

I'll Be Presenting at NCDevcon in May

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I'm tickled pink to announce that I will be presenting a couple of sessions at the upcoming **NCDevCon**, dubbed *North Carolina's Premier Web Conference*, which is being held in beautiful Raleigh, North Carolina on May 22nd and 23rd. As I discussed in a [previous post](#) NCDevCon is being organized by the **Triangle Area ColdFusion User's Group** and is a sequel to the hugely successful and wildly talked about **CFinNC**.

I will be presenting two sessions:

- Getting Started with ColdFusion ORM
- Creating a Twitter / Google Maps Mashup with CF and Open Source Tools

The first session is one that I have presented before, but ColdFusion ORM is an important topic and therefore the committee considered it worth presenting again. The second session will be a fun one. In it I will demonstrate how I used a number of freely available open source tools to generate a Google Map showing the locations of all of my Twitter friends. This is a project that I built some time ago, and is currently available [via my site](#). I'll be making some updates to it prior to the conference and my hope is that the session will illustrate two points:

1. There are pre-existing ColdFusion open source projects that can be used to fulfill many of your application's requirements.
2. It's very easy to create something cool using ColdFusion.

The conference itself is still chock full of ColdFusion, Flex and AIR goodness, but also includes a healthy dose of JavaScript, CSS and other web development topics. The [schedule with a full list of sessions](#) has been published, and it's top notch. I'm particularly pleased to see some folks whom I met last year presenting this year, including **Daria Norris** and **Jim Leether**. There will also be a number of hands-on ColdFusion sessions for beginners, so if you know someone who would benefit from a bit of a ColdFusion kick-start, send them down North Carolina way.

Registration is open, and, just like last year's CFinNC, it's absolutely free. I hope to see many of you there.