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The 15th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation will take place on July 14–16, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara in Santa Clara, CA, USA.

Important Dates

- Abstract registrations due: Thursday, December 3, 2020, 3:00 pm PDT
- Complete paper submissions due: Thursday, December 10, 2020, 3:00 pm PDT

Author Response Period

- Reviews available: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
- Author responses due: Friday, March 5, 2021
- Notification to authors: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
- Final paper files due: Tuesday, May 25, 2021

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All papers will be available online to registered attendees before the conference. If your accepted paper should not be published prior to the event, please notify production@usenix.org. The papers will be available online to everyone beginning on the first day of the conference, July 14, 2021.

Papers accompanied by nondisclosure agreements will not be considered. All submissions will be treated as confidential prior to publication on the USENIX OSDI ’21 website; rejected submissions will be permanently treated as confidential. Simultaneous submission of the same work to multiple venues, submission of previously published work, or plagiarism constitutes dishonesty or fraud. USENIX, like other scientific and technical conferences and journals, prohibits these practices and may, on the recommendation of a program chair, take action against authors who have committed them. See the USENIX Conference Submissions Policy (www.usenix.org/conferences/submissions-policy) for details.

For instance, FAST ’21 and NSDI ’21 have author-notification dates after the OSDI ’21 abstract-registration deadline. If you submit a paper to either of those venues, you may not also submit it to OSDI ’21.

Prior or concurrent workshop publication does not preclude publishing a related paper in OSDI. Authors should email the program co-chairs, osdi21chairs@usenix.org, a copy of the related workshop paper and a short explanation of the new material in the conference paper beyond that published in the workshop version. The co-chairs may then share that paper with the workshop’s organizers and discuss it with them. Prior or concurrent publication in non-peer-reviewed contexts, like arXiv.org, technical reports, talks, and social media posts, is permitted. However, your OSDI submission must use an anonymized name for your project or system that differs from any used in such contexts.

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Questions? Contact your program co-chairs, osdi21chairs@usenix.org, or the USENIX office, submissionspolicy@usenix.org.

By submitting a paper, you agree that at least one of the authors will attend the conference to present it. If the conference registration fee will pose a hardship for the presenter of the accepted paper, please contact conference@usenix.org. If your paper is accepted and you need an invitation letter to apply for a visa to attend the conference, please contact conference@usenix.org as soon as possible. (Visa applications can take at least 30 working days to process.) Please identify yourself as a presenter and include your mailing address in your email.

Deadline and Submission Instructions
Authors are required to register abstracts by 3:00 p.m. PST on December 3, 2020, and to submit full papers by 3:00 p.m. PST on December 10, 2020. These are hard deadlines, and no extensions will be given. Submitted papers must be no longer than 12 single-spaced 8.5” x 11” pages, including figures and tables, plus as many pages as needed for references, using 10-point type on 12-point (single-spaced) leading, two-column format, Times Roman or a similar font, within a text block 7” wide x 9” deep. Submissions may include as many additional pages as needed for references but not for appendices. Accepted papers will be allowed 14 pages in the proceedings, plus references. Papers not meeting these criteria will be rejected without review, and
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Abstract Registration
Registering abstracts a week before paper submission is an essential part of the paper-reviewing process, as PC members use this time to identify which papers they are qualified to review. Abstract registrations that do not provide sufficient information to understand the topic and contribution (e.g., empty abstracts, placeholder abstracts, or trivial abstracts) will be rejected, thereby precluding paper submission.

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