

Message from the OSDI '26 Program Co-Chairs

Welcome to the 20th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI '26).

We are grateful to our reviewers for their work, to our authors for theirs, to our artifact evaluation committee (co-chaired by Anand Iyer and Sara McAllister), to the poster session chairs (Daehyeok Kim and Shadi Noghahi), to the mentorship activity chair (Stephanie Wang), to the ever-ready USENIX staff, and to all attendees. A vibrant OSDI is a three-day celebration of the best in computing systems, and this one shouldn't disappoint.

OSDI '26 received 669 reviewable submissions, more than twice any previous year. Authors came from more than 30 countries. We pre-committed to accepting at least 20% of the submissions, and we met that commitment (barely), accepting 134—around 2.5x any previous year. (Two additional submissions were accepted via revise-and-resubmit from OSDI '25.) Roughly a third of the acceptances were conditional, subject to approval via stringent shepherding; thanks to heroic efforts from both authors and the PC, all conditionally accepted papers will be presented. Only a multi-track format could accommodate substantive presentations for so much great work, so this is the first multi-track OSDI.

We accepted two kinds of submissions, Research and Operational Systems. The reviewing process for Operational Systems papers focused on design, implementation, analysis, and experience in a real-world operational context. Nineteen accepted papers are designated as Operational Systems.

Beyond Operational Systems, we changed the review process by removing the author response period, replacing revise-and-resubmit with conditional acceptance, and reducing the minimum number of reviews per submission to two. These changes were broadly successful; our attempt to encourage concise submissions was not: only three accepted papers were submitted below the page limit.

Our program committee of 117 incredible researchers, drawn from all over the world, produced 1826 penetrating reviews and more than 4000 comments. Thank you.

Now, enjoy OSDI!

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