

**Conference Theme: Agentic AI in the TPF Environment**

**Sunday - March 22nd, 2026**

**4:00PM - 6:00PM Early Registration Open**

**4:00PM - 6:00PM Board of Directors / Subcommittee Chairs Meeting (Closed)  
Subcommittee Chairs and Directors only**

**6:00PM - 6:30PM New Attendees Orientation**

**Monday - March 23rd, 2026**

**7:30am - 6:00pm Registration Open**

**7:45am - 9:00am Breakfast provided by TPFUG**

**9:00am - 11:00am General Session - Opening**

- TPFUG Welcome - John Chauvenne (Travelport)
- Vendor Introduction - Connie Walberg (IBM)
- IBM Lab Welcome - Luanne Jagich (IBM)
- Conference Theme "*Agentic AI for z/TPF*"
- Agentic AI for z/TPF - Mark Gambino (IBM)
- AI and Security for Enterprise Data - Beth Peterson & Theresa Brown (IBM)

**11:00am - 11:15am Break**

**11:15am - 12:05pm Subcommittee Meeting - Operations and Coverage**

Addresses the issues with operating and managing the TPF systems, including Console support (TOS), Virtual Tape, DASD subsystems, performance, load and incident management in the TPF environment.

- Welcome
- Presentations
  - The AI in AIROE - Stephen Johnson & Robert West (DXC Technology)
  - RTMC Update - Liz Potapova (IBM)

**12:05pm - 1:05pm Lunch provided by TPFUG**

**1:05pm - 2:05pm Subcommittee Meeting - Operations and Coverage (Continued)**

- Presentations (Continued)
  - Anomaly Detection - Michael Shershin (IBM)
  - RTMC Futures - Josh Wisniewski (IBM)

## TPF Users Group 2026 Conference Agenda

### **2:05pm - 3:15pm Subcommittee Meeting - System Control Program**

Addresses CPU, DASD, and tape components as well as the general issues of TPF shipments, packaging, support standards, documentation, and procedures.

- Welcome
- Presentations
  - Identify all Tape NSVs for a Given Dump - Michael Shershin (IBM)
  - Name Value Pair Area Enhancements - Michael Shershin (IBM)
  - ECB Heap Enhancements – Part 2 - Gabe Nieves (IBM)
  - VFILE from VSSI: File Transfer - Shaken, not Stirred - Rick Troth (VSSI)

### **3:15pm - 3:30pm Break**

### **3:30pm - 4:55pm Subcommittee Meeting - Application Development**

Addresses issues related to development of applications for the zTPF environment, including the application program interface presented by zTPF, programming language compilers, development, and test tools, and development methodologies.

- Welcome
- Presentations
  - Glibc Update - JT Plotzke (IBM)
  - DFDL Enhancements - Bradd Kadlecik (IBM)
  - zDFExplorer - Intelligent Data Navigation for z/TPFDF - TSI

### **5:00pm – 6:00pm Monday's Hot Topics**

- Hot Topic 1 - TBD
- Hot Topic 2 - TBD

### **6:30pm - 9:30pm TPF Users Group Reception and Special Program**

- Location: The Stillery Midtown
- Address: 1921 Broadway, Nashville TN 37203  
615-760-5158
- More Info: [Stillery Midtown](#)

**Tuesday - March 24th, 2026**

**7:30am - 6:00pm Registration Open**

**7:45am - 9:00am Breakfast provided by TPFUG**

**9:00am - 10:50am Subcommittee Meeting - Development Tools**

Addresses TPF Toolkit and other source development tools. This includes test tools, zTPFGI, VPARs, VTAPE, and other third-party products.

- Welcome
- Presentations
  - TPF Documentation: Generative AI vs Tool-based approach - Nayan Zaveri (Crazy Ideas)
  - z/TPFGI Update - What's New - TSI
  - z/TPF Development Visual Studio Code Extension - Matt Gritter (IBM)
  - z/TPF Debugger - Kathleen Chalas

**10:50am - 11:05am Break**

**11:05am - 11:45am Subcommittee Meeting - Development Tools (Continued)**

- Presentations (Continued)
  - AI-enabled Mainframe Modernization and Migration - Infosys Perspective & Capabilities - Sudheer Guduri (Infosys)
  - Agentic AI AAVA for TPF documentation - Nagendra Honavalli (Ascendion)

**11:45am - 12:05pm Subcommittee Meeting - Database**

Addresses all issues related to TPF Database/TPPDF, Business Events, Recoup, Pools, and the file systems in TPF. This includes DASD file systems.

- Welcome
- Presentations
  - Mainframe and MongoDB - Stephen Spence (Travelport)

**12:05pm - 1:05pm Lunch provided by TPFUG**

**1:05pm - 2:40pm Subcommittee Meeting - Database (Continued)**

- Presentations (Continued)
  - Business Event Error Handling Enhancements -Austin Frank (IBM)
  - z/TPF Support for MongoDB version 8.0 - Austin Frank (IBM)
  - TPDFDF Performance and Storage Improvements - Chris Filachek (IBM)
  - z/TPF Database Usage and Analysis - Chris Filachek (IBM)

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### **2:40pm - 3:00pm Subcommittee Meeting - Communications**

Addresses TCP/IP, MQSeries and inter-processor communications, including MPIF, OSA, etc.

- Presentations
  - 64-bit MQ Limited Browse and What's Next for z/TPF MQ - Jamie Farmer (IBM)

### **3:00pm - 3:15pm Break**

### **3:15pm - 4:55pm Subcommittee Meeting - Communications (Continued)**

- Presentations (Continued)
  - Remote Certificate Expiration Monitoring and Security Improvements - Jamie Farmer (IBM)
  - Future TPF IP Routing Solution - Jamie Farmer (IBM)
  - HTTP/2 Support for Enhanced HTTP Client - Claire Durant (IBM)
  - z/TPF Support for OpenTelemetry Automatic Trace Context Propagation for REST - Josh Wisniewski (IBM)

### **5:00pm - 6:00pm Tuesday's Hot Topics**

- TBD
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### **6:00pm - 9:00pm Vendor Reception and Exhibition Programs**

- Location: Row Kitchen & Pub
- Address: 110 Lyle Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203  
629-263-7418
- More Info: [The Row Kitchen & Pub](#)

## TPF Users Group 2026 Conference Agenda

### **Wednesday - March 25th, 2026**

**7:30am - 9:00am Registration Open**

**7:45am - 9:00am Breakfast provided by TPFUG**

**9:00am - 10:30am Ongoing TPF Education**

- The New z/TPF Developer Experience - Zach Polleck (IBM)

**10:30am - 10:45am Break**

**10:45am - 11:30am General Session**

- Introductions / Announcements / Membership Roster Updates
- Board of Directors Report
- Financial Report
- Subcommittee Reports
- Requirements Subcommittee Session
  - Welcome/Introduction
  - Requirement Submission and Voting
- Conference Adjournment