

Don Jones' DevOps Camp 2016



We're back with an expanded program (and a new name) at the world's most intense, in-depth, immersive, and exclusive education event dedicated to DevOps in the Microsoft space. Our topical coverage will include the latest techniques and best practices on Desired State Configuration, Continuous Integration and Continuous Delivery, and on practical implementations of DevOps in the real world.

What makes DevOps Camp unique? First, the personal curation by Don Jones, one of the world's most-recognized authorities on these topics. Don has authored numerous technology books and is a sought-after speaker at technical conferences worldwide. This event is his baby, and represents the best possible content and experience he can deliver.

Second, the intimacy and scope of the event. Only 20 participants will be accepted, along with a handpicked panel of experts. This creates an environment unlike any class or conference you've attended: discussions are constant, meaningful, and impactful. You won't find expansive slide decks - you'll find practical advice and real-world experience from technology leaders and your own peers.

Finally, there's the deeply immersive nature of the event. We don't stop at dinner time - we keep going, all night, with discussions, insights, advice, and more. It's a weekend devoted completely to our trade and our craft - and it's absolutely unique.

QUICK FACTS

Camp will be held August 11 to 14, 2016, in Las Vegas, NV. Admission is limited to 20 participants, and costs \$1500.00 each. That fee includes three nights at our off-Strip host hotel, as well as most meals and beverages during the event. The fee also includes airport shuttle service to and from the host hotel. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation (instructions are provided as part of your registration confirmation email), and may reserve additional nights at your own expense. Camp runs from 8am to around 9pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 8am to Noon on Sunday. We'll have an informal gathering on Thursday evening to kick things off. Speakers are subject to change without notice.



Personal. Practical. Passionate.

DevOps Camp is all about connecting with experts and expanding your expertise. Each day includes both formal education and one-on-one time to discuss what you've learned, an educational approach you won't find anywhere else.

You'll not only learn how to implement technologies like DSC and PowerShell, you'll engage in spirited discussions on how to **best** use them. You'll not only talk about approaches like DevOps, CD, and CI, you'll spend hours working out how you can implement them in your own organization. It's learning combined with practical planning, in an environment designed to foster collaboration and a free exchange of ideas.

DevOps Campers are operating at the top of their field. They're not just reading about pull servers and class-based resources - they're implementing them. They're running into the problems, coming up with the solutions, and developing the practices to make it all work. Even after Camp, Campers keep in touch via a private mailing list, sharing new discoveries and hammering out new approaches.

DevOps Camp isn't a place to learn about these technologies for the first time. This is a place to expand your expertise, and a place where we define the practices that will guide the rest of the industry. It's a place for experts.



Our lineup of experts includes Microsoft “Most Valuable Professional” Award recipients like Jason Helmick, Steven Murawski, and of course Don Jones. These are the people at the very forefront of DevOps approaches in a Microsoft environment, and at the pinnacle of implementing technologies like Desired State Configuration, PowerShellGet, and more.

Our agenda includes:

Learn about the latest **best practices in DSC Resource Design and Authoring**, with a focus on Continuous Integration in a production environment.

Master workarounds and enhancements to DSC, enabling things like **maintenance window awareness, secure handling of credentials, and management of non-domain machines**.

Implement true **Continuous Delivery** with a stack that includes private Chocolatey repos, Git-based source control, Pester-based testing, and build-server orchestration of testing and delivery.

Define the capabilities and approaches for implementing **DevOps** in an organization, including the political and people challenges you’ll face - and how others have solved them.

Nonstop Learning. Absolutely Unique Classroom.



This is DevOps Camp, not just “DevOps Classroom.” After class time is done, we want the discussion to continue - but we want you awake and engaged for it. So we move into the sun, and even into the pool. Great food and fresh air re-invigorate the conversation - and that energy carries over into the next day’s classroom time. You’ll get to know your fellow Campers better, too, making conversations more productive, more hard-hitting, and more interesting.

About 2/3 of your time at DevOps Camp will be in the classroom with our experts and your fellow Campers - and the other 1/3 will prove that education really can last 12 hours a day when it’s done the right way, in the right environment, and with the right food and beverages.

There won’t be a single moment where you’re not thinking deeply about the technologies, practices, and approaches that you’ve come to learn - and there won’t be a single moment when you’re not completely energized. You’ll become one of the Campers who goes away thinking, “wow, this was the best learning experience I’ve ever had.” You’ll understand why people fly in from literally every corner of the world to be a part of this exclusive event.



Let's do this.

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\$1500 per person

Includes all meals and events listed here.
Includes 3 nights' hotel room (add'l nights available for about \$120/nt).
Card processing fees are additional. If you need alternate payment arrangements, contact chrisg@powershell.org, but be aware we cannot hold a seat until payment is in-hand.

Register now:
<http://bit.ly/devopscamp2016>

Thursday August 11

6:00pm cocktail reception at hotel

Friday August 12

8:00am Breakfast at hotel
9:00am Classroom time at hotel
12:00pm Transport to Don's*
12:30pm Lunch at Don's
1:00pm Problem-solving time at Don's
6:00pm Dinner at Don's
8:00pm Return to hotel

Saturday August 13

8:00am Breakfast at hotel
9:00am Classroom time at hotel
12:00pm Lunch at hotel
1:00pm Classroom time at hotel
5:00pm Bus to dinner and bar crawl @ Downtown LV and the LINQ**

Sunday August 14

8:00am Breakfast at hotel
9:00am Classroom time at hotel
12:00pm Lunch*** and focus group

* Not included; attendees may walk or use Lyft/Uber for about \$5.

** Drinks and dinner are at your own expense

*** Provided by Microsoft

