

Welcome to the LISA '12 Proceedings!

If you're reading these before the end of the conference, now is the time to make a list of actionable things as take-aways from LISA:

- Met and exchanged info with at least 3 new people in the profession
- Found at least one new idea or solution that I can use now
- Found at least two ideas or solutions that make me think I should
- Learn more or change something I'm doing

These take-aways can come from tutorials, the technical conference, Birds-of-a-Feather sessions (BoFs), or the "hallway track." Don't discount the hallway track as a valuable source of information and a great networking opportunity. When else will you find 1000+ people, all in your profession, milling around the conference between tracks?

As for these proceedings, consider them a take-away. These proceedings include the 22 accepted papers and practice and experience reports out of the 50 submitted to the conference. All paper submissions were peer reviewed, including reviews by the LISA '12 Program Committee and a list of hand-selected external reviewers with specialized expertise in the specific domains covered by our varied submissions.

You'll find a broad range of topics including the continually popular configuration management, HPC, teaching (which has become a hot topic recently), monitoring, setting up a wireless network, managing IOS devices, and more.

Out of the 22 papers you'll find here, eight of them are refereed papers, 13 are practice and experience reports, and one was accepted as an invited talk. Refereed papers are more traditional with a focus on research and bleeding edge topics. Practice and experience reports are about real experiences from real sysadmins along with the lessons they learned along the way. Both tracks provide valuable insight into the profession and together they deliver a strong practical and theoretical core for the LISA technical program.

Read a few and see what you think. Maybe you will come away from your reading thinking that you too could submit a paper to LISA.

Thanks for attending!

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