



Technology & Innovation Summit North America

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November 2, 2025 – November 5, 2025

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Bold Starts: Sunday, Nov 2

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm CDT	Al Innovation Lab: Build. Deploy. Compete. (In-Person Only)	
	Speakers: Elizabeth Cullen, Researcher, Forrester Madeline Cyr, Researcher, Digital Retail, Forrester William McKeon-White, Senior Analyst, Forrester	
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm CDT	Forrester Women's Leadership Program: Imagine The Impossible — Insights From Top Headhunters, CIOs, And CHROs	
	Speakers: Chioma Onwuanibe, VP, CIO Executive Partner, Forrester	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm CDT	Workshop: Scope Your Al Agent Future	
	Speakers: Rowan Curran, Principal Analyst, Forrester Kate Leggett, Vice President, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm CDT	Workshop: Going Beyond The Deal Means Building Strong Vendor Relationships And Negotiating For Success	
	Speakers: Faram Medhora, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm CDT	T&I High Performance IT Strategy Certification: Build Your High-Performance IT Strategy And Roadmap To Drive Business Value (Pre-Registration Required)	
	Speakers: Bobby Cameron, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester Chris Gallacher, VP, Principal Consultant, Forrester	
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm CDT	T&I AI And Data Readiness Certification: Assess Your AI And Data Readiness (Pre-Registration Required)	
	Speakers: Kim Herrington, Senior Analyst, Forrester Aaron Katz, VP, Research Director, Forrester	
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm CDT	Executive Leadership Exchange (Invite-Only): Welcome & Kickoff	
	Speakers: Joe O'Brien, VP, CIO Executive Programs TL, Forrester Greg Willrich, VP, Executive Partner, Forrester	
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm CDT	Welcome Reception	

8:00 am – 9:00 am CDT	General Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:30 am CDT	Welcome & Opening Remarks
351	Speakers: George Colony, CEO, Forrester Stephanie Balaouras, VP, Group Director, Forrester



9:30 am – 10:00 am CDT	am Keynote: Agentic To AGI. It's The Journey, Not The Destination		
	Speakers: Brian Hopkins, VP, Emerging Tech Portfolio, Forrester		
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Keynote: Use The Al Moment To Achieve Your High-Performance Ambitions		
	Speakers: Ted Schadler, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
10:40 am – 11:30 am CDT	Marketplace Coffee Break & Networking (In-Person Only)		
10:50 am – 11:20 am CDT	Analyst-Led Roundtables		
11:00 am – 12:00 pm CDT	Workshop: Become THE Human In The Al Loop : Discover Your Data Literacy Persona		
	Speakers: Kim Herrington, Senior Analyst, Forrester		
11:30 am – 12:00 pm CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	Are You A Better Boss Than A Bot? Level Up Your Leadership Skills For An Al- Infused World Speakers: Katy Tynan, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Building Your Roadmap On The Road To High Performance Speakers: Bobby Cameron, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	When To Customize Tech For Industry Optimization Speakers: Andre Kindness, Principal Analyst, Forrester	The Enterprise App Evolution: From Critical Asset To Strategic Enabler Speakers: Linda Ivy-Rosser, VP, Research Director, Forrester Joe Cicman, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Semantic Layer 2.0: A Key Enabler For Successful Analytics And Agentic Al Apps Speakers: Boris Evelson, Vice President, Principal Analyst, Forrester	From Agent-Ish To Agentic AI: A Practical Guide To AI Agent Capabilities Speakers: Craig Le Clair, Vice President, Principal Analyst, Forrester Rowan Curran, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
12:10 pm – 12:40 pm CDT	Case Study Sessions (In-Person Only)		
12:40 pm – 1:40 pm CDT	Lunch & Marketplace Break (In-Person Only)		



12:40 pm – 2:25 pm CDT	Executive Leadership Exchange (Invite Only): Exclusive Networking Lunch		
	Speakers: Joe O'Brien, VP, CIO Executive Programs TL, Forrester Greg Willrich, VP, Executive Partner, Forrester		
1:40 pm – 2:25 pm CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	Increase Your Organization's AI Readiness With AIQ And TCQ Speakers: James McQuivey, VP, Research Director, Forrester	Learn The Common Approaches To Gaining A Complete View Of Total Cost Of Ownership Speakers: Tracy Woo, Principal Analyst, Forrester Greg Zorella, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	Achieving Proactive IT Support For Better Employee Experience: Al-Enabled Technologies And Lean Operations Speakers: Julie Mohr, Principal Analyst, Forrester Carlos Casanova, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Application Revolution: Rewriting Development With Al Speakers: Christopher Condo, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	The Modern Data Platform Enables Your Al Vision Speakers: Noel Yuhanna, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Manage Your Al Value Delivery — Dollars And Sense Speakers: Michele Goetz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester Brian Hopkins, VP, Emerging Tech Portfolio, Forrester	
2:35 pm – 3:05 pm CDT	Case Study Sessions (In-Person Only)		



3:15 pm – 3:45 pm CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	Build Or (Re-)Build Your Team's Culture Speakers: Angelina Gennis, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Architecture In The Age Of Generative Al Speakers: Mark Moccia, VP, Research Director, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	Al PCs, Windows 10 EOL: The Future Of End User Computing Speakers: William McKeon-White, Senior Analyst, Forrester Michele Pelino, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	The Rise Of The Digital Workforce — How To Get Past Innovation And Theater To Practical Application Using HCM Systems Of Record Speakers: Akshara Naik Lopez, Senior Analyst, Forrester James McQuivey, VP, Research Director, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Knowledge Graphs, Meet LLMs: A Symbiotic Approach To (Agentic) Al Speakers: Indranil Bandyopadhyay, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Strategic Al Platform Acquisition For Tech Leaders Speakers: Mike Gualtieri, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm CDT	Workshop: Data Strategy On A Page		
	Speakers: Boris Evelson, Vice President, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
3:45 pm – 4:35 pm CDT	Marketplace Coffee Break & Networking (In-Person Only)		
4:35 pm – 4:50 pm CDT	Welcome Back		
	Speakers: Stephanie Balaouras, VP, Group Director, Forrester		
4:50 pm – 5:20 pm CDT	Keynote: Al Inside: The Rise Of The Intelligent IT Operating Model		
	Speakers: Charles Betz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
5:20 pm – 5:50 pm CDT	Keynote: FinOps And Beyond: Scaling Tech For The Future Without Breaking The Bank		
	Speakers: Tracy Woo, Principal Analyst, Forrester Prashant Vithlani, Head of Division, Cloud, Network, and Security, Samsung SDS America		
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm CDT	Reception		



Tuesday, Nov 4 8:00 am - 9:00 am

General Breakfast

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9:00 am — 9:10 am CDT	Welcome Back		
9:10 am — 9:40 am CDT	Keynote: Data Readiness Is The Number One Factor For Al Results		
	Speakers: Michele Goetz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
9:40 am — 10:10 am CDT	Keynote: Forrester's 2025 Technology Awards		
	Speakers: Sharyn Leaver, Chief Research Officer, Forrester		
10:15 am — 11:05 am CDT	Marketplace Coffee Break & Networking (In-Person Only)		
10:25 am — 10:55 am CDT	Analyst-Led Roundtables		
10:35 am – 11:35 am	Workshop: The Hidden Costs: Managing Tech Debt Through M&A and Organizational Change		
CDT	Speakers: Linda Ivy-Rosser, VP, Research Director, Forrester Mark Moccia, VP, Research Director, Forrester		
11:05 am – 11:35 am CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	Future-Proofing Your IT Workforce In The Age Of Al Speakers: Fiona Mark, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Do More With Less Leveraging Strategic Portfolio Management Speakers: Margo Visitacion, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	Seal The Deal For Tech Modernization For Day 2 In The Cloud Speakers: Lee Sustar, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Collapsing The SDLC: The Impact Of Al On DevOps Speakers: Andrew Cornwall, Senior Analyst, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Tame Uncertainty And Become The Chief Decisions Officer Speakers: Brandon Purcell, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Open-Source Al: Betting Smart With Forrester's Framework Speakers: Mike Gualtieri, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	Case Study Sessions (In-Person Only)		



Tuesday, Nov 4

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm CDT	Lunch & Marketplace Break (In-Person Only)		
12:15 pm – 2:00 pm CDT			
	Speakers: Joe O'Brien, VP, CIO Executive Programs TL, Forrester Greg Willrich, VP, Ex	ecutive Partner, Forrester	
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	Diagnosing Your Organizational Effectiveness: A Helpful Framework You Can Actually Use Speakers: Betsy Summers, Principal Analyst, Forrester	A New Horizon For Enterprise Architecture Speakers: Charles Betz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	The Age Of Al Observability And DevOps: An Evolutionary Approach To Keep You From Extinction Speakers: Carlos Casanova, Principal Analyst, Forrester	The Importance Of Spend Management And Cost Optimization: "Happy Spouse, Happy House" — The Two Must Go Together Speakers: Faram Medhora, Principal Analyst, Forrester Greg Zorella, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Building The IT – Data Connection: A Leadership Recipe For Al Success Speakers: Ted Schadler, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Al In The Operational Trenches: ModelOps, FinOps, DataOps, ITOps Speakers: Rowan Curran, Principal Analyst, Forrester Tracy Woo, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
2:10 pm – 2:40 pm CDT	Case Study Sessions (In-Person Only)		



Tuesday, Nov 4

2:50 pm – 3:20 pm CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	Beyond The Noise: Designing Digital Employee Experiences That Work In The Age Of Al Speakers: David Johnson, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Navigating A Year Full Of Volatility Speakers: Mark Moccia, VP, Research Director, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	Digital Workplace Technologies And Trends Speakers: Cheryl McKinnon, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Battle Royale: Monoliths Vs. Microservices Speakers: David Mooter, Principal Analyst, Forrester Devin Dickerson, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Take Agentic Al To Your Data To Power Al Applications At Scale Speakers: Michele Goetz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Explainable Al In A World Of Opaque Models Speakers: Brandon Purcell, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
2:50 pm – 3:50 pm CDT	Workshop: Building A Future-Ready Cloud Strategy: From Ambition To Action (Pre-Registration Required)		
	Speakers: Lee Sustar, Principal Analyst, Forrester Lauren Nelson, VP, Research Director, Forrester		
3:25 pm – 4:15 pm CDT	Marketplace Coffee Break & Networking (In-Person Only)		
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4:15 pm – 4:30 pm CDT	Welcome Back		
351	Speakers: Stephanie Balaouras, VP, Group Director, Forrester		
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm CDT	Keynote: The Al Agent Revolution Is Reshaping Business Applications Into An Intelligent Business Fabric		
CDI	Speakers: Kate Leggett, Vice President, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm CDT	Keynote: Build Infrastructure As Platforms To Master Growth, Agility, And Governance		
	Speakers: Brent Ellis, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm CDT	Reception		



Wednesday, Nov 5

8:00 am - 9:00 am CDT	General Breakfast		
9:00 am – 9:10 am CDT	Welcome Back		
	Speakers: Stephanie Balaouras, VP, Group Director, Forrester		
9:10 am – 9:40 am CDT	Keynote: Lead And Master Change		
	Speakers: Katy Tynan, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
9:55 am – 10:25 am CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	Change Leadership: Tools For You To Manage Change Now Speakers: Katy Tynan, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Governance — Empowering Your People to Make Decisions In A Volatile World Speakers: Gordon Barnett, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	Data Center Innovations For An Intelligent Age: Al, Optical, And Energy Technologies Speakers: Alvin Nguyen, Senior Analyst, Forrester Abhijit Sunil, Senior Analyst, Forrester	Architecting for Simplicity: Developing a Strategic Sourcing Plan for Portfolio Consolidation Speakers: Bill Martorelli, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Know Your Customer: Unlock Insights With Unstructured Data Speakers: Zeid Khater, Analyst, Forrester	Al Disrupts And Reinvigorates Cognitive Search — And It's Essential For Agentic Speakers: Rowan Curran, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
9:55 am – 10:55 am CDT	Workshop: Demystifying Al Security: A Practical Guide to Getting Started		
	Speakers: Jeff Pollard, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester Heidi Shey, Principal Analyst, Forrester		
10:25 am — 11:00 am CDT	Marketplace Coffee Break & Networking (In-Person Only)		
10:30 am – 11:00 am CDT	Analyst-Led Roundtables		
11:00 am – 11:30 am CDT	Case Study Sessions (In-Person Only)		



Wednesday, Nov 5

11:40 am – 12:10 pm CDT	Breakout Sessions		
	LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND CULTURE	TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE	
	How To Be A Coach-Like Manager Without Wasting Time And Effort Speakers: Betsy Summers, Principal Analyst, Forrester	Operationalizing Your Strategy Against A Backdrop Of Volatility Speakers: Gordon Barnett, Principal Analyst, Forrester Bobby Cameron, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester Margo Visitacion, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	CLOUD, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS	BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT	
	Trailblazers And Titans: Innovators, Rising Stars, And Hardware Giants Speakers: Naveen Chhabra, Principal Analyst, Forrester Brent Ellis, Principal Analyst, Forrester Octavio Garcia Granados, Senior Analyst, Forrester Lauren Nelson, VP, Research Director, Forrester	Balance Enterprise Application Investments With Business Realities Speakers: Faram Medhora, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
	DATA ARCHITECTURE, PLATFORMS, AND MANAGEMENT	AI STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Governance By Design Fuels Trusted Al Speakers: Jayesh Chaurasia, Senior Analyst, Forrester	To Federate Or Not To Federate Data And Al Org Structure Speakers: Boris Evelson, Vice President, Principal Analyst, Forrester	
12:10 pm – 12:25 pm CDT	Welcome Back		
	Speakers: Stephanie Balaouras, VP, Group Director, Forrester		
12:25 pm – 12:55 pm CDT	Keynote: Predictions 2026		
	Speakers: Srividya Sridharan, VP, Group Director, Forrester		
12:55 pm – 1:00 pm CDT	Closing Remarks		
	Speakers: Stephanie Balaouras, VP, Group Director, Forrester		
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm CDT	Grab-and-Go Lunch		