

Call for Speakers



Authenticate U.S. 2026 Call for Speakers Offline Form

Submission Deadline: March 31, 2026

Authenticate U.S. 2026

October 19 - 21, 2026

Omni La Costa & Spa

Carlsbad, CA

Questions? authenticate@fidoalliance.org

Submit: <https://authenticatecon.com/authenticate-2026-call-for-speakers/>

Authenticate is the industry's only conference dedicated to user authentication, with a focus on phishing-resistant authentication with passkeys. Authenticate brings together CISOs, business leaders, product managers, security strategists and identity architects to share insights and get the education, tools and best practices to roll out passkeys, while gaining a deeper understanding of the broader identity and access management landscape.

The FIDO Alliance-hosted Authenticate Conference has become renowned for its high-quality content and vibrant community of professionals committed to advancing passkeys and related technologies to create a more secure web. This is your opportunity to be part of it!

The focus of the program for the Authenticate U.S. 2026 conference is "New Frontiers":

Trust and simplicity have become the defining challenges of modern identity systems. Passkeys are now being adopted globally, proving that strong security and great usability do not have to be at odds. The next frontier is accelerating this momentum—eliminating remaining friction and edge cases—so phishing-susceptible passwords can finally be left behind.

But considering authentication alone is not enough. Trust must be established, maintained, and reinforced across the entire identity and account lifecycle. From onboarding and identity verification, to authentication, authorization, session security, and account recovery, each step plays a role in delivering secure yet seamless access. Verifiable digital credentials and identity wallets introduce new ways to present trusted claims with user consent. Shared Signals and risk intelligence enable adaptive decisions that respond to real-time context. Agents, APIs, and physical devices further extend the boundaries of who and what must be trusted.

In this evolving landscape, simplicity is a strategic imperative. Governance models, interoperability frameworks, and operational practices must scale without increasing complexity—for users, developers, or security teams.

Authenticate U.S. 2026 explores this new frontier, bringing together the community to examine how we enable trust and simplicity across identity and authentication—building systems that are not only secure by design, but intuitive, interoperable, and ready for what comes next.

1. Choose what you want to share with the Authenticate community.

The committee seeks vendor-neutral, educational presentations on these topics. Please select the best fit for your talk:

- **Passkeys in Practice**
Leading practices, lessons learned—what went right, what didn't!—and tips and tricks that help deliver safe and successful passkey deployments.
- **Commercial and Regulatory Imperatives**
Business rationales and outcomes for passkeys; regulatory considerations including national, regional and sectoral requirements; fraud detection and prevention; testing and assurance programs; higher-assurance and regulated use-cases.
- **Security, Standards, and Architecture in Depth**
Deeper dives into the technical underpinnings that deliver usably secure account lifecycles; threat detection and response; standards development; working group updates.
- **Non-human Authentication**
Approaches for protecting the extended user landscape, including mobile and other connected hardware devices, workloads and robotic processes, API protection, and AI use-cases including agentic AI and MCP.
- **Mobile and Digital Identity**
The role that digital identity wallets and verifiable digital credentials play in securing the account lifecycle; identity proofing and biometrics; and the intersection with payments.
- **New Frontiers in Identity and Authentication**
Perspectives on what's coming next in the identity and authentication space, and how to prepare.

2. Choose your session type

Authenticate U.S. 2026 will provide a variety of session types, including in-depth, detailed sessions with actionable takeaways and time for Q&A with speakers. Potential speakers should select the session type below that best fits their content and presentation style. Approximate durations are provided as a guideline only: exact time slots will be confirmed after proposals have been selected *:

- **Track presentation**—track sessions with visionary and/or actionable content; ~30 minutes (typically one speaker with a max of two speakers)
- **Masterclass**—interactive education sessions that gives attendees the opportunity to build and improve their skills and/or knowledge on a particular topic; ~45-60 minutes (up to three instructors)
- **Viewpoint**—interactive discussions featuring one moderator and two speakers, each presenting contrasting perspectives, and intended for audience participation (~30-45 minutes)

* Proposals on identity and authentication topics are welcome. Submissions that showcase innovation, are rooted in expertise, and incorporate diverse perspectives in speakers and content will be prioritized. Submissions with promotional or sales-driven content will not be considered.

Submit your presentation abstract by March 31, 2026.

Please note that you'll be required to create an account to submit an abstract.

****Accounts must be created with the actual speaker's details (not the submitter's details) to avoid confusion in the review process.**

Submission Form

SPEAKER DETAILS

- Speaker First Name*
- Speaker Last Name*
- Company Name*
- Title*
- Company Email Address*
- Support person / submitter's email address (if applicable)
- Mobile Phone*
- Work Address
- Country*
- Zip/Postal Code
- Biography*
- Headshot*
- LinkedIn Profile*
- Please specify the pronouns you use*
 - She / Her / Hers
 - He / Him / His
 - They / Them / Theirs
 - No Pronouns
- Co-Speaker 1 First Name
- Co-Speaker 1 Last Name
- Co-Speaker 1 Email Address
- Co-Speaker 1 Company
- Co-Speaker 1 Biography
- Co-Speaker 2 Headshot
- Co-Speaker 2 First Name
- Co-Speaker 2 Last Name
- Co-Speaker 2 Email Address
- Co-Speaker 2 Company
- Co-Speaker 2 Biography
- Co-Speaker 2 Headshot

* By entering this submission you agree to the Speaker Agreement. (See Appendix 1.)
(Checkbox required on online form).

SUBMISSION DETAILS

What topic area does your session cover? The committee seeks vendor-neutral, educational presentations on these topics. Please select the best fit for your talk (**Choose one**)

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What is the presentation type you'd like to deliver? See the call for speakers overview for details on the presentation types (**Choose one**)

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What is the technical level of your proposal? (If not sure, choose “Medium”)

- High
- Medium
- No prior knowledge necessary

Have you given, or do you plan to give, this presentation at another conference prior to Authenticate?

- Yes
- No

Have you spoken previously at Authenticate?

- Yes
- No

Have you spoken at any other conferences in the past two years? If so, provide conference name and date

- No
- Yes (with open box to fill in info)

Submission Title - If accepted, the title will be used in the conference program. Pithy titles, which nonetheless accurately reflect the material you intend to present, are advised. [300 character limit]

Submission Description - This description is the primary means by which the committee will evaluate your proposal. It will be published on the Authenticate website and in other conference materials as your presentation abstract if your presentation is accepted. Please be clear and concise. [1,750 character limit]

Additional Context - Please provide any additional context or information that you feel will help the Program Committee understand and make a decision regarding your submission. These details will **not** be published. [10,000 character limit]

Appendix 1: Speaker Agreement

By submitting this proposal, I acknowledge the following as (or on behalf of) a potential presenter at Authenticate US 2026:

- I am able to present in-person at Authenticate US 2026 ("Authenticate" or "the event"), being held October 19-21, 2026 at the Omni La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, California USA. (If your presentation is accepted, you will be given a specific speaking date/time upon agenda finalization).
- I understand that if my proposal is accepted, the day and time of my speaking spot will be assigned by the Authenticate Program Committee.
- My presentation—both visually and orally—will not include product pitches or vendor-biased content.
- I understand that my presentation is subject to review and approval by the Authenticate Program Committee prior to presenting.
- I will submit my presentation for review and approval on time (typically one month before the conference start date; final dates to be confirmed and communicated to you if your proposal is accepted) and I will engage in the review process constructively and efficiently.
- I agree to use the Authenticate-branded template for the entirety of my presentation. The Conference Chair reserves the right to allow alternative templates under specific circumstances.
- I understand and agree that my presentation title, abstract, bio, headshot and social media details (if provided) will be used on the Authenticate website and in other event-related promotional and agenda material.
- I understand and agree that my email address will be used by Authenticate organizers to communicate with me about the event.
- I understand and agree that my presentation at Authenticate may be filmed and the presentation may be made generally available as part of the post-event material. I also

understand that I can opt out of having my presentation made available to the public by submitting a request to authenticate@fidoalliance.org.

- I understand and agree that if my speaking spot is part of a sponsorship package, I will also abide by all applicable terms and conditions put forth in the Sponsorship/Expo contract signed by the Sponsor's representative.
- I understand and agree that if my speaking spot is part of multiple speaking spots included in a sponsorship package, each session must be unique and cannot be repeated during that Conference year.
- I agree that if I fail to meet the requirements and deadlines provided to me, my speaking spot may be rescinded by the Conference Chair, whose decision is final.