

'IT at the Ritz'

13th March 2019

Event Agenda

Registration starts at 1pm where coffee and pastries will be provided.

The event runs until 5:30pm, when there will be a drinks and canapés reception and a chance for networking.

13:00	Arrivals, registration and coffee
13:30	S3 Introduction
13:45	Pure Storage - High Performance - Patrick Smith
14:30	InfiniteIO - Building a hybrid cloud strategy without compromise - Mark Cree
15:15	Break - Coffee and Pastries
15:45	Cloudian - Cloud offload or Hybrid - Neil Stobart
16:30	Analyst's view, with Chris Mellor
17:15	Q&A and Close
17:30	Drinks and Canapés

Key speakers

Speaker:

Chris Mellor - Technology journalist

Speaker Bio:

Chris Mellor covers storage and allied technology areas for The Register. After working for DEC, Unisys and SCO, he became an IT journalist, writing for a variety of print publications.

Chris has edited the UK's first storage print magazine, moved onto IDG's Techworld, then started up Blocks & Files, a blog bought by The Register. He has written many sportscar buying guides, a few mountaineering guides and "drives a car that's faster than he is".

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Speaker:

Patrick Smith - Pure Storage

Speaker Bio:

Patrick Smith is Pure Storage's Field CTO for EMEA. As a senior technical advisor, he provides crucial input and leadership across engineering, product management, sales, marketing as well as presales.

Patrick's career began as an electronic design engineer at STC Submarine Systems, where he worked on underwater telecommunications systems. He has held roles at Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and Nomura in London and New York. Most recently, he was responsible for core infrastructure engineering at Deutsche Bank.

Speaker:

Mark Cree - InfinetIO

Speaker Bio:

Mark is the Founder and CEO of InfinetIO and a veteran of routing and switching technology. Prior to founding InfinetIO he was the CEO of Storspeed and had several patents filed related to storage caching.

Mark also led Cisco Systems entry into the storage networking market as the General Manager of Cisco Systems Storage Router Business Unit.

He joined Cisco Systems through the acquisition of NuSpeed, a company he founded that delivered the first commercial iSCSI storage over IP product which became the foundation of a multi-billion-dollar market. Between 1989 and 1995 Mark was part of a team that delivered one of the first IP routers and firewalls at technology pioneer Network Systems Corporation (NSC).

Speaker:

Neil Stobart - Cloudian

Speaker Bio:

As the VP of Global System Engineering for Cloudian Inc, Neil is responsible for leading the technology team to drive sales and brand awareness of Cloudian and cloud storage solutions, providing education to customers, partners and press and ensuring technical due diligence is adhered to during the sales and deployment processes.

Neil brings 22 years' experience in developing technical storage and systems architecture solutions with time served at Nexenta, Dell, Compellent, Hitachi Data Systems, MaXXan, Morse and Woolwich Building society, covering all aspects of data storage and management technologies.

He has held several senior consulting and leadership roles, working with some of the largest technology companies in the industry, and provided guidance and advice to major commercial organisations globally on best practises and economic considerations of data storage technology deployment.

