

# Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009...

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[VMworld Team](#) 132 posts since

Jun 12, 2008

Please share any info about yourself and perhaps why you plan to attend. Your input may be helpful to others considering the same reasons for attending.

Tags: [vmworld\\_2009](#), [san\\_francisco](#), [moscone\\_center](#)



[Shawn Cannon](#) 2 posts since

*Apr 29, 2008* **1. Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Feb 23, 2009 6:56 AM

I am planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Fran. My role at my company is managing our infrastructure and VI3 is a big part of that. I am a newly certified VCP and my company wants me to attend the conference. I am really looking forward to seeing what VMware has in store for its products,



[Thomas Schonborg](#) 1 posts since

*Jul 9, 2008* **2. Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Mar 19, 2009 3:29 PM

I'm planning to attend and I'll be bringing at least two other co-workers with me.



[David Hawley](#) 1 posts since

*Mar 30, 2009* **3. Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Mar 31, 2009 12:08 PM

I would like to submit a paper and speak. Does anyone know if I will get a free pass if accepted to speak?



[tlemcke](#) 8 posts since

*Mar 31, 2009* **4. Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Mar 31, 2009 1:49 PM

in response to: [David Hawley](#)

David,

Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009...

Yes. All speakers whose presentation has been accepted for VMworld 09 will receive a complimentary full conference pass. Good luck!

-Tess



[laustinspace](#) 1 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 5. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 1, 2009 4:24 AM

With budgets the way they are, who has the money for this? We're just laying low trying to avoid the layoff fairy.



[Christopher Apostolof](#) 4 posts since

Jul 8, 2008 6. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 3, 2009 9:45 AM

Gotta agree with laustinspace. We've managed to avoid the layoff train, but with budgets the way they are? The only way I'll see VMworld this year is if I can find a magic invite.



[Tricia Rowland](#) 19 posts since

Jun 27, 2008 7. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 3, 2009 3:52 PM

👤 in response to: [Christopher Apostolof](#)

I'm in the same boat and won't be able to fork over the cost of heading to SF this fall. But they do offer a virtual conference subscription (<http://www.vmworld.com/community/subscription>) for access to all the sessions. It only includes last year right now, but maybe VMworld 2009 sessions can be pre-purchased. (oh yeah, it also includes the next show in Europe, which I know won't be in my travel budget)

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[JR Dalrymple](#) 1 posts since

Sep 9, 2008 8. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 3, 2009 4:09 PM

I was a first time attendee in 2008 and will be going back for round 2 in 2009. My company (a 30,000+ employee healthcare entitee) wouldn't spring for me to go. Even still I recognize the value that being at the forefront of virtualization technologies adds to me as an individual, and they can reap some amount of benefit from my attendance.

The economic situation really should be seen as more of an incentive to attend than a detraction; as such I'll look forward to seeing you all in San Fransisco.



[Christoper Apostolof](#) 4 posts since

Jul 8, 2008 9. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 3, 2009 4:12 PM

↑ in response to: [JR Dalrymple](#)

JR, you definitely have a good point, however I think my wife would kill me if I hit San Francisco for a week instead of our yearly vacation... lol



[TTW](#) 1 posts since

May 9, 2008 10. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 22, 2009 8:44 AM

↑ in response to: [Christoper Apostolof](#)

Times aren't too bad, just a matter of choices.



[Michael McClurg](#) 2 posts since

May 7, 2008 11. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 15, 2009 8:48 AM

↑ in response to: [TTW](#)

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[iankoenig](#) 2 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 12. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 15, 2009 9:59 AM

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I'm planning on going. My company has been deep with VMware for close to 5 years and this conference is an excellent opportunity to have face to face time with Support, Developers, Engineers, product marketing, Program Managers etc to help get features and functionality into the products.

I also view this as a once a year opportunity to validate our environment, issues and compare with other companies and make contacts with those folks. I've met some amazingly talented and intelligent people at this conference.

Going this year will be a fight with the tightening of belts though it is worth it in my mind to go through this red tape.



[Patrick Brown](#) 31 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 13. Re: **Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 16, 2009 8:41 AM

Looks like I'll be making the trip this year. Attended my first VMworld in 2007, the last time the event location was San Francisco. Learned alot and had a great time at the conference.

Couldn't make it to Vegas last year because ironicaly, we were in the middle of a VI upgrade!

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Definitely looking forward to getting back to San Francisco this year! Hoping time permits to visit a few places in the city I wanted to last time but couldn't.

For those who are trying to decide if attending the conference is worth your while, trust me, it is. If you apply yourself, attend the breakout sessions that pertain to you and your business, attend some hands-on labs perhaps, and of course, take time to view the products and speak with the experts in the Solutions Exchange, it's definitely worth it.



[Anne Arrowood](#) 1 posts since


Sep 10, 2007 14. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 16, 2009 11:31 AM

I'll be there even if I have to pay my own way. This will be my third VMworld and I wouldn't miss it.



[derekn](#) 36 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 15. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 17, 2009 7:26 AM

 in response to: [Anne Arrowood](#)

I will be heading to SF this year. This will be my 3rd vmworld, so I am a alumni now...yippee!!!

This is the only conference I attend annually and can't wait for this one. I think there is a lot coming down this year and can't find better ways to optimize our virtual environment.

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[Oliphant](#) 25 posts since

Mar 7, 2008 16. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 27, 2009 6:20 AM

I would love to more so with the release of vSphere I think there will be a lot of exciting products and discussions. I cannot say for sure yet but I am watching the space.



[Oliphant](#) 25 posts since

Mar 7, 2008 17. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Apr 27, 2009 6:28 AM

The system errored on my first message and is now listing two of the same post.


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Message was edited by: Oliphant



[Bryan Purtell](#) 16 posts since

May 9, 2008 18. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 7, 2009 10:44 AM

 in response to: [Anne Arrowood](#)

I'll be there. This will be my second time attending the conference.

Another co-worker will also be coming. It'll be his 5th time attending a VMworld conference.

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[Brenton Hughes](#) 19 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 19. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 13, 2009 11:03 AM

Planning to, got all of the paperwork in, we shall see. This will be my third year. 😊



[Les Barnes](#) 1 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 20. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 18, 2009 2:26 PM

I'll be there for the second time (first time in 2007). Hopefully, I'll get to bring the wife, take a few extra days and do a little sightseeing also. Last time we had only been using VI3 for about 6 months so I crammed a lot into that week -- and almost reached burnout. Plus, with some folks limiting their travel, perhaps I'll have better luck getting lab time -- too bad for them but great for me 😊. The 2007 information was very useful and educational -- we modified our environment a little after I got back -- and I'm excited to see how VI4 can add to our production capabilities. I think thin provisioning will be huge for us -- we're always fighting the space issues on our SANs.

We're also exploring thin computing and application virtualization as a way to improve desktop and application management, control costs of desktop life-cycle replacements, and improve our desktop DR capabilities -- so leave me a space in those labs please.



[Shawn Logan](#) 10 posts since

Apr 1, 2008 21. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 22, 2009 9:56 AM

Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009...

Purchased my pass, looking forward to it. Will be my first time there. Hoping to attend some of the instructor led labs, as well as the self paced labs. As well looking to find it more about vsphere with it's current release, upgrading my servers very shortly.

Any recomendations on hotels I am considering the Westin on Market street seems to be pretty central and within the bosses budget.



[Eric Bouliane](#) 1 posts since


Nov 2, 2008 22. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 25, 2009 12:31 PM

Well my request was finally approved while I was on vacation, so I will be attending. This will be the first time I go, let alone anyone from my company. I will try to attend anything I can of course and make the most of it. Looking forward to it!



[Timothy Woodland](#) 1 posts since

May 26, 2009 23. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 26, 2009 8:49 PM

 in response to: [JR Dalrymple](#)

I'm in the same boat, my employer does not have the budget to send me, but I still plan on attending. It seems to be really valuable, from the people I have talked with who have attended in previous years. I opted not to go last year (when they could pay), and I think it was a big mistake.

I'm still trying to figure out the hotel, I want to stay close to the Moscone Center, but \$259 bucks a night seems on the high side. Did anybody get good rates at hotels close to the conference center, in the 150-200 range?

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[tlembke](#) 8 posts since

Mar 31, 2009 24. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 27, 2009 8:52 AM

in response to: [Timothy Woodland](#)

Mr Woodland,

Perhaps you have already visited this page, but try starting at <http://vmworld.com/community/conferences/2009/hotel-travel/>. Scroll down to the map, zoom in towards the conference center and look up numbers of hotels within the vicinity of Moscone, in the table above.

#12, Pickwick Hotel, \$169

#38, Mosser Hotel, \$159

#11, Powell Hotel, \$139

Also, if you click the number in the map, it will show you the distance to the venue. Hope this helps.

Regards,

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[Kelly Olivier](#) 2 posts since

Jan 3, 2009 [25](#). **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 27, 2009 2:29 PM

[↑](#) in response to: [tlembke](#)

I just registered. Also, i booked an advance room at the Hilton Financial District for 135 a night. Gotta get those Honors Points! it seems to be about 1.5 miles from the center though.



[Don V](#) 9 posts since

Feb 22, 2009 [26](#). **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 28, 2009 11:17 AM

I'll be there. Traveling from Cleveland, OH.

My company has a Storage & Virtualization Services team, and a number of us are attending. I have duties that cross sales and implementation duties, so I'll likely be quite busy at the show.

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As the technical team lead, my plans are to attend a couple of the technical sessions, and to take advantage of as many of the sales/marketing/technical presentations as I can.



[Gavin Haslett](#) 9 posts since

Jun 6, 2008 27. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** May 29, 2009 1:41 PM

in response to: [Don V](#)

Yup... I'll be there, just like last year 😊

Seriously, VMworld is the only conference I make time for any more. Synergy has really become "Rah Rah Citrix Conference" and most of the Microsoft conferences are talking about technologies that have been done better by others years ago. I don't have time for that... I like that VMworld is a dynamic and fun conference where I still manage to take a lot of valuable information back home. It was at least in part because of last year that we implemented Lab Manager and are looking seriously at Site Recovery Manager for 2010/2011 projects. Who knows what I'll find to spend our money on this year 😊



[Simon Wilmann](#) 7 posts since

Jun 25, 2008 28. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jun 1, 2009 8:28 PM

I'll be there but im a bit upset about

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<http://www.virtualization.info/2009/05/is-vmworld-still-open-for-competition.html>



[Robert McNeill](#) 2 posts since

May 15, 2008 29. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jun 22, 2009 6:53 PM

I will be there , my first vmworld -

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I can't wait to pick the brains of all my peers



[Robert McNeill](#) 2 posts since

May 15, 2008 30. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jun 22, 2009 6:55 PM

👤 in response to: [Timothy Woodland](#)

Holiday Inn via the conference reservations were 159



[Larry Gonzalez](#) 2 posts since

Jun 14, 2009 31. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jun 23, 2009 7:36 AM

That is kind of the best price?



[tkpham](#) 8 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 32. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jun 28, 2009 6:56 AM

I will be there. This is my 3rd time to VMWorld. See you all there.

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[jjtai](#) 6 posts since

Sep 20, 2007 33. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jun 29, 2009 11:48 AM

in response to: [tkpham](#)

Same here!! 3rd time. 😊



[Joe Martin](#) 7 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 34. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 6, 2009 2:43 PM

I will be there. 3rd year.



[joneslisamiss](#) 2 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 35. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 7:54 AM

yup yup, a group of us are going, 5 peeps. staying at the W. 3rd for some, 4th for a couple of us.

brilliant.

Lis :~)

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[joneslisamiss](#) 2 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 36. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 7:55 AM

yup yup, a group of us are going, 5 peeps. staying at the W. 3rd for some, 4th for a couple of us. looking forward to hearing what's new.

brilliant.

Lis :~)



[Julie Harris](#) 3 posts since

May 9, 2008 37. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 9:06 AM

I will be attending VMworld for my third time. It is a great way to keep up to date with the newest technology. We are actually looking at a new DR plan and hope to get some valuable information on the path we should take.

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[Larry Gonzalez](#) 2 posts since

Jun 14, 2009 [38](#). **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 9:40 AM

This is going to be my first time, I hope I can get a lot of info!

I'm from Costa Rica 😊



[William Lessard](#) 1 posts since

May 13, 2009 [39](#). **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 10:04 AM

This will be my first one. 😊



[Dmitri Fedorov](#) 16 posts since

Jun 27, 2008 [40](#). **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 10:36 AM

My second time;

looking forward to the Technology Exchange Developer Day.



[Billy Willis](#) 3 posts since

Jun 24, 2009 [41](#). **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 11:24 AM

Hi

Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009...

First time more than a little excited and looking forward the this event very much



[Rick Scherer](#) 19 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 42. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 8, 2009 10:11 PM

4th year attending - 2nd year speaking! I have three sessions this year I'll be speaking at and a week full of meetings and sessions! I would not miss VMworld....EVER! 😊 This is **THE** conference to be at for everything *virtual*. The contacts I make, knowledge I gain and experiences are worth every penny.



[youness](#) 1 posts since

Sep 10, 2007 43. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 9, 2009 5:41 AM

Yep, i'll be there ..... it will be my 3rd vmworld ..... 😊



[Mike Lawrence](#) 2 posts since

Mar 27, 2009 44. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 13, 2009 3:39 PM

I plan on being there.. it will be my 1st one. We are really kicking on the VMWare band wagon and hope to virtualize over 3/4 of our servers next year... (we have about 1/4 done so far). Should be fun!



[DJ Rose](#) 1 posts since

Apr 15, 2009 45. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 14, 2009 6:26 PM

I just got the OK from my company yesterday. This will be my 1st, but I'll be with 3 co-workers who have all been many times.



[kjbanks](#) 3 posts since

Oct 2, 2007 46. **Re: Who's planning to attend VMworld 2009 in San Francisco?** Jul 17, 2009 6:15 PM

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I will be attending. My company at least attendees last year but will only be sending one this year. I'm the lucky sole.

We currently have a virtual environment that is growing...quickly. We are looking to stay in front of the freight

train. The powers that be are coming to recognize the potential benefits of virtualization and are anxious to

take advantage of the possibilities.