

## **VMworld 2011 Speaker Recommendations – Tom MacKay**

This is my annual recommendation list of the best “rock-star” speakers appearing at VMWorld! I have looked through all of the folks speaking this year, and pulled out ONLY those that I personally know or have presented with, and are the most technically superb with content and presentations! Check out the content area of each presented to see if that area is of interest to you, and feel free to call me for any additional information on the topics or speakers!

Also, make sure you spend time in the Partner Pavilion talking to all of our eco-system partners as well. The VMware booth will be staffed by many of the engineers and PMs on my list, so be sure to stop by to introduce yourself and glean that knowledge! Finally, I will be in the Hands-On Lab once again (in both Vegas and Copenhagen) so swing by and see me!

Have a great VMWorld!

Thanks!  
Tom

## Speaker Selections

(My comments below each entry)

**Watch for the HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! Sessions!**

### BCA3064 Charting the Unix Path to the Cloud: Migrating Unix Applications to Linux on vSphere (Twitter hashtag: #BCA3064)

| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Jeff Szastak, VMware, Inc.<br>Ryan Shondell, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Jeff and Ryan in combination! Jeff is our Tier 1 App Specialist, and Ryan is one of our best PSO Consultants. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

### CIM1436 vSEL: Building VMware's Hybrid Cloud (Twitter hashtag: #CIM1436)

| Speakers                  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Ford Donald, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Ford is the primary architect for our internal vSEL based virtual labs, and one of the architects behind the Hands-On Labs at VMWorld.

### SEC2114 Customer Panel: Ensuring Compliance in a Virtual World (Twitter hashtag: #SEC2114)

| Speakers                     | Track   | Area of Interest | Type          |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------|
| George Gerchow, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Security and<br>Compliance |                  | Panel Session |

George is one of the best presenters I have seen so if compliance and security are of interest, go see him.

### VSP1682 vSphere Clustering Q&A (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1682)

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type          |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Duncan Epping, VMware, Inc.<br>Frank Denneman, VMware, Inc.<br>Christopher Colotti, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere | Retail           | Panel Session |

It's Duncan...what else do you need to hear? ☺ Frank and Chris are awesome too... **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

### VSP3305 Upgrading to the Latest ESXi Release (Twitter hashtag: #VSP3305)

| Speakers                 | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Kyle Gleed, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Kyle is one of the PMs on ESXi...

### BCO3324 Site Recovery Manager – Simple and Reliable Disaster Recovery for All Virtualized Applications (Twitter hashtag: #BCO3324)

| Speakers                       | Track  | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Gaetan Castelein, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Business Continuity |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

### BCO3336 DR to the Cloud - Service Provider Perspective (Twitter hashtag: #BCO3336)

| Speakers                       | Track  | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Gaetan Castelein, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Business Continuity |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Gaetan has been here at VMW quite awhile and knows his stuff on SRM!

| EUC1226 Troubleshooting ThinApp Applications (Twitter hashtag: #EUC1226) |                    |                  |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers   | Track              | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Travis Sales, VMware, Inc.   | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout Session |

| EUC1226 Troubleshooting ThinApp Applications (Twitter hashtag: #EUC1226) |                    |                  |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers   | Track              | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Travis Sales, VMware, Inc.   | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout Session |

Travis is one of the funniest presenters I have seen...AND he hates Powerpoint!  
**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

| EUC2871 Project Horizon – Managing VMware ThinApp as a Cloud Service (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2871) |                    |                  |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers   | Track              | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Mehul Patel, VMware, Inc.<br>Andrew Johnson, VMware, Inc.  | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout Session |

If you want to learn more about Project Horizon, see this session

| CIM2363 Building an Enterprise Hybrid Cloud for Dummies: 10 Steps (or Less) (Twitter hashtag: #CIM2363) |   |                  |                  |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Pang Chen, VMware, Inc.   | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout Session |

Pang is one of the primary PSO Architects of Cloud Solutions at VMware, and wrote most of the docs for vCD.

| VSP1926 Getting Started In vSphere Design (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1926) |                                  |                  |                  |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers  | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Scott Lowe, EMC Corporation   | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere | SMB              | Breakout Session |

Most of you know Scott, who was just in Columbus for our VMUG event.

| VSP1956 The ESXI Quiz Show (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1956)                                 |                                  |                    |               |
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| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest   | Type          |
| John Troyer, VMware, Inc.<br>Duncan Epping, VMware, Inc.<br>Pablo Roesch, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere | Financial Services | Panel Session |

This should be an entertaining session with this trio! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

| BCO1432 VMware Data Recovery - Everything You Need To Know (Twitter hashtag: #BCO1432) |  |                  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers   | Track  | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Jeff Hunter, VMware, Inc.  | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Business Continuity |                  | Breakout Session |

| BCO1946 Making vCenter Server Highly Available (Twitter hashtag: #BCO1946) |  |                  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers   | Track  | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Jeff Hunter, VMware, Inc.  | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Business Continuity |                  | Breakout Session |

I have worked with Jeff since he was my customer! He is now our BC/DR Specialist, so be sure to see all his sessions on the subject!

| BCO3334 SRM Future Product Directions: Cloud-based Disaster Recovery (Twitter hashtag: #BCO3334) |  |                  |                  |
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| Speakers   | Track  | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Ashwin Kotian, VMware, Inc.<br>Nestor Dutko, VMware, Inc.  | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Business Continuity |                  | Breakout Session |

Ashwin is one of our PMs for SRM...

| EUC2045 View + Virtual Cloud Infrastructure: What's New and Future Directions (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2045) |                    |                  |                  |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Speakers  | Track              | Area of Interest | Type             |
| Jessy Schoss, VMware, Inc.<br>Robert Baesman, VMware, Inc.  | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout Session |

Rob Baseman is one of our PMs in the Desktop arena...

**BCA1950 Production Proven Methods of Running Enterprise Java on vSphere. (Twitter hashtag: #BCA1950)**

| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest   | Type                |
|---|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Jeff Battisti, Cardinal Health<br>Emad Benjamin, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications | Financial Services | Breakout<br>Session |

Emad has helped me a number of times and is an expert for us on Java virtualization, and Jeff is from one of my local and former accounts.

**BCA1230 Enterprise Java Applications and Virtualization - Best Practices (Twitter hashtag: #BCA1230)**

| Speakers   | Track   | Area of Interest   | Type                |
|--|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Justin Murray, VMware, Inc.<br>Richard Sijbrandij, Bull S.A.S. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications | Financial Services | Breakout<br>Session |

Justin is the other half of the Java team at VMware along with Emad Benjamin and is great.

**BCA1995 Design, Deploy, Optimized SQL Server on VMware ESX (Twitter hashtag: #BCA1995)**

| Speakers   | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Wanda He, VMware, Inc.<br>Scott Salyer, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Wanda and Scott are THE experts in virtualizing SQL...

**VSP3307 Deployment Considerations for ESXi (Twitter hashtag: #VSP3307)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Charu Chaubal, VMware, Inc.<br>David Day, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Charu is on our Security Team, and also historically been closely involved in the ESXi development efforts.

**EUC2846 View Enterprise Architecture Design and Implementation Best Practices (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2846)**

| Speakers  | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thomas Walker, VMware, Inc.<br>John Dodge, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Tommy and John are the authority on View... Tommy as a Specialist and John from PSO. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**EUC2956 VMware MVP – Solving Enterprise Mobility Challenges (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2956)**

| Speakers  | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Courtney Skay, VMware, Inc.<br>Hoofar Razavi, VMware, Inc.<br>Srinivas Krishnamurti, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

The MVP project belongs to Srinivas, with whom I presented in Chile last year. MVP is the Mobile Virtualization Platform

<http://www.vmware.com/products/mobile/overview.html>

**EUC3326 VDI Versus Terminal Server: 2011 Edition (Twitter hashtag: #EUC3326)**

| Speakers                 | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Brian Madden, TechTarget | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Love him or hate him...he IS Brian Madden!

**PAR2341 Best Practices for Selling vSphere Enterprise Plus (Twitter hashtag: #PAR2341)**

| Speakers                    | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| Michael Adams, VMware, Inc. | Partner |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Mike Adams does all of our internal roadmap training for the SEs. This session will appeal to our channel partners and resellers.

**VSP2347 What's New with vSphere (Twitter hashtag: #VSP2347)**

| Speakers                    | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Michael Adams, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Definitely a session you want to attend if you want to know what is new with vSphere 5! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**PAR3245 Management Overview Part 2 of 2: Whiteboarding the Customer Value Prop (Twitter hashtag: #PAR3245)**

| Speakers                   | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| Martin Klaus, VMware, Inc. | Partner |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Martin is a long time PM for us and this session may help you understand the Management value prop.

**BCA1360 How A Global Enterprise Virtualized Exchange 2010 (Twitter hashtag: #BCA1360)**

| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest   | Type                |
|---|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Jeff Szastak, VMware, Inc.<br>Chris Haaker, Reed Elsevier | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications | Financial Services | Breakout<br>Session |

Here is a session NOT to miss! (Since Chris is my customer and Jeff is awesome!) Chris will talk about how Reed virtualized 60K mailboxes on Exchange! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**CIM2561 Stuck Between Stations: From Traditional Data Center to Internal Cloud (Twitter hashtag: #CIM2561)**

| Speakers            | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Chris Wolf, Gartner | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

It is always interesting to hear the Gartner view, and Chris is one of the best analysts...

**EUC2052 Desktops from the Cloud - Beware of Falling Objects (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2052)**

| Speakers  | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Scott Davis, VMware, Inc.<br>David Stafford, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

**EUC1881 End User Computing 2012 and the Cloud (Twitter hashtag: #EUC1881)**

| Speakers                  | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Scott Davis, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Scott is out of our CTO office and is an excellent presenter!

**EUC2866 View Troubleshooting: Looking Under the Hood (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2866)**

| Speakers   | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Matt Coppinger, VMware, Inc.<br>John Dodge, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Again, John is one of the best in PSO

**EUC4080 Integrate "Social" into the Enterprise to Improve Productivity | Socialcast (Twitter hashtag: #EUC4080)**

| Speakers              | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Tim Young, Socialcast | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Socialcast is taking VMware by storm internally, so I highly suggest you get to know it as it can revolutionize communication inside your company! Think of it as "Enterprise Facebook" **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**VSP2447 Understanding Virtualization Memory Management Concepts (Twitter hashtag: #VSP2447)**

| Speakers  | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Kit Colbert, VMware, Inc.<br>Yungteh Chien, Kingston Technology Co., Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Kit is one of our finest engineers, and the topic is one every technical person should understand. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**CIM2449 Introduction to vCenter Operations (Twitter hashtag: #CIM2449)**

| Speakers                  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Kit Colbert, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Kit again on VC OPS. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**CIM2452 vCenter Operations Technical Deepdive (Twitter hashtag: #CIM2452)**

| Speakers                  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Kit Colbert, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Kit on a VC OPS deep dive. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**VSP2894 Virtual Distributed Switch Best Practices (Twitter hashtag: #VSP2894)**

| Speakers                           | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Vyenkatesh Deshpande, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

This is an important topic to understand, and Vyenkatesh owns this space.

**VSP1425 Ask the Expert vBloggers (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1425)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type          |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Duncan Epping, VMware, Inc.<br>Frank Denneman, VMware, Inc.<br>Chad Sakac, EMC Corporation<br>Scott Lowe, EMC Corporation<br>Rick Scherer, EMC Corporation | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Panel Session |

Are you kidding not going to THIS session? 😊 **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**EUC2103 Storage Tips and Best Practices for View Desktop Deployments (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2103)**

| Speakers  | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Jim Yanik, VMware, Inc.<br>Jeff Whitman, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Jim and Jeff cover BP for View deployments.

**BCA1985 Oracle Database Best Practices on vSphere (Twitter hashtag: #BCA1985)**

| Speakers   | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Kannan Mani, VMware, Inc.<br>Vas Mitra, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

If Oracle is of interest, go hear Kannan and Vas.

**BCA1548 Oracle on VMware Panel Discussion (Twitter hashtag: #BCA1548)**

| Speakers   | Track   | Area of Interest | Type          |
|--|---|------------------|---------------|
| David Welch, House of Brick Technologies<br>don sullivan, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications |                  | Panel Session |

Another session on Oracle, and Don is our main point man on it for VMware.

**SEC2162 Achieving a Trusted Cloud (Twitter hashtag: #SEC2162)**

| Speakers   | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Curtis Salinas, University of California, Berkeley<br>George Gerchow, VMware, Inc.<br>Robert Randell, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Security and<br>Compliance | Government       | Breakout<br>Session |

Rob Randell is one of our best security guys along with George...

**BCA2817 Designing vSphere Platforms for Maximum Tier 1 Application Performance (Twitter hashtag: #BCA2817)**

| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Reza Taheri, VMware, Inc.<br>John Welter, Northwest Group<br>Mark Achtemichuk, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

**VSP2297 Benchmarks to Baseline, Testing for Predictable Performance! (Twitter hashtag: #VSP2297)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Mark Achtemichuk, VMware, Inc.<br>Joseph Dieckhans, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Mark A. is our lead performance engineer at VMware.

**CIM1600 vCloud Networking Finally Explained (Twitter hashtag: #CIM1600)**

| Speakers                      | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Mike DiPetrillo, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Mike D. is one of our best cloud presenters and bloggers. (He has a great wine collection as well!) 😊 **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**VSP1882 Managing ESXi with PowerCLI (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1882)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Luc Dekens, Eurocontrol<br>Alan Renouf, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

**VSP1883 PowerCLI Best Practices (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1883)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Alan Renouf, VMware, Inc.<br>Luc Dekens, Eurocontrol | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Alan is the man on PowerCLI!

**EUC1825 ThinApp Implementation and Design Best Practices (Twitter hashtag: #EUC1825)**

| Speakers                    | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Ray Dusseault, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Ray is another of the core ThinApp guys from PSO, and is one of the funniest humans I know! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**CAP1707 7 Steps to Enterprise PaaS (Twitter hashtag: #CAP1707)**

| Speakers                   | Track                         | Area of Interest | Type                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| chris harris, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Application<br>Platform |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Chris is my EMEA counterpart Captain for our lab on Cloud Foundry! (Lab 13 BTW below...) **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**HOL13 Enable Your Cloud Infrastructure for Mobility, Agility and Flexibility (Twitter hashtag: #HOL13)**

| Speakers | Track | Area of Interest | Type             |
|----------|-------|------------------|------------------|
|          |       |                  | Hands-on<br>Labs |

My lab #13...come by and say HI! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!** 😊

**BCA1931 Design, Deploy, and Optimize SharePoint 2010 on vSphere (Twitter hashtag: #BCA1931)**

| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Scott Salyer, VMware, Inc.<br>Itzik Reich, EMC Corporation<br>Ronen Ashkenazi, TEVA | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Virtualizing Business<br>Critical Applications |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Scott presenting on Sharepoint.

**CIM1565 Integrating with vCD using vCloud API (Twitter hashtag: #CIM1565)**

| Speakers   | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Prasad Pimplaskar, VMware, Inc.<br>mahesh ramachandran, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

**TEX1564 Interfacing with vCloud Made Easy with API and SDK (Twitter hashtag: #TEX1564)**

| Speakers   | Track  | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|--|------------------|---------------------|
| mahesh ramachandran, VMware, Inc.<br>Prasad Pimplaskar, VMware, Inc. | Technology Exchange<br>for Alliance Partners |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Mahesh was once our PM on CIQ, but now runs the API integration efforts at VMware, so if APIs interest you, go hear him.

**VSP3863 ESXi Readiness and What's New with vSphere (Twitter hashtag: #VSP3863)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Mostafa Khalil, VMware, Inc.<br>Jonathan McDonald, VMware, Inc.<br>Patrica Patrica, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**VSP3866 Performance Best Practices and Troubleshooting (Twitter hashtag: #VSP3866)**

| Speakers  | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Blair Doyle, VMware, Inc.<br>Jake McDermott, VMware, Inc.<br>Mostafa Khalil, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

**VSP2376 Performance and Scalability Enhancements in VMFS (Twitter hashtag: #VSP2376)**

| Speakers                     | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Mostafa Khalil, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Mostafa is awesome, and this is one session not to miss on ESXi readiness!

**CAP2471 A Customer Scenario for Next-Generation Data Management with vFabric (Twitter hashtag: #CAP2471)**

| Speakers                    | Track                         | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Chad Sakac, EMC Corporation | Cloud Application<br>Platform | Healthcare       | Breakout<br>Session |

**EUC2692 Rethinking Storage for Virtual Desktops (Twitter hashtag: #EUC2692)**

| Speakers   | Track              | Area of Interest | Type          |
|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Chad Sakac, EMC Corporation<br>Chris Wolf, Gartner | End-User Computing |                  | Panel Session |

A Chad session! On vFabric! Wow! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**BCO2479 Understanding vSphere Stretched Clusters, Disaster Recovery, and Planned Workload Mobility (Twitter hashtag: #BCO2479)**

| Speakers  | Track  | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Lee Dilworth, VMware, Inc.<br>Chad Sakac, EMC Corporation | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Business Continuity |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Lee is one of our BC/DR Specialists out of the UK, and has helped me at several accounts, so with he and Chad together, it should be a great session! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**CIM2921 vCenter Operations - Best Practices for Managing Virtual Capacity (Twitter hashtag: #CIM2921)**

| Speakers                      | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Hemant Gaidhani, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

**CIM3235 Leveraging vCenter Orchestrator for Your Cloud Deployment and Operations (Twitter hashtag: #CIM3235)**

| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Thomas Corfmat, VMware, Inc.<br>Hemant Gaidhani, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Hemant is been one of our best performance PMs and very good at virtualizing Citrix on ESX as well so don't miss him on VCOPS. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**VSP2884 What's New in Performance for vSphere (Twitter hashtag: #VSP2884)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Leah Schoeb, VMware, Inc.<br><a href="#">Reza Taheri, VMware, Inc.</a><br>Joseph Dieckhans, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Leah is one of the lead engineers from the performance team, so get the update on new performance aspects of vSphere 5! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**VSP3867 Top 10 Virtualization Support Issues (Twitter hashtag: #VSP3867)**

| Speakers  | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Blair Doyle, VMware, Inc.<br>Jose Gaddi, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

GSS (Global Support Services) knows what calls we get into support, so here is a good session on awareness of the top issues.

**VSP3255 Storage vMotion Deep Dive and Best Practices (Twitter hashtag: #VSP3255)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Min Cai, VMware, Inc.<br>Ali Mashtizadeh, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Min is great at explaining SVM best practices.

**CIM2231 Making Sense of vShield and vCloud for the Average "VMware Sys-Admin Joe" (Twitter hashtag: #CIM2231)**

| Speakers                                       | Track   | Area of Interest   | Type                |
|--|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">Massimo Re Ferre, VMware, Inc.</a> | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations | Telecommunications | Breakout<br>Session |

Massimo is on the core Cloud team, and many of you know him from his blog <http://it20.info/> **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**CIM3218 Performance Management in a Heterogeneous Environment (Twitter hashtag: #CIM3218)**

| Speakers   | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| David Overbeek, VMware, Inc.<br>David LaVigna, VMware, Inc.<br>Marcelo Rodriguez, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Another performance session with Dave Overbeek and friends.

**VSP3067 Mythbusters Goes Virtual (Twitter hashtag: #VSP3067)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Eric Sloof, NTPRO.NL<br>Mattias Sundling, Quest Software | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere | SMB              | Breakout<br>Session |

Looks like a cool session with Eric! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**VSP1999 Esxtop for Advanced Users (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1999)**

| Speakers                   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Krishna Raja, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

An absolute MUST session if you want to learn advanced features on ESXTOP!  
**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**CIM1940 10 Best Free Tools for vSphere Management in 2011 (Twitter hashtag: #CIM1940)**

| Speakers  | Track   | Area of Interest | Type                |
|---|---|------------------|---------------------|
| David Davis, www.TrainSignal.com<br>Kendrick Coleman, VCE | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>Management and<br>Operations | SMB              | Breakout<br>Session |

Interesting sounding session by Dave Davis, Trainsignal trainer.

**VSP1708 VCDX Panel Defense Preparation (Twitter hashtag: #VSP1708)**

| Speakers  | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type          |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Ben Lin, VMware, Inc.<br>Mahesh Rajani, VMware, Inc.<br>Brian Rice, VMware, Inc.<br>Mostafa Khalil, VMware, Inc.<br>John Arrasjid, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Panel Session |

For those interested in VCDX, here is your session!

**VSP2384 Distributed Datacenters with Multiple vCenters – The Best Practices (Twitter hashtag: #VSP2384)**

| Speakers   | Track                            | Area of Interest | Type                |
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| Deep Bhattacharjee, VMware, Inc.<br>Ravi Soundararajan, VMware, Inc. | Cloud Infrastructure:<br>vSphere |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Deep and Ravi are both performance experts so hear them if you can. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**EUC3158 VMware Zimbra: Better than Exchange (Twitter hashtag: #EUC3158)**

| Speakers                | Track              | Area of Interest | Type                |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Jon Dybik, VMware, Inc. | End-User Computing |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Jon Dybik is one of the brightest PMs I know, and is a dynamic presenter and one of very few MS Exchange Rangers on the planet! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

**TEX2498 vFabric Roadmap (Twitter hashtag: #TEX2498)**

| Speakers                     | Track  | Area of Interest | Type                |
|------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Karl Rumelhart, VMware, Inc. | Technology Exchange<br>for Alliance Partners |                  | Breakout<br>Session |

Karl has been around VMware forever, and has PMed many things for us (AND he did grad work at OSU! ☺) so he know owns vFabric and is an exciting presenter. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

So that is my list for 2011! Again, my general recommendation for you is to attend a few key sessions, but remember, that you will be able to access them post-event, so make sure you have time to do some hands-on labs (that is where I will be living!) and network with peers and vendors. Let me know if you are attending, and I will try to hook up with you, or just swing by the lab to say hi! Thanks!

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