

IBM Cloud Developer to Keynote Open Source Convention (OSCON) in Austin, Texas

Christopher Aedo, IBM developer, to give keynote about the importance of open infrastructure

ARMONK, N.Y., May 9, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- IBM (NYSE: [IBM](#)) today announced that Christopher Aedo, an IBM Cloud developer, will keynote OSCON in Austin, Texas. Taking place May 10-11, OSCON brings the software engineering and developer community together to explore what's new and useful in open source languages, tools, and techniques.

Once considered a radical upstart, open source has moved from disruption to default. In the last decade, there's been an incredible explosion in open source software. Massive projects have been developed in the open community; running on open operating systems; and using open languages and compilers.

Aedo's keynote, titled "Why Choose Open Infrastructure," will focus on the critical decisions open source developers make when it comes to choosing tools, systems and technologies to develop software, and how these decisions must be made with the end goal of interoperability in mind. This includes crucial but often forgotten about tools such as repository management services, chat systems and hosting providers. Building a community and software on top of closed and proprietary platforms can leave developers in a tough spot if those platforms and services fail them.

"The call to action is to make choices that champion open principles focusing on transparency, interoperability and influence," said Aedo. "If we choose to build our projects with tools that relate well to these open principles, the whole world of open source developers benefits and can become stronger as a result."

IBM is committed to building and evolving the open source community, and has a long history in advancing open projects and technologies, from Docker to OpenStack to Cloud Foundry. For example, IBM has made significant contributions to the evolution of Apache OpenWhisk, an open serverless computing platform that is transforming how developers access and use cloud services such as cognitive intelligence and Internet of Things tools.

Aedo's keynote will take place on Wednesday, May 10 at 9:20am CT and he'll be tweeting from @docaedo with #OpenInfra.

For more information on OSCON, visit <https://conferences.oreilly.com/oscon/oscon-tx>.

For more information on open source from IBM, visit:

<https://developer.ibm.com/open/>.

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