

Virtual Apache Iceberg events

Why a virtual event?

While local in-person meetups are growing, a regular virtual event provides an accessible, global space for deep technical talks, production user stories, and ecosystem updates. This can benefit both attendees who would not or could not usually attend physical meetups as well as speakers and companies who are not co-located with existing meetup initiatives. I do not expect to accept talks that are purely marketing material. All talks will have relevant technical topics across the Iceberg ecosystem. There is still a very valuable place for in-person meetups so this is an addition to the community, not an alternative.

Proposed Format

- **Cadence:** Monthly (e.g., the 3rd Thursday of every month).
- **Time:** Meeting times aimed at accommodating a large number of time zones, rotating depending on where the speaker is located.
- **Duration:** 60 minutes total.
- **Structure:**
 - 10 min: Welcome & community announcements / release updates
 - 20-30 min: Primary Technical Talk / Production Case Study (recorded)
 - 15 min: Open discussion (not recorded)

This format allows for recording of the main event along with open candid discussion for participants without getting recording consent for all individuals who want to participate in the discussion.

- **Open CFP:** Online (google) form for talk proposals, voted on by organizing committee
- **Platform & Recordings:** Hosted virtually. Meetings will be recorded and handed off to the PMC (Russel Spitzer) to be published on the official [Apache Iceberg Meetup YouTube channel](#).
- **Zoom:** Meeting hosts can use their own zoom account or meeting platform. Or if preferred by the community we can ask for funding for a separate managed zoom account for this series.
- **Event listing:** Events will be listed in Luma and fed to the main Iceberg [Luma calendar](#). We'll also notify xyz email lists.
- **Calendar:** Typically events are organized on a rolling 3 month basis, where during a single event the next two event topics, dates, and speakers are known. No two events will be announced at the same time.

Neutrality & Governance Commitments

To ensure these meetups remain open, fair, and vendor-neutral:

1. **Content:** Speakers will represent a diverse range of companies and end-user organizations. Content will focus strictly on educational content around Iceberg. Featuring new features, architecture studies, connected tooling, etc.
2. **Open Co-Organizing Team:** I welcome co-organizers from other organizations in the Iceberg community to help review submissions, curate topics, and host sessions.
3. **Open Call for Papers (CFP):** Session topics and schedules will be announced ahead of time via the [@dev](#) mailing list and [#meetups](#) Slack channel, with an open CFP for anyone wishing to present.
4. **ASF Code of Conduct:** All sessions will enforce the Apache Code of Conduct.