

ColdFusion 8 Presentation in Florida

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Reminder: [Adobe's Scorpio Spring Tour](#) is coming [to town](#) today, so don't miss it! This is your one chance to catch the official pre-release demo of all the cool new features coming up with ColdFusion 8. Among the features to be presented tonight, you may expect to see: [[source](#)]

1. **Built in AJAX widgets.** Create AJAX windows, auto complete forms, calendar popups, grids, WYSIWYG editors, and much more. All using simple ColdFusion based tags and generating industry standard solutions such as Prototype and Yahoo User Interface Javascript.
2. **Native JSON support.** ColdFusion components now know if they are called by a web browser and will return JSON formatted data automatically. You can also create JSON packets directly or consume them and turn them into native ColdFusion objects.
3. **.NET (and Java!) integration.** Pull in .NET objects and use them like native ColdFusion objects. Combine .NET and Java on the same page if you like. Easily the best web based middleware solution.
4. **Microsoft Exchange integration.** Love it or hate it, most organizations use Exchange religiously. Now you can read and update email, calendars, tasks and much more. No change to the Exchange server is required.
5. **Flash based presentation builder.** Combine HTML, Audio, Flash Movies, Images, and CFCharts to create spiffy flash based presentations on the fly. Just wrap your existing pages in CFPRESENTATION and you are on your way.
6. **Full PDF integration.** Create, combine, update, and interact with PDF files using CFPDF and CFPDFFORM tags.
7. **Native image manipulation functions.** Blur, sharpen, draw, rotate, stream to browser, and much much more. This finally brings ColdFusion's image support in line with PHP and other frameworks while keeping it so simple that even I could use it.
8. **Across the board enhancements.** Improvements in security, speed, Flash Forms, Report Builder, and more.
9. **Administration API.** Now you can access, audit, and snapshot all the information the server knows about itself. No longer is ColdFusion a black box. Audit long running processes, most frequently run queries, and bottle necks. Snapshot the server before making your change or doing a reset so that you can analyze potential problems later.

So if you're local, I will see you there.