

About D&A Live – January 2026

The data and analytics landscape in 2026 is evolving faster than ever. As enterprises race to operationalize AI and turn insight into real business impact, data leaders are facing new pressures — from tightening regulations to the rise of autonomous, agentic systems that act faster than humans.

D&A Live – January 28, 2026, brings together senior data, analytics, and AI executives from across North America to uncover what's truly driving progress — and what's holding it back. This one-day virtual event cuts through the noise to focus on practical strategies for scaling AI responsibly, leading through change, and building data-driven organizations that can adapt, comply, and compete.

Key themes:

- Agentic AI & Autonomous Decision-Making
- Al Governance & Regulation
- Data Leadership & Strategy
- Real-Time Analytics & Cloud Agility
- Privacy-First Al
- Data Culture & Democratization

From insight to autonomy, **D&A Live 2026** sets the tone for the year ahead — where data leadership, trust, and innovation converge.

Confirmed Speakers*

Kaycee Lai, Vice President of Artificial Intelligence & Analytics – PURE STORAGE

Edgar Nunez, Chief Data Officer – COCA COLA FEMSA

Troy Howard, Vice President, Data Governance Manager – BANK OF AMERICA

Akhil Khunger, VP Quantitative Analytics – BARLCAYS

Bipin Chadha, Senior Vice President Data Science – CSAA

Jeff Hainsworth, Senior Product Marketing Manager, insightsoftware

Jayson VanHook, Associate Vice President of Data Strategy and Chief Data Officer – UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Nitin Kumar, Director Data Science – MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL

Bicckie Solomon, *Director of Pharmacy / Residency Program Director PGY2 HSPAL* - **HCA FLORIDA NORTH FLORIDA HOSPITAL**

Benjamin Donlon, Chief Operating Officer – THUMBPRINT
Scott McKenzie, Chief Technology Officer – Fort Vermilion School Division
Gopal Renganathan, Senior Director, Data & Analytics – ANYWHERE REAL ESTATE INC.
Shubhankar Shilpi, Software Engineering Director II – TRUIST BANKS
Farid Sheikhi, Senior Manager, Analytics Innovation & Data Enablement - RBCx
Navneet Tyagi, Senior Software Engineer, FINANCE OF AMERICA

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	D&A LIVE ONLINE JANUARY 28 TH 2026
10:30 EST	Corinium Welcoming and Opening Remarks
10:35 EST	The Future of Data & AI 2026: From Insight to Impact — Or Another Year of Overpromises?
	 Why are so many enterprises still struggling to move beyond dashboards to true data-driven decision-making? The ongoing challenge of aligning data, culture, and leadership — and why it remains the #1 barrier to scale. Where organizations are actually seeing ROI from AI and analytics — separating measurable impact
	from market hype. • What data leaders must prioritize in 2026 to keep pace with autonomy, regulation, and continuous disruption.
	Troy Howard, Vice President, Data Governance Manager – BANK OF AMERICA
11:05 EST	Use-case Showcase Available
11:15 EST	Keynote Presentation: No-Compromise Al Analytics: Cloud, On-Prem, Hybrid—Your Architecture, Your Rules
	Session Description
	Most AI analytics platforms force enterprises into an impossible choice: adopt cloud-only solutions that
	compromise data governance and security policies, or forgo AI capabilities entirely. For organizations with on-
	premises infrastructure, regulatory requirements, or data sovereignty mandates, this isn't a choice at all—it's a barrier to innovation.

In this session, you'll discover:

- Why infrastructure inflexibility kills AI adoption: The hidden deployment gap causing AI pilot failures in regulated industries, and why most vendors can't solve it with cloud-only architectures
- All analytics without architectural compromise: How Logi Symphony delivers full Al-driven analytics
 across any environment: cloud, on-premises, hybrid, or selfhosted, so you maintain complete control
 over where your data lives and how it's processed
- Breaking the AI data access bottleneck: How Simba Intelligence solves the cloudonly trap that plagues
 most AI query tools, providing LLM-agnostic data connectivity across any deployment model without
 forcing infrastructure changes or vendor lock-in
- Real-world deployment scenarios: From regulated industries requiring air-gapped environments to global enterprises managing multi-cloud strategies, see how organizations achieve AI intelligence without sacrificing infrastructure control

The most powerful AI analytics strategy isn't about choosing between intelligence and control. It's about platforms flexible enough to deliver both, wherever your data needs to be.

Jeff Hainsworth, Senior Product Marketing Manager, Insightsoftware

11:45 EST

Use-case Showcase Available

11:55 EST

Panel Discussion: Al Governance 2026: How Do You Stay Compliant When Al Moves Faster Than Regulators?

- Meeting the evolving regulatory demands across North America and beyond AI Act, SEC, and statelevel frameworks
- Wrestling with bias, explainability, and transparency under growing legal and ethical scrutiny
- Can innovation survive compliance or is compliance becoming the new innovation?
- How leaders are redefining governance models for faster, safer, and more auditable AI adoption
- What does "responsible AI" mean in 2026 and how to make it a competitive advantage?

Moderator Role: Available

Akhil Khunger, VP Quantitative Analytics – BARLCAYS
Gopal Renganathan, Senior Director, Data & Analytics – ANYWHERE REAL ESTATE INC.
Navneet Tyagi, Senior Software Engineer- FINANCE OF AMERICA

	Shubhankar Shilpi, Software Engineering Director II – TRUIST BANKS
12:40 EST	Sponsored Keynote by Pure Storage
13:10 EST	Use-case Showcase Available
13:20 EST	Presentation: Agentic AI in Action: Will Autonomous Systems Deliver ROI or Chaos?
	 Real-world deployments across healthcare, finance, and retail — what worked, what failed, and why Understanding the true risks, costs, and governance challenges of scaling agentic AI responsibly How to prioritize AI investments when budgets are tight and expectations are rising Lessons from early adopters: where autonomy has created measurable business value What to watch next — will 2026 be the year enterprises trust AI to act on its own?
	Bipin Chadha, Senior Vice President Data Science - CSAA
13:50 EST	Keynote Presentation – Available
14:20 EST	Use-case Showcase Available

14: 30 EST	Presentation: From Generation to Impact - How Organization Uses Agentic AI and Data to Scale Global Content with Confidence
	Session Overview:
	 How Organization built its LLM tools to accelerate content creation across regions and languages The data and analytics backbone behind AI content workflows — from multilingual datasets to performance measurement Inside Agentic AI journey: how autonomous systems generate, translate, and evaluate content before human review Balancing automation and quality — where human-in-the-loop ensures brand consistency and trust Lessons learned in governance, evaluation, and data-driven decisioning while scaling AI globally
15:00 EST	Nitin Kumar, Director Data Science – MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL Sponsored Keynote by Alteryx
15:30 EST	Roundtable: Futureproofing the Data & Al Enterprise: What Will Break First Between Now and 2030?
	Exclusive, interactive dialogue among senior executives
	How leaders balance innovation, ethics, and organizational alignment
	 Are today's data architectures built to withstand the next decade of AI acceleration — or will infrastructure be the first failure point?
	 How do you ensure your governance frameworks scale with AI capability, data volume, and regulatory complexity? What assumptions about your current data strategy are most likely to prove wrong by 2030?
	 How will leaders balance performance, ethics, cost, and organizational alignment as AI becomes autonomous?
	Agility vs. stability: can enterprises afford to prioritize one over the other as AI maturity increases?
	What are the early warning signs that yourL data foundations are holding back AI innovation?
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