

Speaker Spotlight: Chaz Chumley

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[Chaz Chumley](#) - Consultant, Instructor, Author, Husband and Father. Chaz has been specializing in web development and database design since 1995. He currently resides as CIO for w3Consultants, an Internet Application Development & Hosting company as well as an Instructor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas teaching XHTML, CSS, JavaScript, Fireworks, Photoshop and ColdFusion. Chaz is also a contributing author and partner at CommunityMX as well as a User Group Manager for the Las Vegas Adobe User Group and a guest speaker at such conferences as Todcon and CFUnited.

CFUnited session: [Building Desktop applications with Coldfusion 8 and AIR](#)

1. Have you spoken at CFUnited in the past?

I have spoken the past 3 years as well as CFUnited Europe. If you had a choice between conferences, CFUnited is definitely the best for networking, learning and sharing information with your peers and experts in the industry.

2. Why should people attend your session(s)?

Web designers and developers who are interested in AIR and not the type you breath then feel free to stop by my session. We have lots of fun and being from Las Vegas, end the session rolling a little dice for prizes.

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

If having fun is a project then...YES.

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

Simon Free is always a blast to listen to. Even if you get nothing out of his sessions you will be leaving in tears. He's is so funny and a great presenter.

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

Frameworks, Refactoring and the best one of all... How the hell do I make money doing this?

6. Where can people find you at CFUnited?

All of the above... Regardless of what time it is I am always open to people dragging me out for a drink.

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

What hasn't changed. I have been doing a lot of Open Source development (Drupal, PHP). Wait did I say that

8. What is unique about CFUnited?

Networking. Unlike other conferences where there are too many people. CFUnited always has just the right amount and if you don't leave without having met someone new then you were sleeping the whole time.

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

I coach youth sports. I am coaching my daughters fastpitch softball Allstar team and Pop Warner football.

10. Who are the best conference organizers in the business?

Stellr - Liz and Nafisa and of course Elliott.