

New
2.5 day
format



Annual Conference –

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5-7th November 2018
Whittlebury Hall Hotel,
Towcester NN12 8WP

Website: <http://conferences.gse.org.uk/2018>

Important Message

GSE UK Region Annual Conference has changed to a 2½ day format.

The conference will now run from the afternoon of Monday 5th November until Wednesday 7th November 2018.



General Information

The conference has been enhanced to two and a half days. As a result, there are changes to the running order of events for this year's conference. Some breaks have been extended to allow more time for networking and

refreshment and of course we have two evenings to fill instead of just the one. There are still all the technical presentations based on current software enhancements, best practice, how to and why for deployment of new features, 101 classes for a new generation, ideas on how to leverage your current software investments. Some streams will run for the full 2.5 days, some will not.

We encourage you to take a closer look at the agenda than you may have done in the past, some of the sessions that are likely to have a very large audience may run more than once.

Meet with vendors to refresh your knowledge of what is available in the market place for your current or future requirements.

Network with your peers and product/platform experts during the breaks, at pre-dinner drink, at the conference dinner, or over breakfast.



Who should attend

- Executives/managers with responsibility for Mainframe based services
- Mainframe specialists in all disciplines
- Applications Developers
- Beginners to IT or the Mainframe
- Experienced Mainframe specialists branching into new areas



Agenda

Full agenda available on the website, all streams should be added by the end of July 2018

<http://conferences.gse.org.uk/2018/agenda>

Timetable



Monday:

- 11:30 Registration & Coffee
- 12:30 Conference Opening – Mark Wilson
- 12:45 15 Minute Break
- 13:00 Session
- 14:00 15 Minute Break
- 14:15 Session
- 15:15 Afternoon Refreshments - 30 Minutes
- 15:45 Session
- 16:45 15 Minute Break
- 17:00 Session
- 18:00 Free Time
- 18:15 ZOWE Presentation - TBC
- 19:00 Free Time
- 19:30 Fireworks, Free Bar and BBQ



Tuesday:

- 07:30 Registration & Coffee
- 09:00 Keynote : Mark Wilson
- 09:15 Keynote: Your Skills, Your Brand, Your Career - Paul Martynenko
- 10:15 15 Minute Break
- 10:30 Session
- 11:30 15 Minute Break
- 11:45 Session
- 12:45 Lunch *
- 13:45 Session
- 14:45 15 Minute Break
- 15:00 Session
- 16:00 Afternoon Refreshments - 30 Minutes
- 16:30 Session
- 17:30 5 Minute Break
- 17:35 Keynote: Difficult Conversations – Resli Costabell
- 18:20 Free Time
- 18:30 Pre-Dinner Drinks
- 19:30 Conference Dinner



Wednesday:

- 07:30 Registration & Coffee
- 08:00 Keynote: AI - Lubomir Cheytanov
- 08:30 Keynote: The seven ages of mainframe - Keith Banham
- 09:00 Breakfast Break
- 09:30 Session
- 10:30 15 Minute Break
- 10:45 Session
- 11:45 15 Minute Break
- 12:00 Session
- 13:00 Lunch *
- 14:00 Session
- 15:00 Prize Draws & Afternoon Refreshments
- 16:00 End of Conference

* New Lunch and Learn Sessions for Security



The individual stream sessions are available on the conference web site at <http://conferences.gse.org.uk/2018/agenda>

New Lunch and Learn

There are additional product focused sessions being offered in the Security Stream this year. Lunch will be provided in the Melbourne Room for attendees as they brush up on skills and learn something new.

Tuesday – Hosted by Vanguard

Wednesday – Hosted by IBM zSecure

Exhibitors

Action Software GmbH

ASG

Beta Systems Software Limited

Blenheim Software & Inspired Solutions

Bluechip

BMC Software

CA Technologies

Celerity

Compuware

Datakinetics

DELL/EMC

Ensono

Enterprise Performance Strategies, Inc

Flynet Limited

GDOC

Hitachi

IBM

Innovation

Interchip



Interskill Learning

L3C-IBA

Luminex

Macro 4

Micro Focus

Model9 Software

Oracle

Red Hat

Rocket Software

RSM Partners

SCC

SEA Software

Syncsort Inc

Trident Services

Vanguard Integrity Professionals Ltd

Velocity Software GmbH

Verhoef Training Ltd



GSE UK Member Conference Benefits

GSE UK Member organisations get up to 6 free places plus one trainee place to attend the conference. This covers registration, attending the sessions throughout the two and a half days of the conference, entry to the vendor exhibition, the conference fireworks, BBQ, dinner and pre-dinner drinks on Monday and Tuesday respectively, lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, and all refreshment breaks.

Conference Fees

Follow us on social media, we will be running a competition a first and second prize of 2 nights' accommodation in the main hotel with free entry to the whole conference and days 2 and 3 respectively; entry will close at the Early Bird deadline and winners will be announced shortly afterwards.

The VAT inclusive fees are now as follows:-
Delegates from GSE member companies (see below) £150 per day
Delegates from other non-member companies £240 per day

There is a 20% discount (inc. VAT) to this rate for registrations made during the early bird period (up to and including October 8th) and there will be a £30 admin surcharge (inc. VAT) for late registrations made after the Friday before the conference (November 2nd).

Each UK GSE member company is entitled to send up to six delegates and one *bona fide* trainee FREE OF CHARGE provided they register during the early bird period. Additional delegates will be charged at the prevailing member rate. Voucher codes are issued to each member company for this purpose.

After the end of the early bird period vouchers issued to GSE member companies may still be used up to one week prior to the conference (Sunday October 28th) however they will be charged at HALF the relevant rate, i.e. £75 per day inc. VAT. Vouchers that have been purchased as a conference package can be redeemed free of charge at any time up to the Friday 2nd November after which a late fee of £30 will be charged.

Conference Registration

<http://conferences.gse.org.uk/register>

Fees in summary

Date Booked	Members	Members Additional	Non Members
Prior to 09/10/18	Free	£120	£192
10/10/18 to 28/10/18	£75	£150	£240
29/10/18 to 02/11/18	£150	£150	£240
On or after 03/11/18	£180	£180	£270



Additional vouchers: The UK Conference Package

The GSE UK Conference Package enables companies, be they members or non-members of GSE, to purchase discounted "bulk" attendance to the annual UK Conference.

- The Conference Package is available to any company, be they member or non-member, and offers benefits in addition to any benefits they obtain through being GSE members or conference sponsors/exhibitors.
- The Conference Package offers three voucher codes, each of which can be used to register at no charge for the two and a half days of the conference up to a week before the conference (October 29th).
- Voucher codes have no monetary value and unused voucher codes cannot be reimbursed or exchanged (but may be offered free of charge to a client or customer).
- For non-members the Package also allows additional conference registrations at the members' rate plus the ability to attend other UK working group meetings during the period of validity.

- The Conference Package can only be purchased during the early bird period and is valid for the UK conference in the year in which it is purchased and for working group meetings during the following 12 months.
- The cost of the Conference Package is £650 plus VAT (£780) for GSE members and £1,000 plus VAT (£1,200) for non-members.
- Companies are able to purchase multiple Conference Packages should they so wish.
- Requests to purchase the UK Conference Package should be sent by e-mail to ukconference@gse.org.uk.



Charities to be Supported by 2018 Conference

Every year speakers and delegates at the GSE UK Conference give donations to the charities we help by donating their speaker gifts and buying raffle tickets.

Last year we raised nearly £4000 that was split between Microtia UK and Cancer Research UK. Letters and emails of thanks were received from both charities and from QEF (Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for disabled people) which was nominated by one of the speakers.

Our charities for the 2018 conference will be Parkinson's UK and the Rainbow Trust and we hope that you will help us raise even more money for these worthy causes.



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