



2025 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BSidesAugusta was conducted at the **Georgia Cyber Innovation & Training Center** on Saturday, October 25th. The eleventh annual event was conducted completely in person with an attendance exceeding 700.

BSidesAugusta hosted three separate tracks, each with six sessions, a total of 18 speakers, and their co-presenters, providing attendees with a wide variety of technical talks to attend. Simultaneously and continuously throughout the day, attendees could take advantage of other activities:

- Event Sponsor Tables – With information, SWAG, and activities
- Official CTF sponsored by RunCode.ninja
- Regional Airport CTF presented by IG Labs
- Lock Pick Village by FoxPick – Attendees had fun picking physical locks & handcuffs
- 20 speakers
- Raffle Tables – A tricky tray raffle with interesting and educational prizes
- Breakfast and Lunch served by Chick-fil-A
- Ice Cream Truck

Keynote



Dr. Johannes Ullrich is the Dean of Research for SANS Technology Institute, a SANS Faculty Fellow, and founder of the Internet Storm Center (DShield.org) which provides a free analysis and warning service to thousands of Internet users and organizations. He is the host of the SANS Internet Storm Center Daily Stormcast, a daily podcast that provides a brief 5-minute summary of current network security-related events, and the author of SEC546: IPv6 Essentials, co-author of SANS SEC522: Defending Web Applications Security Essentials, and can be found teaching his own courses as well as SEC503: Network Monitoring and Threat Detection In-Depth.

Prior to his two decades at SANS, Johannes worked as a lead support engineer for a web development company and as a research physicist. Johannes has always been attracted to the fast pace of information security and curious to understand and measure the intricate dependencies of attacks and countermeasures. While the fast pace of the field can be overwhelming at times, it does offer constant opportunities for learning, and any change and impact is quickly measurable.

Johannes's first network was a lab network used to remote control physics experiments. When he first got his hands on an "early" cable modem, which allowed him to control experiments from home, he overlooked the fact that the router (which he built himself from a Linux distribution) was also an open mail relay. Of course, it didn't take long for a spammer to find and abuse it, which led to an angry call from his ISP. Like most of us who start to worry about security after an incident, that was when he started learning about firewalls and security. In the process, he discovered his interest in collecting data about the attackers scanning for systems like his own. This led to the development of DShield.org, a website that still today collects logs from users worldwide to better understand these attacks.



Augusta Cyber Week Events

Monday-Thursday, October 20-23, 2025

- Security Onion Fundamentals class - 20 students

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

- Women in Tech: Cyber Week Edition, hosted by Hack Augusta - ~15 attendees

Thursday, October 23, 2025

- Beginner Capture the Flag, hosted by RunCode - ~20 attendees
- Volunteer Orientation and Bag Stuffing, hosted by BSidesAugusta - ~50 volunteers
- Beer, Bytes, and BSidesAugusta, hosted by theClubhou.se - ~50 attendees

Friday, October 24, 2025

- Security Onion Conference - ~140 attendees
- Speaker Dinner, hosted by Security Onion Solutions - ~60 guests

Saturday, October 25, 2025 - BSidesAugusta - ~700 attendees

Thank you to everyone who made **Augusta Cyber Week** special for the community and the region!



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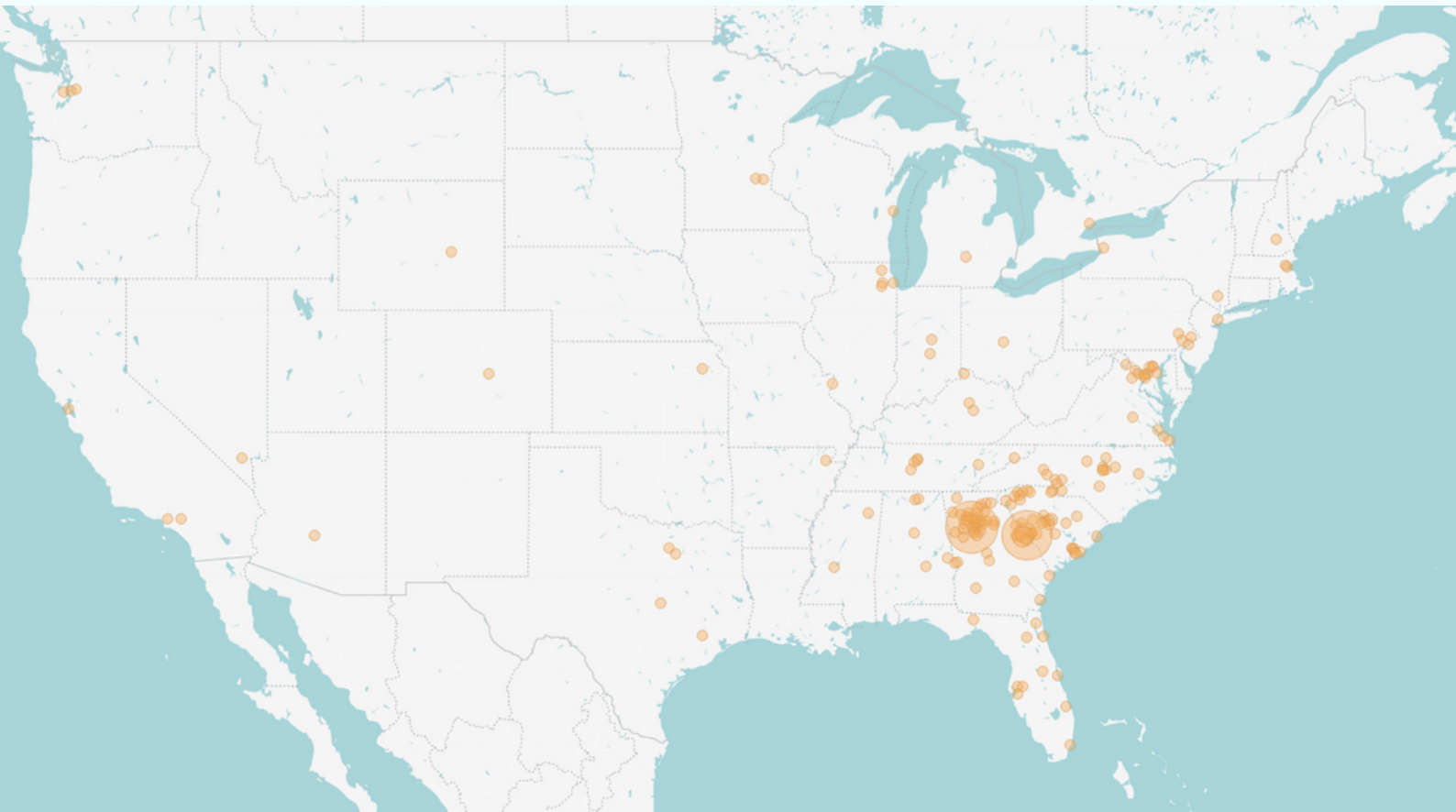
BSidesAugusta successfully delivered exceptional content and value to a large gathering of industry professionals. For only \$35–\$45 per ticket, attendees received a custom BSidesAugusta badge, lanyard, conference bag, event t-shirt, coffee served throughout the morning, bottled water, and soda available all day... breakfast and lunch catered by Chick-fil-A. All of this was made possible through the generous support of our sponsors!

Thank you!

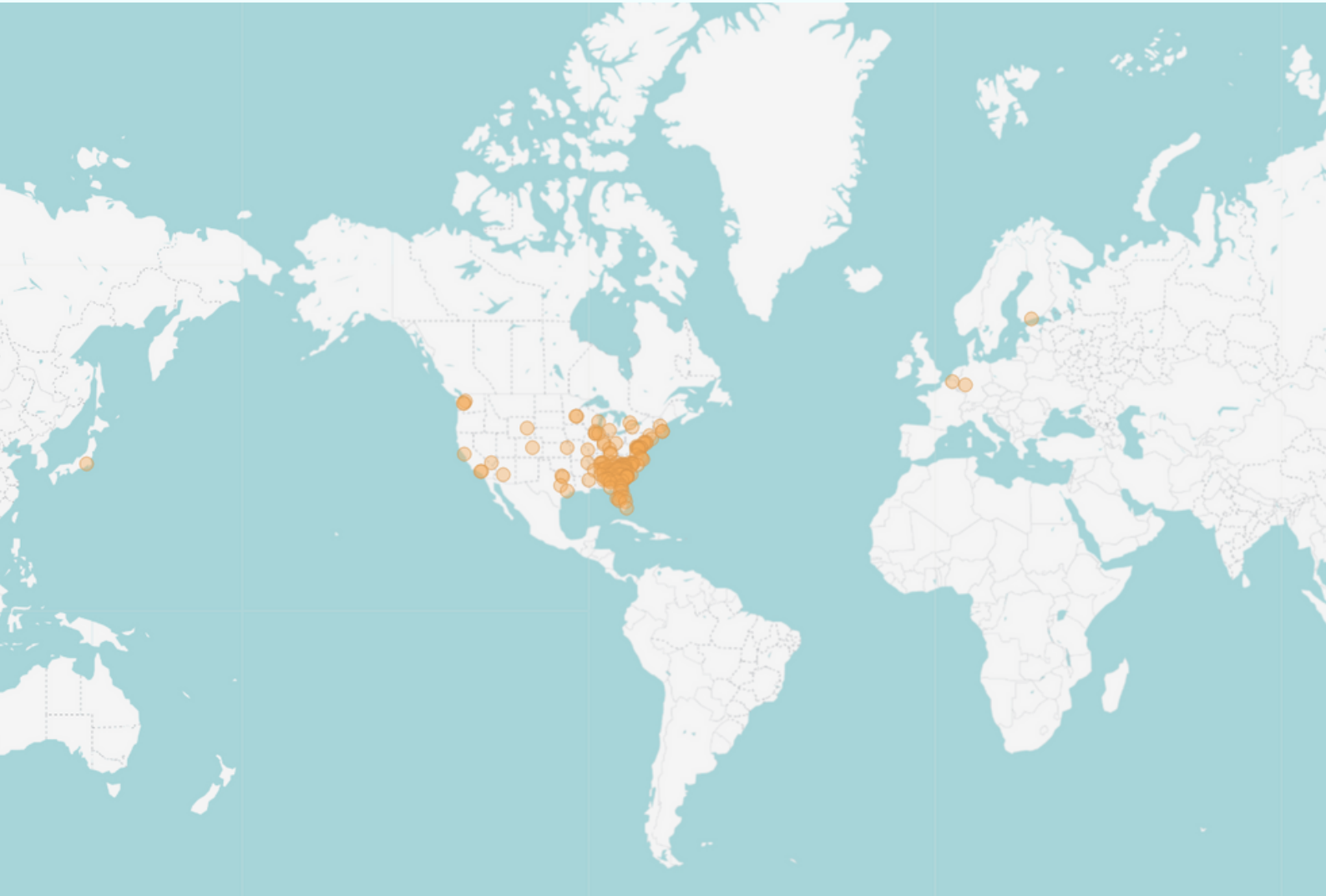
Sponsors were recognized (based on sponsorship level and incentives) on social media, in the printed program, on event t-shirts, in the slide rotation displayed between presentations, and in other locations throughout the venue.

BSidesAugusta continues to attract attendees not only from across the region but from around the nation and the world, including guests from Europe, Japan, Tanzania, and Egypt. Thank you for helping to ensure the success of this conference, and we look forward to your continued support next year!

Attendee Geography (US)



Attendee (Global)



In Memory of Joanne Sexton

The organizers of BSidesAugusta dedicated this year's conference to CDR Joanne Sexton, USN(ret), Co-Founder and Board Member Emerita, who passed away on September 19, 2025. Joanne leaves behind a legacy of computer science and cyber education and enablement in our region, and we will truly miss her. BSidesAugusta would not be the same conference it is today without her leadership.



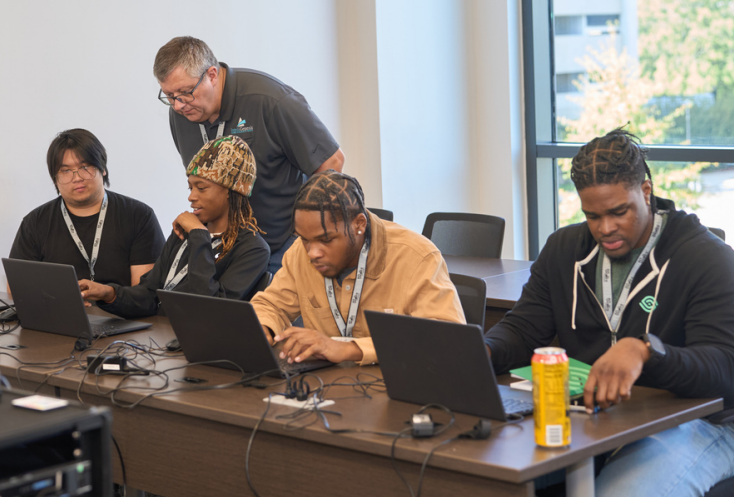
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