- Work within the session topics: Review “What are the session themes?” to choose the one topic your content falls under.
- Draft a session title: Your session title should be compelling. Review “How do I create an effective title?”
- Write a session abstract: Review “How do I write a compelling abstract?” for tips and tricks when writing your abstract.
- Outline the session: Session length is 20 minutes.
- Articulate your audience: Choose the primary audience your session is for, and what they care about.

Q. How do I create an effective title?

Your title is your introduction of your idea. Convey as much as you possibly can in your title; 80% of attendees will read a title, while only 20 percent 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 or flowery titles, and observe the 20 word 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.

Q. 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 the phrases, “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 your reader’s 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 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.

Q. 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 VI if I’m a speaker?

Yes, if you are chosen as an on-stage speaker or panel participant, UiPath will waive your FORWARD VI entry 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 VI content review team considers all submissions and makes final decisions after rigorous review using submission criteria listed above and overall business objectives of the program. If your session proposal has been accepted you will be notified by July 14, 2023.
- Next Steps: If your proposal is accepted, the FORWARD VI 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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