

24th Large Installation System Administration Conference (LISA '10)

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See <http://www.usenix.org/lisa10> for the complete CFP, including how to submit your work.

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San Jose, CA

Important Dates

Extended abstracts, experience reports, and proposals for invited talks, workshops, and tutorials due: *May 17, 2010, 11:59 p.m. PDT*

Notification to all submitters: *July 1, 2010*

Final papers and reports due: *August 24, 2010*

Poster proposals due: *October 22, 2010*

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Overview

The annual LISA conference is the meeting place of choice for system and network administrators and engineers. The conference serves as a venue for a lively, diverse, and rich mix of technologists of all specialties and levels of expertise. LISA is the place to exchange ideas, sharpen old and new skills, learn new techniques, debate current and controversial issues, and meet industry gurus, colleagues, and friends.

Attendees have a wide range of administration specialties, including system, network, storage, cloud, and security administration, to name a few. They hail from computing environments of all sorts, including large corporations, small businesses, academic institutions, and government

agencies.

We strongly encourage informal discussions among participants on both technical and nontechnical topics in the “hallway track.” Experts in different fields are very approachable at LISA and are available to discuss your issues and questions. LISA is a place to learn and to have fun!

Get Involved!

The theme for LISA '10 is “Share your experiences, both real-world and in research.”

Experts and old-timers don't have all the good ideas. We welcome participants who will share their experiences/lessons learned and provide concrete ideas to implement immediately, as well as those whose research will forge tomorrow's infrastructures. We are particularly keen to showcase novel solutions or new applications of mature technologies. This is your conference and we want you to participate.

Here are examples of ways to get involved—and/or propose a new idea to the program chair by sending email to lisa10chair@usenix.org:

- **Refereed Papers:** These are published papers, 8 to 18 pages long, describing work that advances the art or practice of system administration. Presentations are limited to 20 minutes.
- **NEW! Practice and Experience Reports:** These will describe a substantial system administration project that has been completed and will consist of a 20-minute talk, with a 10-minute Q&A session immediately following. Talks must be highly practical, showing do's and don't's. Submissions will consist of written proposals no more than 4 pages long. Proposals will be refereed by the program committee.
- **Invited Talks:** Invited Talks are one-hour presentations on a single topic of interest to system administrators. Talks may be historical or focus on the latest hot technology, be serious or funny, cover a spectrum of related issues or dive deeply into one specific topic.
- **The Guru Is In Sessions:** For the Guru, these sessions are a chance to share your expertise with your fellow system administrators; for the audience, these are a chance to get your questions on a specific topic or technology answered by an acknowledged expert.
- **Workshops:** Workshops are half-day or full-day sessions for small groups (typically not more than 30 people) to share ideas and knowledge. Workshops are intended to be participatory, not instructional, and familiarity with the specific topic/area is expected of the attendees.
- **Training Program:** Tutorials are also half-day or full-day sessions but, unlike workshops, tutorials are intended for a single expert to share knowledge, not to be open discussions. Even if you're not an instructor, you can suggest classes.
- **Work-in-Progress Reports (WiPs) and Posters:** This is your chance to share an idea that could turn into something more formal at next year's conference. Both WiPs and posters are a good way to make your first presentation at LISA.
- **Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions (BoFs):** Birds-of-a-Feather sessions are informal gatherings held in the evenings. Topics range from use of a particular software package or product, through folks wanting to talk politics, to people interested in a particular aspect of computing.