

Welcome to

Scale Days 2026

Storage Scale User Group (GPFSUG)

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May



Storage Scale
User Group

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This event is being recorded

Audio and video recording is active throughout the sessions. By remaining in the room you consent to being recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, please let one of the organisers know.

Recordings may be made available to the wider SSUG community after the event.

The GPFSUG is a community aimed primarily at technical administrators, architects, and engineers who work directly with GPFS/Storage Scale in production environments.

Technical people receiving booking priority and sales-based roles potentially being removed if capacity requires it.

Housekeeping



FIRE

Fire Alarm

No fire alarms are expected today. If you do hear one, please exit the building calmly via the nearest fire exit and follow staff instructions.

WIFI

WiFi & Connectivity

WiFi details should have been emailed to you. Please keep phones on silent during talks.

WC

Facilities

Several toilets are available throughout the building. Lunch, coffee, and refreshments are provided at the break points shown in the agenda.

Day 1 - Tuesday 19th May



09:30	Welcome	<i>Michael Holiday</i>
09:40	Scale Strategy & Strategic Initiatives	<i>Ted Hoover</i>
10:10	Scale & Scale System - What's New	<i>Chris Maestas</i>
10:55	SSS 6000 AI Data Platform with CAS	<i>Simon Lorenz</i>
11:40	XINNOR - Sponsor Talk	
11:20	BREAK	
11:40	SANGER INSTITUTE - User Talk	<i>James & Mark</i>
12:00	Scale Multi-tenancy	<i>Mathias Dietz</i>
12:30	LUNCH	

13:30	Scale Enterprise Consumability & Observability	<i>Mathias Dietz</i>
14:10	STARFISH - Sponsor Talk	
14:30	Scale Container Talk	<i>Abhishek Jain</i>
15:00	Encryption Talk	<i>Laurence Horrocks-Barlow</i>
15:30	BREAK	
15:45	Scale AFM (Improvements, Roadmap)?	<i>Venkateswara Puvvada</i>
16:15	Orchestrated Agentic AI Chatbot for Data Management / IBM CAS & Data Cataloguing	<i>Chris Maestas</i>

Day 2 - Wednesday 20th May



09:30 Intro *Michael Holiday*

09:35 TUXERA - Enterprise SMB and NFS for Scale

09:55 Remote Technical Support Process *Gregor Miler*

10:15 Scale NFS and SMB Development Update *Prabhu*

10:45 BREAK

10:55 SSS Talk *Laurence Horrocks-Barlow*

11:25 Lenovo DSS Update *Michael Jullien*

11:45 IBM Research *Chris Maestas*

12:15 LUNCH

13:00 IBM Tape Topic *Ben Rawlins*

14:40 What do you want from the user group?
- DISCUSSION *Laurence & Michael*

14:00 BREAK

14:20 BRIDGEWORKS - Sponsor Talk

14:40 Performance Update *John Lewars*

15:30 Scale as a Service *Ted Hoover*

16:00 Q&A / Wrap Up / Networking / Depart *Committee / Everyone*

Leadership Update



Michael Holiday stepping down as GPFSUG Chair

After years of dedication leading the group, Michael is stepping down. His contribution in building and sustaining this community has been immense. We thank him for everything.

Laurence Horrocks-Barlow - Interim Chair (OCF Technical Director)

Laurence will assist the group whilst a permanent Chair is identified and selected. The search for a new Chair is underway; if you're interested or have nominations, please come forward.

Storage Scale User Group (GPFSUG) - Systems Update



MAIL

Mailing List - DMARC Support

The mailing list has been updated to comply with DMARC email authentication. This improves deliverability and reduces the risk of messages being dropped by modern mail servers.

DONE

Slack Invite Backlog Cleared

The backlog of outstanding Slack invite requests has been processed. Everyone who was waiting should now have access.

NEW

Migrating to Discord

Slack invite links expire after 30 days, causing ongoing access issues. We're moving to Discord where invite links don't expire. Mailing list members will be invited directly.

BOT

NSDaemon Bot - Discord Trial

We're trialling NSDaemon, a bot in Discord that can help look up GPFS/Storage Scale questions and documentation. Give it a try and let us know what you think.

This Evening's Social

The White Hart | 29 Cornwall Rd, London SE1 8TJ

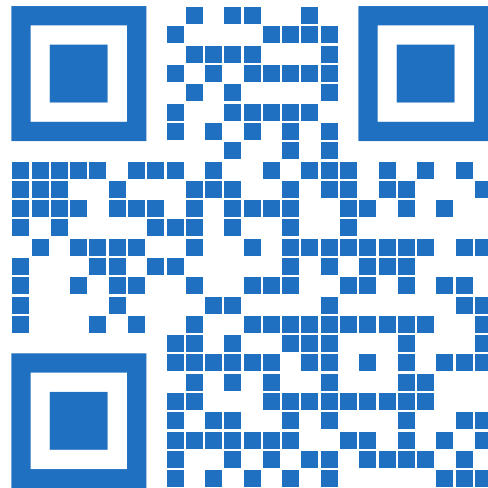


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your wristband**

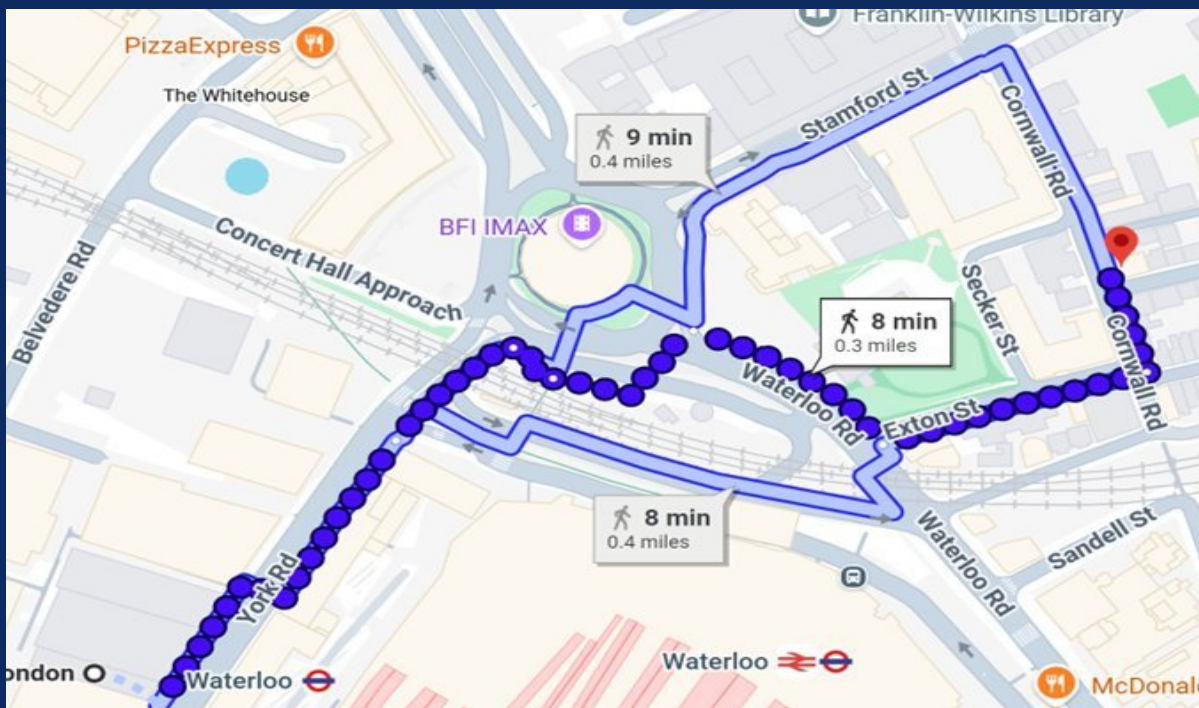
<https://ti.to/gpfsug/london26/>

Your feedback shapes the future of the group - it matters!



Getting to The White Hart

29 Cornwall Rd, London SE1 8TJ | ~8-9 min walk from Waterloo



Don't forget your wristband - <https://ti.to/gpfsug/london26/>

It's Your Community



IBM supports the group significantly - but they don't own it, and they don't run it. You do.

TALK

Submit a talk

REP

**Represent your
org**

STEER

**Steering
committee**

HOST

**Host / organise
events**

RFE

Share ideas & RFEs

FEED

Give feedback

Talk to Laurence or any committee member - we need you.