Privacy-First AI Learning in Your Own Homelab

- **Speaker**: Kevin Howell
- **Room**: 332
- **Time**: Saturday, Oct 24th from 09:00 – 09:50

- **Format**: Talk (50 minutes)
- **Difficulty**: Beginner - Moderate
- **Track**: Technical
- **Experience**: Principal Software Engineer at Red Hat with over 15 years of industry experience, currently driving technical direction for Red Hat OpenShift AI.

Description:

Many convenient and cheap ways to learn about AI come with a significant catch: free AI services often use your data to train their models, creating a privacy nightmare. Instead of relying on proprietary providers, you can use open-source software and open weight models to learn AI concepts while maintaining complete privacy. This talk provides a lightning-fast tour of open source projects for home AI engineering, focusing on inference with small models, image generation and recognition, and basic observability.

Target Audience:

- Self-hosters
- Enthusiasts

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