

Cognizant Celebrates Software Developers with Eighth Annual Programmers' Week

"Frontrunner" Virtual Conference and Other Events to Feature More Than 100+ Tech Talks, Alongside Training and Development Opportunities

Headline Speakers include Aston Martin Aramco Cognizant Formula One driver [Sebastian Vettel](#), founding father of virtual reality [Jaron Lanier](#), Techonomy founder [David Kirkpatrick](#)

NEW YORK, Sept. 14, 2022 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Cognizant (Nasdaq: CTSH), one of the world's leading professional services companies, today unveiled its lineup of keynote speakers, panelists, and presenters for its eighth annual [Programmers' Week](#) global conference and other events led by the company's digital engineering arm, Cognizant Softvision.

Free and open to registrants, the Frontrunner virtual conference will take place on Wed., Sept. 21, 10:00 am to 12:15 pm Eastern. The action-packed agenda will feature speakers who educate, inspire and challenge conventional thinking, while centering on the attributes shared by technology leaders at the forefront of enterprise. Attendees will glean valuable insights, fresh thinking, and actionable plans to lead in a rapidly changing environment.

"This year's Programmers' Week is designed to deliver powerful insights, timely information, and important lessons on what it takes to lead in technology, in business, and in your career," said Andres Angelani, SVP and global head of digital engineering, Cognizant. "Our Frontrunner conference is built by technologists for technologists. Attendees can expect to spark connections, cultivate community, and learn how to overcome obstacles to become a frontrunner. It's an event built to inspire global technologists to be bolder and more creative with their thinking and solutions."

Highlights of the Frontrunner agenda include:

- **Keynote Speakers**
 - [Jaron Lanier](#) – Computer scientist, author, composer, artist and a leading voice on high-tech business and the social impact of technology
 - Andres Angelani – SVP and Global Head of Digital Engineering for Cognizant
- **Tech It Or Leave It** (powered by Cognizant Softvision and Techonomy)
 - Part game show, part rapid fire panel discussion, Tech it or Leave It will feature leading journalists, influencers and Cognizant Softvision engineers discussing and debating today's hot topics - from Metaverse, to blockchain, crypto, NFTs, AR/VR, and more.
- **Sebastian Vettel**
 - In this exclusive interview, the legendary racer and driver for the Aston Martin Aramco Cognizant Formula One Team will share what it takes to be a champion, both on and off the track.
- **Frontrunner Panel Discussion**
 - This roundtable will focus on the attributes of a Frontrunner, from determination, to risk taking, authenticity and vision, and beyond. Speakers will include Aston Martin Aramco Cognizant Formula One driver and ambassador Jessica Hawkins, Cognizant Chief Sustainability Officer Sophia Mendelsohn, Head of Cognizant Research Euan Davis, and Vice President of Culture for Cognizant Softvision, Fausta Ballesteros.

More than 100 diverse technical speakers from around the world will deliver tech talks to in-person and virtual audiences throughout the month of September, showcasing technologies and methodologies across cloud-based infrastructure, automation (QE, AQ, DevOps), product engineering (.NET, JAVA, Web and mobile), data analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning.

About International Programmers' Day

Cognizant Softvision's Programmers' Week, now in its eighth year, evolved from the celebration of International Programmers' Day, an annual event that takes place on the 256th day of the year (September 13 in 2022). The number 256 was chosen because it's the number of distinct values that can be represented with a byte, a value well known to programmers.

Initially celebrated as a one-day, in-person event in Romania, Cognizant Softvision has blossomed its recognition and celebration of Programmers' Day into a month-long slate of activities, featuring both internal-facing training and development events for the organization's 30,000+ engineers, designers and developers, as well as external initiatives like the Frontrunner conference that help share its vision and thought leadership regarding the future of digital engineering, technology and business.

For more information on Programmers' Week and to register for the September 21 Frontrunner conference, visit programmersweek.com.

About Cognizant Softvision

Cognizant Softvision is the integrated digital engineering arm of Cognizant (Nasdaq: CTSH), one of the world's leading

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