Speaker Spotlight - Dan Vega

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[Dan Vega](#) is Web Developer for the eBusiness department of STERIS Corporation, and has been developing web applications with ColdFusion for six years. Dan has a passion for inspiring and educating others. He regularly blogs at http://www.danvega.org/blog/ about his daily findings and enjoys speaking to those willing to listen. He is also the co-manager of the Cleveland ColdFusion User Group. As co-manager, he regularly provides content to the group, answers members' questions and presents on a wide variety of topics at monthly Cleveland CFUG meetings, and has also presented to other user groups.

CFUnited sessions : Developing Web Applications for Mobile Devices Validation in ColdFusion

1. Have you spoken at CFUnited in the past?

Yes. I gave a presentation on Transfer last year.

2. Why should people attend your sessions?

I think they are both going to be fun topics to present on. I really take the time to make sure I am prepared for a session and I think my enthusiasm for the topic really comes through in the presentation.

3. Do you have any projects in the works that you will be revealing at CFUnited?

I have 1 that is already out there but I plan on talking about it a little bit more during my Validation topic.

4. Besides your topic, what other sessions are you looking forward to?

I always look forward to the Keynote. We get a chance to reflect on what has happened over the last year and look forward to what is to come. As far as sessions

go I am really looking forward to Elliott Sprehn's session because he always has something to talk about that makes me go "wow".

5. What are some of the hot topics you'd like to see at RoundTable discussions?

We are right in the middle of an exciting time in development and it all centers around the mobile platform. The two big players right now are Android and iPhone OS. I would love to see an Android related BOF because its something I am excited about.

6. Where can people find you at CFUnited?

I am always around so if you see me please don't hesitate to grab me and talk shop, it's my favorite part of the conference. If you can't find me I would check the bar, good place to start!

7. What's the latest news with you? Has anything changed since last CFUnited?

Not really, life is good! Wait, my foot healed and I think I am going to officially withdrawal from any sumo wrestling events this year.

8. What is unique about CFUnited?

It's just the massive amount of ColdFusion developers that are there. I really enjoy networking and hanging out with friends that I only get to see a couple times a year. Also, the Lansdowne Resort is an amazing place to have a conference. I had a blast there last year and expect nothing less this year.

9. What do you like to do in your free time?

Writing code is not just a profession to me, it's almost an obsession. I have a large thirst for knowledge so you can usually find me learning something new in my spare time. With that said I love being outside when the weather is nice. There is nothing more relaxing to me then a nice long run through the streets of Cleveland on warm sunny evening. I also enjoy a good movie, hanging out with friends and you can usually find me at a poker table on the weekends.