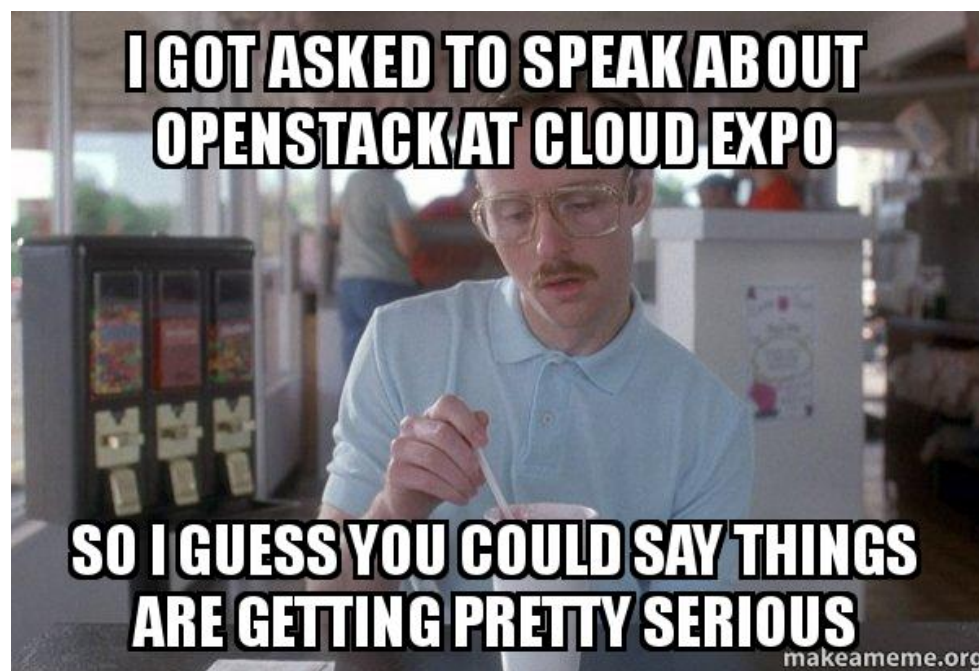


[OpenStack Speaking Spot at Cloud Expo 2014 in NYC](#)

Conference season is upon us! For many of my friends in the IT community it's a regular occurrence to take part in technology conferences. I am an oddity in a way because I am actually a customer rather than a vendor, so any of the work that I'm doing here at DiscoPosse.com and at other sites is being done on my own time. So it is very exciting when I have the opportunity to be able to connect with great resources at conferences and to share my experiences as I am doing with the vBrownBag team, the VMUG, and now as an author for Pluralsight.

Guess Who's Going to be at Cloud Expo June 11/12th?

I'll be at the [Cloud Computing Expo in New York](#) with a speaking spot on Thursday June 12th. Because I'm only speaking on Day 3 of the event, I will actually just be flying in for Wednesday and Thursday but I will be maximizing my learning there among some amazing speakers and vendors who are going to be there.

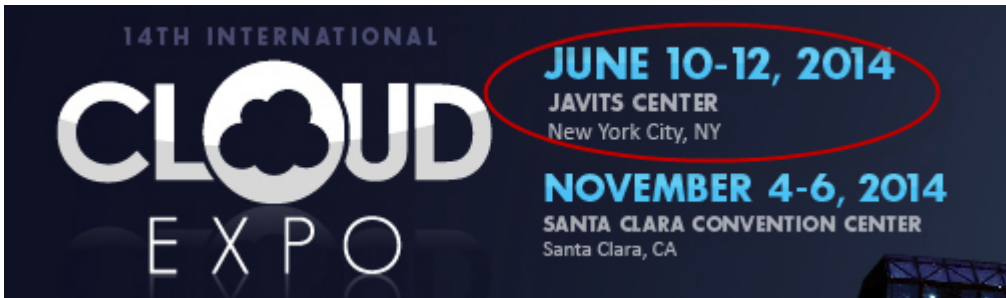


With the excitement building around OpenStack, and my upcoming Introduction to OpenStack course that will be released at [Pluralsight.com](#), I will be at the Cloud Expo to speak about OpenStack and the industry shift with open cloud technologies on behalf of Pluralsight.

My session is titled "OpenStack and the Industry Shift with Open Cloud" which will be on at Thursday June 12th from 2:50-3:25 PM. I'm extra pleased to be following Kenneth Hui of Rackspace who is running is session titled "Getting Started with OpenStack".

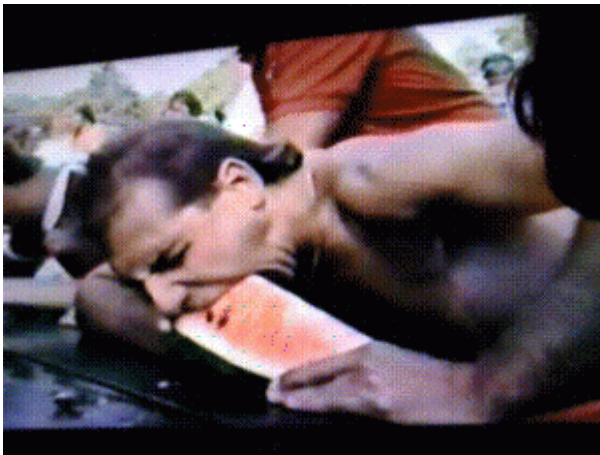
2:10 - 2:45 pm	Hybrid Cloud – Best practices and Use Cases/Proof Points <i>Rob Carter</i>	Gain Peace Of Mind – Use Hybrid Cloud To Modernize Your Storage Strategy <i>Marc Farley</i>	Velocity and Volume (or Speed Wins) <i>Adrian Cockcroft</i>	Scaling Big Data <i>Cory Isaacson</i>	Frederick's of Hollywood: Making a Holistic Move to the Cloud <i>Malorie Lanthier</i>	The Importance of Implementing a Service Aware Cloud Management/Cloud Brokerage Solution <i>Shashi "Sash" Purohit & Troy Halford</i>	Linux Containers – NextGen Virtualization for Cloud (Intro & Overview) <i>Boden Russett</i>	Getting Started with OpenStack <i>Ken Hui</i>	The Rise of Wearables: Opportunities and Impacts <i>Tom Wesselman</i>
2:50 - 3:25 pm	Commercial and Open Source Choices for Building Your Private Cloud and Why? <i>Brent Doncaster & Michael Elliott</i>	Powering the Mobile Enterprise <i>Dan Scholler</i>	Reduce Complexity and Accelerate Innovation with IaaS and PaaS <i>Gene Eun</i>	Making Big Data Cost Effective in a Bare Metal Cloud <i>Harold Hannon</i>	Searching NoSQL: Utilizing More Than Map-Reduce with Cloudbant <i>Brad Bonn</i>	Safeguarding Data in the Cloud <i>C.J. Radford</i>	Linux Containers – NextGen Virtualization for Cloud (Benefit Realization) <i>Boden Russett</i>	OpenStack and the Industry Shift With Open Cloud <i>Eric Wright</i>	Monetizing the 'Internet of Things'- What You Need to Know Now <i>Brendan O'Brien</i>

The session info is [here at the Cloud Expo site](#), and I look forward to the chance to represent my community and Pluralsight at this great event!



Taking it All In

I like to use this to describe what it feels like to have access to all this information. When I have an opportunity to interact with readers and peers, I want to consume as much as possible in that time because you are all what makes me better at what I do every day ☐



What it feels like to be at a conference with amazing experts sharing information