

Keynote Speaker, 14 Oct: David Sifry, Founder, Technorati and Founder and CEO, Offbeat Guides, United States

Dave Sifry is an entrepreneur with over 20 years experience in the I.T industry. Most recently, he founded Offbeat Guides, and serves as its CEO. Before that, he founded Technorati, the largest blog search engine in the world, and was CEO from 2002-2007. He is Chairman of Technorati's Board of Directors. Dave was a co-founder and the CTO of Sputnik. Prior to Sputnik, he was co-founder, CTO, and Vice President of Engineering at Linuxcare, Inc, having built Linuxcare's services infrastructure.

Dave is a recognized expert on leadership development, blogs and the massive changes in the digital media environment, Open Source development, and the Linux operating system. He is also the creator of Projectdocs, an online document management and collaboration service, and Hoosgot, a lazyweb service. He served on the founding Board of Directors of Linux International, the Advisory Board of the National White Collar Crime Center, and the Technical Advisory Board of the National Cybercrime Training Partnership for law enforcement. He has a B.S. in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University. Dave was selected as a Technology Pioneer by the World Economic Forum, and was also selected to be a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Future of the Internet.

Dave lived and worked in Kobe, Japan for Mitsubishi Electric, and speaks Japanese in a rusty kansai-ben. While he now lives in foggy San Francisco, one of his top travel destinations is Yosemite, in his hometown state of California, although the lure of London and Paris frequently beckons.