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OnRamp

entry-level hands-on track,
capped at 40 people

Incredibly

Deep

breakout content

New for 2027

Orlando

everything under one roof



**April 5–8, 2027
Orlando, Florida**

Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista
powershellsummit.org

Welcome



Welcome to the 2027 edition of the PowerShell Summit — a non-profit, community-led, volunteer-run event that focuses solely on IT automation.

Every year it is a thrill to welcome back alumni, many of whom have been with us since the start, and just as good to welcome the people arriving for the first time. Newcomers tell us the same thing year after year: they found Summit open, career-focused and genuinely welcoming, and then they came back.

This year we are somewhere new. After more than a decade in Bellevue, Summit moves to the Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista. Sessions, sponsor space, the evening events and the attendee room block are all on one property, which means less time in transit and more time in the hallway conversations that make this event what it is.

What has not changed is everything else. You will not find the trappings of the large commercial conferences here. There is no paid staff. There is no expo hall built around a swag run. You will not feel like a line on somebody's budget spreadsheet. Instead you get sessions delivered by fellow community members, direct interaction with product teams, and the social time that turns a room of strangers into a professional network you will still be using in five years.

Attendance is capped at 300 and early-bird pricing does not last forever. If you are coming, register early — and if you need to convince someone first, pages 8 through 10 of this brochure were written for exactly that.

James Petty

CEO, The DevOps Collective · Conference Chair

Get started at **powershellsummit.org**. Questions we have not answered here go to **info@powershellsummit.org**.



Something For Everyone



Summit is known for broad content with off-the-charts technical depth. We started as the successor to the PowerShell Deep Dive events, designed for fifty technical experts. As we have grown we have built out a spectrum of content that reaches newcomers and intermediate Summiteers without dulling the deep end.

Breakout sessions, lightning demos and everything else reflect that spectrum. From the OnRamp Track that brings new talent into the community, through to breakouts built explicitly for expert-level material, Summit lets you learn at your level and push past it. Here is how to work out where you sit.

Foundation

We assume basic IT knowledge — CompTIA A+, Cisco IT Essentials — and a foundational understanding of server administration. We recommend the **OnRamp Track** for you. The main Summit program does not include content suitable for this level.

Practitioner

We assume knowledge equivalent to *Learn Windows PowerShell in a Month of Lunches* and *Learn PowerShell Scripting in a Month of Lunches*. You may have done basic work with desired state configuration using provided resources.

Expert

We assume you have been building proper advanced functions and beyond, have probably built a DSC resource, and are ready to start plumbing PowerShell's depths. Note that not every expert-level session will suit everyone — at this level people specialize, so some material may already be familiar or simply not your direction.

Not sure which one you are?

Read the OnRamp page. If most of it sounds like a relief rather than a step backwards, buy the OnRamp ticket — it costs the same as General Admission and you will get far more out of the week.



What's On



Four days, Monday to Thursday, built around deep technical breakouts and the people delivering them — community members, MVPs, and members of the Microsoft product teams who build the tools.

The topics in the room

Attendees use PowerShell as a key automation tool, but the expertise on display spans much more:

Cloud & Azure

CI/CD automation

On-prem data center

AWS

Configuration management

Edge computing

Azure Local

Docker & Kubernetes

Security & monitoring

Infrastructure as Code

Virtualization

AI in operations

Session formats

Keynotes and general sessions bring the whole room together. Breakouts run 45 minutes and go deep. Side sessions are small rooms you can book on the day for a focus group or a whiteboard fight. Lightning demos are five to ten minutes of "look at this thing I built."

Recordings

Keynotes, general sessions and breakouts are recorded and made available to attendees after the event. That is the part your colleagues who stayed behind get to use — and the part that makes the ask easier to justify.

THE SCHEDULE

The full 2027 schedule is published once speakers are selected. Check powershellsummit.org/schedule and re-visit as it fills in — late additions and changes land there first.



OnRamp Track



QUICK FACTS

PRICE

\$1,299

Early bird. Regular price
\$1,599 — the same as
General Admission.

SEATS

40 only

Strictly limited to keep it a
classroom rather than a
lecture hall.

INCLUDES

Four full days

Breakfast and lunch daily,
community events, and
video access to the main
Summit sessions.

BRING

Your own laptop

This is a hands-on track.
Hotel is booked separately
— see the fine print.

OnRamp is a dedicated track for PowerShell beginners and newcomers to the DevOps community. It is not a watered-down version of Summit. It is a different, better on-ramp to the same destination.

It is built for career changers, students, system administrators wanting to get past running other people's one-liners, developers adding PowerShell to their toolkit, and anyone who has looked at a conference agenda and felt out of their depth. No prior experience is required.

Participants get a **Summit Buddy** — a mentor from the community who has been to Summit before, who can answer the technical questions and make sure you are not eating lunch alone on day one. That relationship carries on after the event.

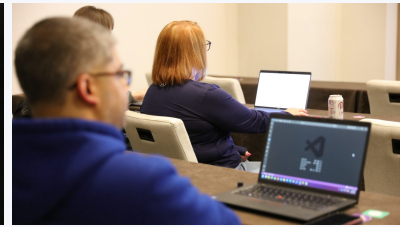
OnRamp attendees join the main Summit crowd for keynotes and general sessions, breakfasts and lunches, and the evening events. The rest of the time you have a reserved seat in a room taught by some of the best instructors in the community.

Full-ride scholarships are available.

Covering airfare, accommodation, registration and meals, for applicants who demonstrate financial need and a commitment to learning. Funded by our sponsors. Details and applications at powershellsummit.org/on-ramp.



Beyond Lectures



Summit is not sitting in a room watching someone run a demo at you. If you are at Summit, you are part of Summit, and there are several ways to be involved.

Side Sessions

Small rooms you can book ad hoc, equipped with a whiteboard. The right place to share a personal obsession, hack out a solution to a sticky problem, or talk through the soft-skills side of a career in automation.

Working Groups

Feel the need to build consensus and document best practice around a topic? Book a side session space and form a working group. Document what the group decides and we will publish it as a community standard.

Lightning Demos

Five to ten minutes of "look at this cool thing" from community members and product team members. It is the least intimidating way there is to give your first Summit presentation.

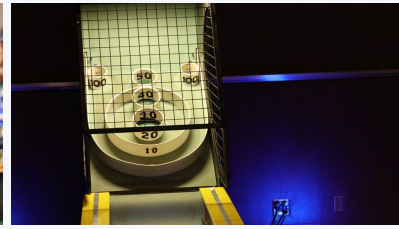
Social Lounge

Somewhere to follow up with a presenter after their session, or grab side time with another attendee. Open through most of the day, with soft drinks.

The best thing you get out of Summit will not be on the schedule.

It will be the twenty minutes at a whiteboard with the person who maintains the module that has been breaking your build. That is what a 300-person cap buys you.

Come Together



A technology career requires more than technology. It requires people. Connections. Networks — and not the kind with cabling. That is why Summit puts such weight on the social hours.

Breakfasts. Lunches. The breaks between sessions. The Social Lounge all day. The Monday evening Community Happy Hour, with casino games, video games and classic arcade. They are all times to connect, trade ideas, talk shop, and become part of an actual community rather than an attendee list.

It is a time to set aside the famous IT introvert in you, shake hands with someone you have never met, and introduce yourself. Bad at remembering names? Everyone is. It is completely fine to say so and introduce yourself again.

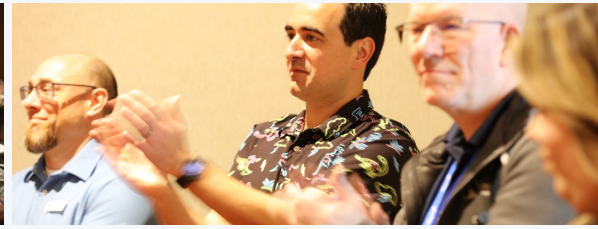
The evening events are deliberately built for a blended crowd, with different levels of interaction for different levels of comfort. Grab a drink and work the room, or sit down for a hand of cards with a small group, or whiteboard something with one other Summiteer. There is food, and nobody is checking which mode you picked.

And every evening there is the chance to grab an old friend or a new one and head out for dinner. Lake Buena Vista is not short of options. However you connect, Summit is the place.

WORTH KNOWING

Breakfast and lunch are included every day, along with refreshments and the community happy hour. Dinners are on you, apart from the opening reception. Everything happens at the Sheraton, so getting between the sessions, your room and the evening events is a walk rather than a cab.

Take This To Your Boss



These three pages are written to be forwarded. Hand them to whoever approves the budget — the argument, the number, and a letter you can send.

Who is actually in the room

Microsoft product team members who build PowerShell. The community leaders who write the modules already running in your production estate. Enterprise architects and DevOps engineers solving the same problems at your scale. Nine out of ten attendees influence IT purchasing decisions at their own organizations, which tells you the seniority of the room.

What comes back to the team

Keynotes, general sessions and breakouts are all recorded and included in registration. One person attends; the whole team gets the library, plus the notes and the internal session you ask for in return. There is a list of those commitments on page 10.

Why the size matters

Attendance is capped at 300 on purpose. At a 30,000-person conference your engineer watches talks they could have streamed. At this one they can corner the maintainer of the module that is breaking their build, at breakfast on day two, and come home with an answer.

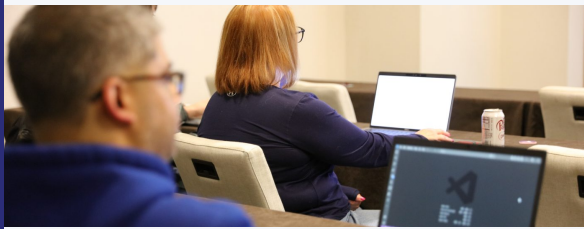
There is no upsell

Summit is run by the DevOps Collective, a registered non-profit, entirely by volunteers, and has been since 2014. The ticket price is what it costs to put on. No paid workshop tier, no premium track, nothing behind a second paywall.

Most conference budgets buy attendance. This one buys answers.

Send someone with a specific problem and a mandate to bring back a fix, and the four days pay for themselves the first time they ship something they learned here.

What It Costs



Figures assume one attendee arriving Sunday April 4 and departing Thursday April 8 — four nights in the conference room block. Fill in the blanks for your own city and you have the whole number.

Registration — early bird	Regular price is \$1,599. Booking early saves \$300.	\$1,299
Hotel — 4 nights at the room block rate	\$179/night, plus the discounted \$13.95/night resort fee. Excludes tax.	\$772
Fixed cost, booked in advance	Everything you can lock in today	\$2,071
Airfare to Orlando (MCO)	Varies by origin city. MCO is a major hub with wide carrier coverage.	\$ _____
Dinners	Breakfast and lunch are included daily, and there is food at the opening reception and the Monday happy hour. Budget for the rest.	\$ _____
Ground transport / parking	Optional. Discounted self-parking at the resort is \$10.00/night.	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

INCLUDED IN THE TICKET

- Every session and workshop, all four days
- Breakfast and lunch daily, plus refreshments
- Session recordings after the event
- The community happy hour and networking events
- Conference materials and swag
- OnRamp: a Summit Buddy and post-Summit mentoring

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel — booked separately at the block rate
- Travel to and from Orlando
- Dinners, apart from the opening reception
- Parking, if driving or renting



The Ask



The fastest approvals are the ones where the manager gets something specific back. Tick the commitments you can honestly keep, then send the note.

- ☐ **A written summary to the team within two weeks** — what I learned, what we should change, what we should stop doing.
- ☐ **One internal session** walking the team through the techniques worth adopting.
- ☐ **At least one automation shipped** from something learned at Summit, within the quarter.
- ☐ **The recording library shared** with the team, with the sessions relevant to our stack flagged.
- ☐ **A list of named contacts** at other organizations solving the same problems.

COPY, FILL IN THE BLANKS, SEND

Subject: Training request — PowerShell Summit, April 2027

Hi **[MANAGER]**,

I would like to attend the PowerShell Summit in Orlando, April 5–8, 2027. It is the largest independent conference for the automation and DevOps work our team does, and it is capped at 300 people, so the access to Microsoft's PowerShell team and to engineers solving our problems at other companies is genuine rather than theoretical.

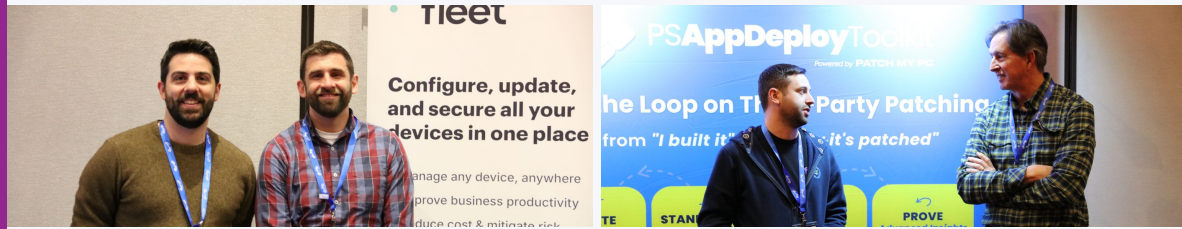
The direct cost is **[\$X]** — \$1,299 for the early-bird ticket and about \$772 for four nights at the conference rate, plus roughly **[\$Y]** in airfare. Breakfast and lunch are included each day. Booking now saves \$300 against the regular ticket price.

Specifically, I am going after **[THE ONE OR TWO PROBLEMS YOU ARE STUCK ON — e.g. our CI/CD pipeline, configuration drift, moving X to infrastructure as code]**. In return I will **[THE COMMITMENTS YOU TICKED ABOVE]**. Keynotes, general sessions and breakouts are recorded and included, so the rest of the team gets the material too.

Happy to put the full breakdown in front of you — the details are at powershellsummit.org.

Thanks,
[YOUR NAME]

Hotel & Fine Print



Book your room early

Our room block is at the Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, which is also the venue and the evening hangout. \$179/night plus tax, with discounted group rates on the resort fee (\$13.95/night) and self-parking (\$10.00/night). Rooms at that rate are limited — book as soon as you have registered. Details at powershellsummit.org/hotel.

What to bring

A laptop if you want to follow along hands-on — required for OnRamp. Business cards, charging cables, and business-casual clothing. Nobody here is wearing a tie.

Recordings

Keynotes, general sessions and breakout sessions are recorded and made available to attendees after the event.

Transfers

Tickets can be transferred to a colleague up to 10 days before the event. Email summit@powershellsummit.org.

Dietary needs

Tell us during registration. The venue accommodates most restrictions including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and common allergies. Meals are calculated as a single serving per person and designed to standard nutritional guidelines. We try to offer real variety, but with 300 people we cannot guarantee every specific diet.

Accessibility

Tell us what you need and we will make it work. Email accessibility@powershellsummit.org.

We run at break-even

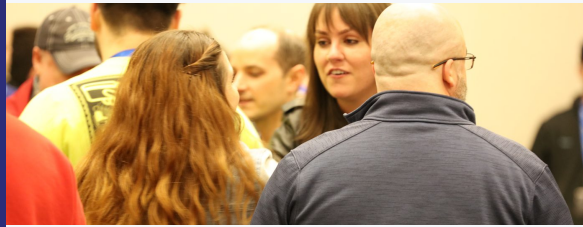
The DevOps Collective is a registered non-profit and Summit is operated on a break-even basis. That is why the price is what it is, and why there are no discount codes.

Questions

General enquiries go to info@powershellsummit.org — we aim to respond within one business day.

Everything on this page is current as of publication. The site is the source of truth: powershellsummit.org/faq.

Code of Conduct



Summit is a community event, organized by unpaid volunteers, and it is meant to be an inclusive, professional environment for learning and networking. Attendance requires agreement to this code.

The Summit is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion (or lack thereof), or technology choices. It applies to attendees, speakers, sponsors and volunteers alike.

Harassment includes offensive verbal comments related to any of the above; sexual images in public spaces; deliberate intimidation, stalking or following; harassing photography or recording; sustained disruption of talks or other events; inappropriate physical contact; and unwelcome sexual attention. None of it is tolerated. Anyone asked to stop is expected to stop immediately.

Consequences range from a warning through to removal from an event, expulsion from the conference without refund, and a ban from future events.

Sponsors may not use sexual or sexualized imagery, activities or material. Sponsor staff are expected to dress and behave as they would in any professional environment.

Summit is about the open exchange of ideas. Differences of opinion are not merely acceptable, they are encouraged — provided they are offered politely and professionally. Our differences give us new perspectives and make us collectively smarter, but only when offered and accepted in a spirit of cooperation and trust.

REPORT AN ISSUE

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EMERGENCY

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IN PERSON

Any staff member

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Text HOME to 741741



About Us



The PowerShell Summit is a program of The DevOps Collective, a registered non-profit. It has been run by volunteers since 2014, and it still is.

Our mission is to provide education, to develop and promulgate standards and practices, and to build community around PowerShell and DevOps. Sponsorship revenue funds the OnRamp scholarship program, which covers airfare, lodging, registration and meals for people who would otherwise never get near an event like this.

We are committed to keeping Summit affordable, community-driven and community-led. If you would like to help run it, write to info@powershellsummit.org and tell us what you would like to do — that is genuinely how most of the people below got here.

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Summit puts your brand in front of 300 IT professionals across a broad range of enterprise verticals — and funds the OnRamp scholarships while it does it. The full prospectus is at powershellsummit.org/sponsors, or write to sponsor@powershellsummit.org.



REGISTER

300 seats. 40 of them are OnRamp.

Early-bird pricing is live at \$1,299, against a \$1,599 regular ticket.
The OnRamp beginner track is the same price and capped at 40
people, with full-ride scholarships for those who qualify.

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