

Build with AI

Oct 23-24, 2026

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DevFest

Troy, NY

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Google Developer Groups

DevFest Troy' 26: Oct 23-24

Build Secure Scale: Developers and Builders in the Agentic Era

- Two-day in-person **Get Together**
- **October 23** - Hands-on workshop and labs
- **October 24** - multi track conference for professional and emerging developers
- Focused on intensive problem solving, using **Cloud and AI**
- **300+** attendees from local colleges/universities + tech community in Hudson Valley, NY.
- **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY**.
- Hosted by **OpenHub**, GDG Hudson Valley, GDG Capital Region and GDG on Campus Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and **Google Women Techmakers**.

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About Google Developer Groups (GDG)

GDG Hudson Valley, GDG Capital Region and GDG on Campus Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)

The GDG Hudson Valley, GDG Capital Region and GDG on Campus Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) are chapters founded by local developer volunteers and have quickly grown to 1000+ members.

We hold regular general session meetups that focus on community building, networking, career development and highlighting and learning Google technologies.

We also host weekly study groups for members working on personal projects or upskilling to new technologies. We've hosted 340 of these meetups since 2016.

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About OpenHub

OpenHub
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OpenHub is an innovation think-tank, economy development, workforce development and community development company operating in the Hudson Valley.

Vision: A thriving technology-driven economy in the Hudson Valley

Mission: Connecting the Hudson Valley to build a Stronger, Technology-driven Economy

- We bring people together around technology and entrepreneurship
- by creating environment and conditions for mutual growth
- using technology and collaboration

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Your hosts

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Welcome from the DevFest Troy '26 organizers

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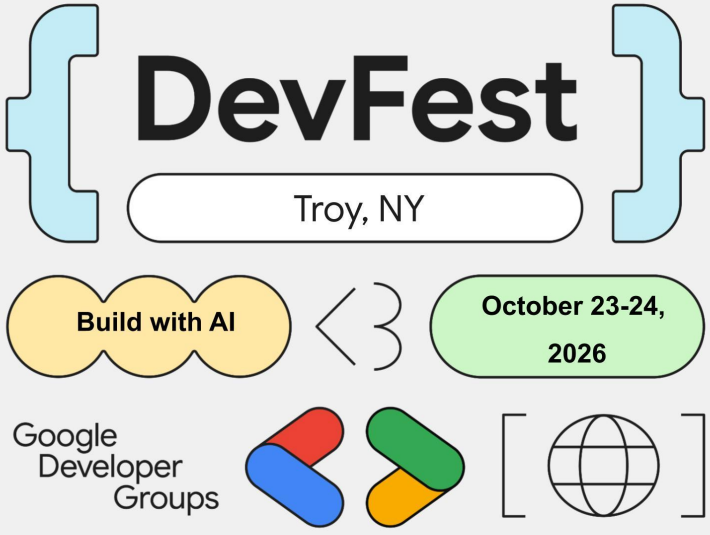


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Meet the speakers

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Abu Anwar MD Abdullah The Flutter Way	**Alice Keeler** Google Developer Expert	**Allen Firstenberg** Google Developer Expert	**Anjaiah Methuku** JPMorgan Chase	**Chris Smith** Promptly Technologies
Ed Pollack Transfinder	**Dan Andresen** **Liam O'Donnell**	**John Pole** Google Certified Generative AI Leader	**Kiruthika Subramani** Mila Quebec AI Institute	**Krishna Kandi** Convoke
Lauren Byers Byers Method	**Neethu Thalappan Koroth** MTA	**Pierrick Voulet** Google	**Ray Kim** Albany SQL group	**Roman Jaquez** Google Developer Expert
Roya Kandalan Google Developer Expert	**Scott Stalker** Top Level Code	**Sean Smith** fluXive.ai	**Alex Kociuba**	**Artem Chigrinets**

Friday, Oct 23: hands-on workshops

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Check-in 5:00 PM · Workshops 5:30–8:30 PM · Bring your laptop

Workshop 1

Vibe Code Together with Gemini 4 Argon

Allen Firstenberg
Room TBA

Workshop 2

Building a Multi-Agent System using Google's ADK

Roman Jaquez
Room TBA

Workshop 3

Let us build RAG that sees charts, connects documents, and stops ignoring half your data

Kiruthika Subramani
Room TBA

Saturday, Oct 24: morning

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Talks in DCC 308, 318 and 324 · Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Time	DCC 308	DCC 318	DCC 324
9:30–10:00	**Registration & coffee**		
10:00–10:45	**Opening** John Sturman · Yulia Ovchinnikova		
10:45–11:30	Multi-Platform Agentic Apps: Powering Flutter with Autonomous AI Roman Jaquez	The Iceberg Beneath AI: Why Data-First Architecture Determines Enterprise Success Jean Joseph	Democratizing Civic Data: How We Transformed Public Datasets into Actionable Policy Briefs Neethu Thalappan Koroth
11:30–12:15	“Stochastic parrots” no longer: Why nothing you used to know about AI applies in the age of RL Chris Smith	Integrate Antigravity agents with Google Cloud & Workspace MCPs Pierrick Voulet	When AI Agents Fail: Engineering Reliable AI Systems with Gemini & Google ADK Tejas Patel
12:15–1:00	Defying Gravity on the Yellow Brick Road of App Building Alice Keeler	I lost my job! Now what?!? A survival guide for the unemployed Ray Kim	Machines That Learn on the Job Sean Smith
1:00–2:00	**Lunch**		

Saturday, Oct 24: afternoon

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Talks in DCC 308, 318 and 324 · Closing remarks & raffle at 5:00 PM

Time	DCC 308	DCC 318	DCC 324
2:00–2:45	**Lightning Talks** **Dan Andresen · Artem Chigrinets**	When the Model Decides to Search: Agentic RAG in Practice Roya Kandalan	Building Observable Intelligent Systems with MCP and A2A: From Multi-Agent Architecture to Production Tracing Anjaiah Methuku
2:45–3:30	Neural Navigation: A Fruit Fly Takes the Helm, utilizing multi agent orchestration in software development Scott Stalker	When AI Agents Retry: Building Reliable Event-Driven Workflows Krishna Kandi	Vector Search in a Transactional Database Ed Pollack
3:30–4:15	Google's Modern Models (and when to use them) Allen Firstenberg	Stitching the Future of Coding: Autonomous AI Agents & Spec-Driven Development with Google Antigravity, Gemma, and Gemini John Pole	The Automation Trap: Are You Actually Ready for AI? Lauren Byers
4:15–5:00	Build with AI, Grow with Strategy: How I built my app faster & hit 50K+ downloads in record time Abu Anwar MD Abdullah	**Lightning Talks** **Liam O'Donnell · Alex Kociuba**	Escaping the Matrix by Plugging AI Directly Into Your Live Google Workspace Alice Keeler
5:00–5:30	**Closing remarks & raffle** Yulia · John · Keira · Richard		

Thank you, volunteers!

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DevFest Troy runs on people who give their time. Give them a cheer!

Ahona Mukherjee	Rick	Mingfeng Zhong
Arya Jodh	Elias Nemiri	Mwelwa Bwalya
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Divyansh Vaidya	Heather Seto	Trivika Komatireddy

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