Online ColdFusion Meetup 300th Episode
A look back, and a new direction

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Topics

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- **About our new direction**

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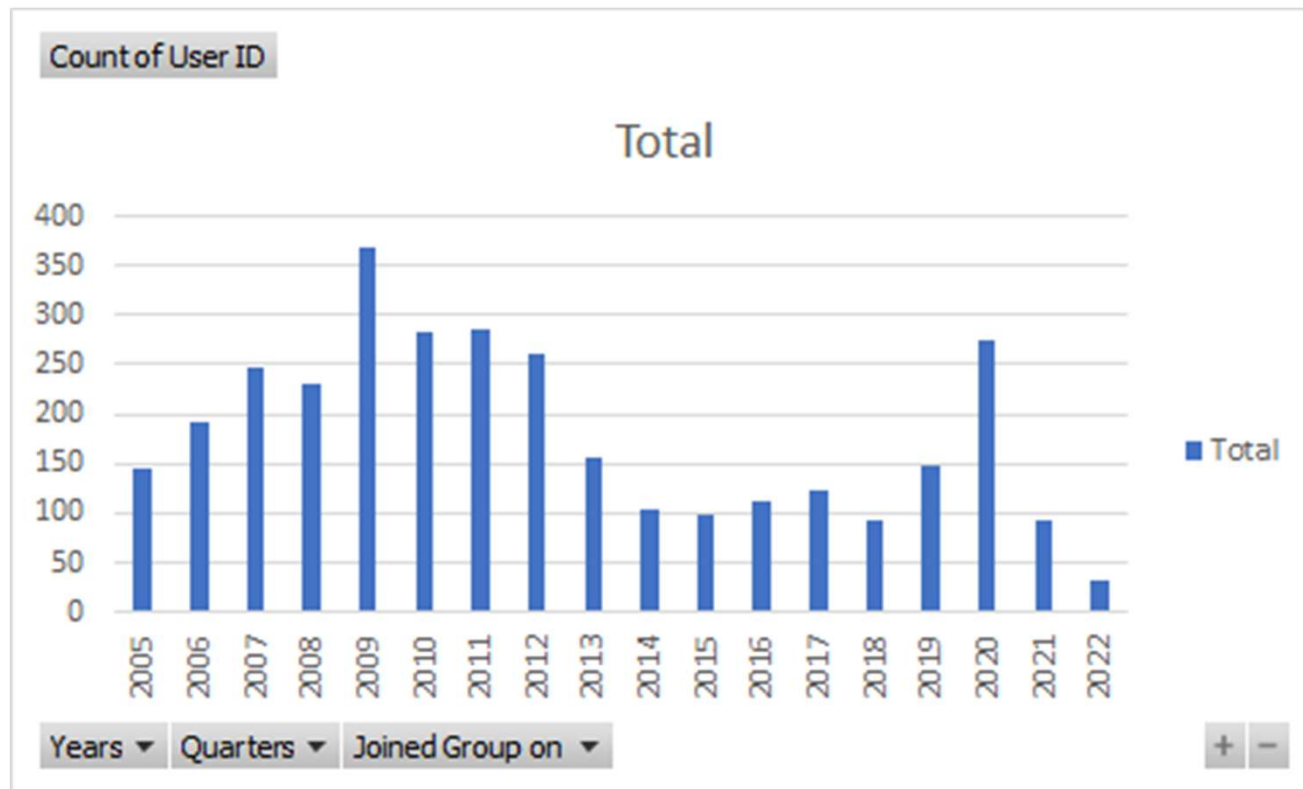charlie@carehart.org

About our history

- **Group formed originally in 2005 by Steven Erat**

- **He had to step down in 2007, Ray Camden and I took it on**
  - **Then Ray had to step down some months later**

- **Now 15 years that I've been hosting**
  - **Stats to follow are on the details I kept since taking it over**
    - **So some of the info from when Steven ran it was not readily available**

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About our members

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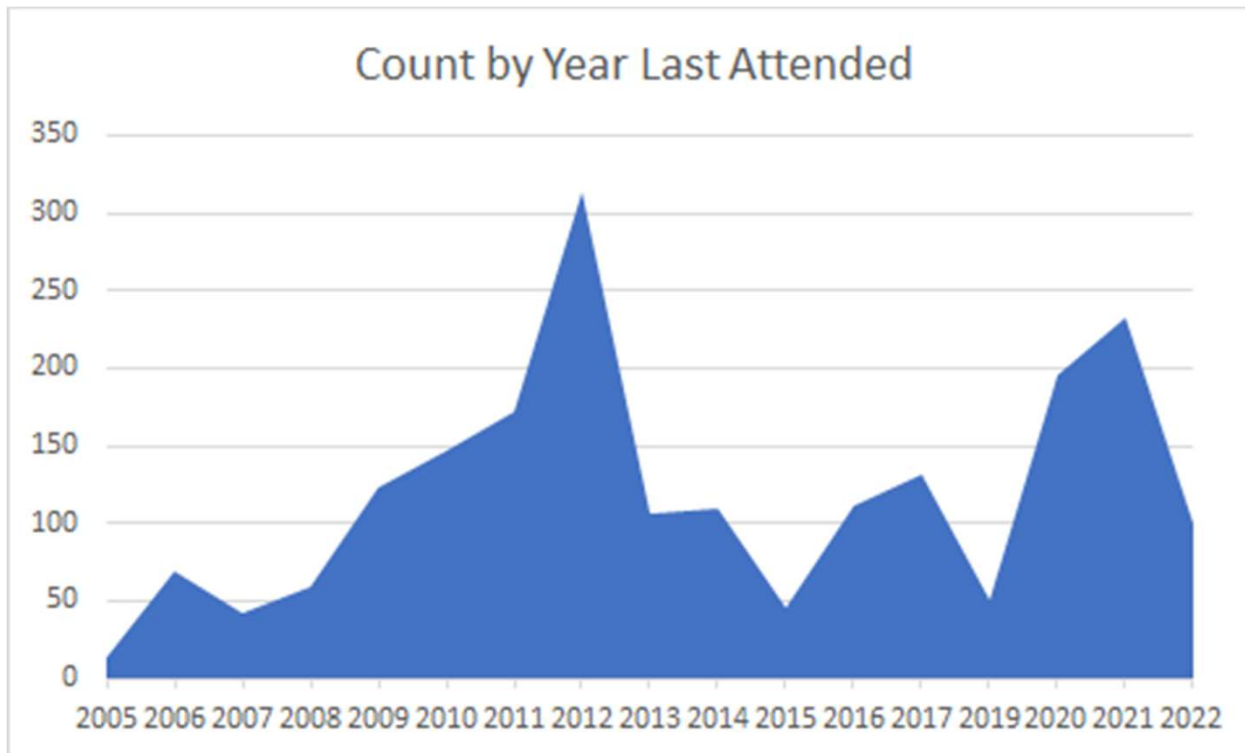- **3248 current members of the meetup group**
  - **over 2000 of them have RSVPed at least once**
  - **about 600 have attended in the past 4 years**

Count of signups by year

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Count by year last attended
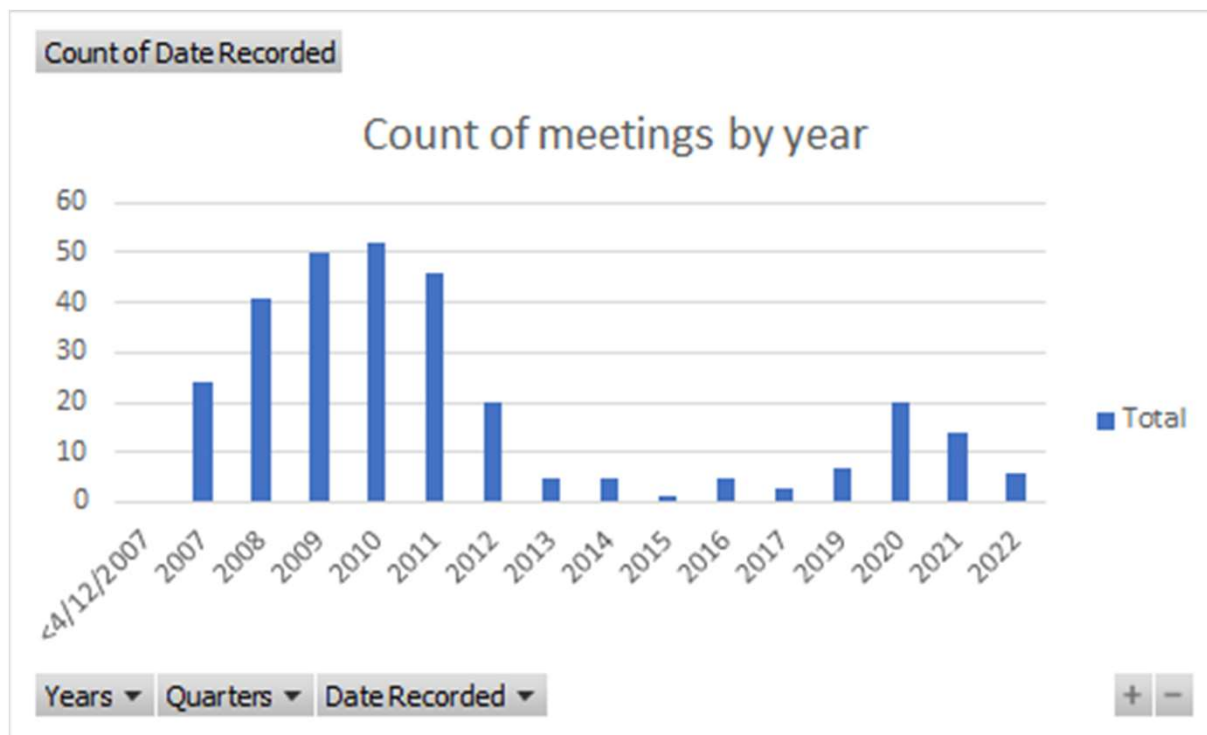
Top 5 attendees…

- **Those who have RSVPed most often, attended in past 3 years**
  - all of them between 70 and 100 RSVPs
- **BigTallGeoff**
- **Dave Irovic**
- **Ed Bartram**
- **Jacob Fifhause**
- **Kal Vangapalli**

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About our meetings

Count of meetings by year

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More about our meetings

- Years with most meetings: 2010 (52), 2009 (50)

- Years where we had least: 2015, only 1 (mine)

- Longest stretch between them: 22 months (dec 2017 to oct 2019)

- Any guess how many times we had 2 talks in one day?
  - 59 times (mostly in first 5 years)

- But we've met more in past 3 years than previous 7 yrs combined

- Trivia: had two talks in same day (5/5/11), same topic, different speakers:
  - "CFMeetup: Getting Started with ColdFusion Builder 2", Ray Camden and Josh Adams

- FWIW: 200th episode was in July 2011

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Top topics presented

- security (14)
- cfb (13)
- testing (12)
- db/sql/nosql (11)
- mobile (9)
- orm (9)
- javascript (8)
- apis (7)
- cloud (7)
- aws (6)

- flex (6)
- air (3)
- git (3)
- caching (4)
- commandbox (3)
- java (3)
- updating cf/java (3)
- fw1 (5), wheels (5), mg (2), mii (2), cb (3), fb (1), coldspring(4), di (2)

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Recordings

- **Recordings all available via recordings.coldfusionmeetup.com**
  - How that "pages" feature of meetup.com is going away

- **Sessions were first on Adobe connect**
  - Adobe connect recordings

- **Then moved to youtube (and run via Streamyard)**

- **Bonus topic: check out the Modernize or Die podcast**
  - https://cfmlnews.modernizeordie.io/
  - Follow Pete Freitag's CFBreak: https://www.cfbreak.com/

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Youtube stats

- **Nearly 20k views, 3500 hrs of views, Nearly 450 subscribers**

- **Top 10 most viewed videos:**
    - Installing ColdFusion 2021:choices, challenges, solutions; Charlie Arehart--ColdFusion Meetup #288-7 (1,948 or 10.0%)
    - NativeScript - open source platform to build Native iOS/Android Apps", w/ Dan Wilson--CFMeetup #244 (1,732 or 8.9%)
    - Building APIs with ColdFusion, Part 1: Start coding APIs today; Gavin Pickin--ColdFusion Meetup #273 (1,727 or 8.8%)
    - ColdFusion 101: Intro to CF for Beginner Devs, Decision Makers, David Byers--ColdFusion meetup #284 (1,136 or 5.8%)
    - Migrating apps to ColdFusion 2021 from earlier versions, Charlie Arehart--ColdFusion Meetup #292 (804 or 4.1%)
    - How to use the ColdFusion API Manager to modernize your App", Dan Wilson--ColdFusion Meetup #269 (596 or 3.1%)
    - Securing a ColdFusion Application with Fixinator & FuseGuard; Pete Freitag--ColdFusion Meetup #282 (523 or 2.7%)
    - Public Beta walkthru of ColdFusion Next--Project Stratus", Rakshith Naresh--ColdFusion Meetup #268 (476 or 2.4%)
    - Taffy and More: REST API Live Coding & Fireside Chat with Adam Tuttle -- ColdFusion Meetup #276 (464 or 2.4%)
    - Using CommandBox CLI to manage all your servers, with Brad Wood -- ColdFusion Meetup #278 (402 or 2.1%)

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Even old shows are still relevent

- **Take a look at 2017 and 2 years before**

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About our speakers

Top 15 most frequent speakers

- **Charlie Arehart   25**
- **Dan Wilson   10**
- **Raymond Camden   9**
- **Brad Wood   7**
- **Steve Drucker   7**
- **Gavin Pickin   6**
- **Dave Ferguson   5**
- **Mike Henke   5**
- **Pete Freitag   5**
- **Peter Bell   5**
- **Mark Mandel   4**
- **Mark Phillips   4**
- **Terry Ryan   4**
- **Bill Shelton   3**
- **Bob Silverberg   3**

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For the record: past presenters (2 or more times)

- Charlie Arehart   25
- Dan Wilson   10
- Raymond Camden   9
- Brad Wood   8
- Steve Drucker   7
- Gavin Pickin   6
- Dave Ferguson   5
- Mike Henke   5
- Pete Freitag   5
- Peter Bell   5
- Mark Mandel   4
- Mark Phillips   4
- Terry Ryan   4

- Bill Shelton   3
- Bob Silverberg   3
- Brian Meloche   3
- Chris Peters   3
- Daria Norris   3
- Isaac Dealey   3
- Jim Harris   3
- John Mason   3
- Josh Adams   3
- Kev McCabe   3
- Kurt Wiersma   3
- Luis Majano   3
- Matt Gifford   3

- Matt Woodward   3
- Peter Oliver-Krueger   3
- Ray Camden   3
- Aaron Greenlee   2
- Adam Howitt   2
- Adam Tuttle   2
- Barney Boisvert   2
- Carl Meyer   2
- Charlie Arehart and Dan Wilson   2
- Dan Skaggs   2
- David Byers   2
- Denard Springle   2
- Doug Boude   2

- Elliott Sprehn   2
- Ezra Parker   2
- Jacob Munson   2
- James Brown   2
- Jason Dean   2
- Jim Priest   2
- John Farrar   2
- Marc Esher   2
- Matthew Clemente   2
- Nick Kwiatkowski   2
- Patrick Quinn   2
- Rakshith Naresh   2
- Robin Hilliard   2

- S. Isaac Dealey   2
- Sam Farmer   2
- Scott Stroz   2
- Sean Corfield   2
- Steve Bryant   2
- Steve Withington   2
- Steven Neiland   2
- Sumit Verma   2
- Tim Cunningham   2
- TJ VanToll   2

For the record: past presenters (1 time)

- Aaron Foss
- Akiva (Pete) Lombardo
- Alex Ziskind
- Andreas Grabner
- Andy Hill
- Andy Matthews
- Aurélien Deleusière
- Barry Morris/Wiqar Chaudry
- Bilal Soylu
- Billy Cravens
- Brian Klaas
- Brian Panulla
- Brian Reilly
- Brian Rinaldi

- Bruno Zugay
- Christian Ready
- Dale Fraser
- Damon Gentry
- Dan Sirucek
- Dan Wilson & TJ VanToll
- David Henry
- David Shepherd
- David Stockton
- Dean Ghanem
- Dean Saxe
- Doug Hughes
- Doug Smith
- Fred Anderson

- G. Andrew Duthie
- Geoff Bowers
- Geoff Bowers, Matt Bryant
- Gert Franz
- Giancarlo Gomez
- Grant Straker
- Guillaume Betaillouloux
- Guust Nieuwenhuis
- Hal Helms
- Jamie Krug
- Jeff Gladnick
- Jessica Keener
- John Bender, Adobe

- John Paul Ashenfelter
- John Wargo
- Jonathan Wall
- Joseph Lamoree
- Josh Patterson
- Josh Timonen
- Joshua Cyr
- Justin McLean
- Kevin Roche
- Mark Drew
- Mark Takata
- Matt Pressnall
- Matt Woodward &Peter Farrell
- Matthew McCullough

- Michael Evangelista
- Mike Brunt
- Mike Culver, Amazon
- Nic Tunney
- Oguz Demirkapi
- Peter Amiri
- Peter Farrell
- Peter Farrell and Kurt Wiersma
- Phillip Senn
- Qasim Rasheed
- Rakshith Naresh (CF Product Mgr)
- Ray Camden, Todd Sharp, Brian Meloche

For the record: past presenters (1 time)

- Raymond Camden, Brian Rinaldi & Dan Wilson

- Rob Gonda

- Rudi Shumpert

- Ryan Anklam

- Ryan Anklam & Jon Dowdle

- Sean Schroeder

- Shawn Oden

- Sidney Maestre

- Simon Horwith

- Simon MacDonald

- Spike Washburn

- Sven Ramuschkat

- Thomas Burleson

- Tom Chiverton

- Tom Jordahl

- Troy Murray

- Vicky Ryder

- Wes Byrd

- Wil Genovese

- William Greenly

Challenges along the way

- **Finding speakers**
  - **Adobe has only spoken once, Rakshith**
  - **But now they do offer their own webinars, so that's understandable**

- **Making of a meeting**

- **Meetup cost (198/yr)**
  - **Meetup hassles**

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New direction

- **Will let it be "The charlie show" (in concept, not name)**
  - At least monthly, hopefully biweekly or even weekly
  - Other speakers welcome, but will not be focus as before
- **Maybe only a half hour as default**
- **Better promotion (cfml slack, FB/LinkedIn groups)**
  - Already do tweet and post on Adobe CF portal

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