

Platform Engineering at QCon London 2026

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Observability in Microservices & Gaming

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Nicholas Herring

Technical Director, Eve Online @CCP Games, Refiner of Internet Spaceships and Explorer of Feral Gordian Knots of Python

Evolution of Booking.com's Ranking Platform

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Details coming soon.

AI is an Amplifier: Scale High Performance, Not Dysfunction

Wednesday Mar 18

AI adoption in software development is nearly universal, yet the outcomes for teams are highly variable. Why do some organizations see massive productivity gains while others see their delivery stability crash? DORA's latest research provides a key insight: AI acts as an amplifier.

Nathen Harvey

Lead of DORA and Product Manager @Google Cloud

Navigating the Edge of Scale and Speed for Physics Discovery

Wednesday Mar 18

Details coming soon.

Thea Klaeboe Arrestad

Particle Physics and Real-Time ML @CERN @ETH Zürich

The Rise of the Streamhouse: Idea, Trade-Offs, and Evolution

Tuesday Mar 17

Over the last decade, streaming architectures have largely been built around topic-centric primitives—logs, streams, and event pipelines—then stitched together with databases, caches, OLAP engines, and (increasingly) new serving systems.

Giannis Polyzos

Principal Streaming Architect @Ververica

Anton Borisov

Principal Data Architect @Fresha

APIs for Agents: Rethinking API Programs in the MCP Era

Monday Mar 16

As API programs mature, a familiar gap emerges: some teams operate with strong standards, reusable platforms, and clear governance, while others rely on informal guidance and best-effort consistency.

Jim Gough

Distinguished Engineer, API Platform Lead Architect @Morgan Stanley, Co-Author of Optimizing Java

Andreea Niculcea

Vice President @Morgan Stanley

The Ladder Is Missing Rungs: Engineering Progression When AI Ate the Middle

Tuesday Mar 17

Career progression in engineering has traditionally followed a predictable path: junior tasks teach fundamentals, mid-level work builds judgment, senior roles require synthesis across systems.

Alasdair Allan

Scientist, Author, Hacker, Maker, Journalist, and Head of Documentation, CTO @Negroni Venture Studios, Interim CTO @Evaro

Building an AI Gateway Without Frameworks: One Platform, Many Agents

Tuesday Mar 17

Early AI integrations often start small: wrap an inference API, add a prompt, ship a feature. At Zoox, that approach grew into Cortex, a production AI gateway supporting multiple model providers, multiple modalities,

and agentic workflows with dozens of tools, serving over 100 internal clients.

Amit Navindgi

Staff Software Engineer @Zoox

Rewriting All of Spotify's Code Base, All the Time

Tuesday Mar 17

We don't need LLMs to write new code. We need them to clean up the mess we already made.

In mature organizations, we have to maintain and migrate the existing codebase. Engineers are constantly balancing new feature development with endless software upkeep.

Jo Kelly-Fenton

Engineer @Spotify

Aleksandar Mitic

Software Engineer @Spotify

From Fan-Out to Fast: Sub-100ms API Design in Distributed Systems

Monday Mar 16

A "simple" API request rarely stays simple. In distributed systems, one call quickly turns into fan-out across gateways, services, caches, and databases — and your p99 becomes the sum of every hop and every flaky dependency.

Saranya Vedagiri

Senior Staff Engineer @eBay

Building on Bedrock: A Security Philosophy from Bootloader to Runtime

Tuesday Mar 17

In Minecraft, every world is built from blocks. At the very bottom lies bedrock: an unbreakable foundation that

everything else rests on. Above it sit layers of stone, dirt, sand, and other materials.

Alex Zenla

Founder & CTO @Edera

Why Governance Matters: The Key to Reducing Risk Without Slowing Down

Tuesday Mar 17

When you hear “governance,” you might think of red tape, bureaucracy, or someone telling you what you can’t do. But real governance is about alignment and reducing technical risk. And that matters more than ever.

Sarah Wells

Independent Consultant and Author
