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Important Dates

Paper submissions due: *September 12, 2007, 9:00 p.m. EDT (firm deadline)*

Notification of acceptance: *November 1, 2007*

Final papers due: *January 8, 2008*

Work-in-Progress Reports/Poster Session proposals due: *January 16, 2008*

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Overview

The 6th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST '08) brings together storage system researchers and practitioners to explore new directions in the design, implementation, evaluation, and deployment of storage systems. The conference will consist of two and a half days of technical presentations, including refereed papers, Work-in-Progress reports, and a poster session.

Topics

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Archival storage systems
- Caching, replication, and consistency
- Database storage issues
- Distributed I/O (wide-area, grid, peer-to-peer)
- Empirical evaluation of storage systems
- Experience with deployed systems
- Manageability
- Mobile and personal storage

- Parallel I/O
- Performance
- Reliability, availability, disaster tolerance
- Scalability
- Security
- Storage networking
- Virtualization

Deadline and Submission Instructions

Submissions will be made electronically via a Web form, which will be available on the FAST '08 Call for Papers Web site, <http://www.usenix.org/fast08/cfp>. The Web form asks for contact information for the paper and allows for the submission of your full paper file in PDF format.

Submissions must be full papers (no extended abstracts) and must be no longer than thirteen (13) pages plus as many additional pages as are needed for references (e.g., your paper can be 16 total pages, as long as the last three or more are the bibliography). Your paper should be typeset in two-column format in 10 point type on 12 point (single-spaced) leading, with the text block being no more than 6.5" wide by 9" deep. Submissions longer than this will not be reviewed.

Authors must not be identified in the submissions, either explicitly or by implication (e.g., through the references or acknowledgments). Blind reviewing of full papers will be done by the program committee, assisted by outside referees. Accepted papers will be shepherded through an editorial review process by a member of the program committee.

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Authors uncertain whether their submission meets USENIX's guidelines should contact the program chairs, fast08chairs@usenix.org, or the USENIX office, submissionspolicy@usenix.org.

Accepted material may not be subsequently published in other conferences or journals for one year from the date of acceptance by USENIX. Papers accompanied by nondisclosure agreement forms will not be read or reviewed. All submissions will be held in confidence prior to publication of the technical program, both as a matter of policy and in accordance with the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976. Submissions violating these rules or the formatting guidelines will not be considered for publication.

One author per paper will receive a registration discount of \$200. USENIX will offer a complimentary registration upon request.

Best Paper Awards

Awards will be given for the best paper(s) at the conference.

Work-in-Progress Reports and Poster Session

The FAST technical sessions will include slots for Work-in-Progress reports, preliminary results, "outrageous" opinion statements, and a poster session. We are particularly interested in presentations of student work. Please send WiP submissions to fast08wips@usenix.org.

Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions

Birds-of-a-Feather sessions (BoFs) are informal gatherings organized by attendees interested in a particular topic. BoFs will be held in the evening. BoFs may be scheduled in advance by emailing the Conference Department at bofs@usenix.org. BoFs may also be scheduled at the conference.

Registration Materials

Complete program and registration information will be available in November 2007 on the conference Web site. The information will be in both HTML and a printable PDF file. If you would like to receive the latest USENIX conference information, please join our mailing list: <http://www.usenix.org/about/ mailing.html>.