

# Sixth Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI '04)

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## Important Dates

Paper submissions due: *May 26, 2004, 11:59 p.m. EDT*

Submissions acknowledged: *June 2, 2004*

Notification to authors of acceptance: *August 2, 2004*

Revised papers due for shepherding: *September 3, 2004*

Camera-ready papers due: *October 4, 2004*

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## Overview

The sixth OSDI seeks to present innovative, exciting work in the systems area. OSDI brings together professionals from academic and industrial backgrounds in what has become a premier forum for discussing the design, implementation, and implications of systems software.

The OSDI Symposium emphasizes both innovative research and quantified experience. OSDI takes a broad view of the systems area and solicits contributions from all fields of systems practice, including but not limited to: operating systems, networking, file and storage systems, distributed systems, mobile systems, secure systems, embedded systems, and the interaction of hardware and software developments. We particularly encourage contributions containing highly original ideas or groundbreaking results that push the frontier of systems research.

## Submitting a Paper

Authors are required to submit full papers by 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 26, 2004. This is a hard deadline -- no extensions will be given. Submitted papers must be no longer than 14 single-spaced 8.5" x 11" pages, including figures, tables, and references, using 10 point type on 12 point (single-spaced leading, within a text block 6.5" wide x 9" deep). Papers longer than 14 pages will not be reviewed. Papers so short as to be considered "extended abstracts" will not receive full consideration. A good paper will demonstrate that the authors:

- ◆ are attacking a significant problem,
- ◆ have devised an interesting, compelling solution,

- ◆ have demonstrated the practicality and benefits of the solution,
- ◆ have drawn appropriate conclusions,
- ◆ have clearly described what they have done, and
- ◆ have clearly articulated the advances beyond previous work

Submissions will be judged on originality, significance, interest, clarity, relevance, and correctness. Accepted papers will be shepherded through an editorial review process by a member of the program committee.

OSDI, like most conferences and journals, requires that papers not be submitted simultaneously to any other conference or publication, that submissions not be previously published, and that accepted papers not be subsequently published elsewhere. Papers accompanied by non-disclosure agreement forms are not acceptable and will be returned to the author(s) unread. All submissions are held in the highest confidentiality prior to publication in the Proceedings, both as a matter of policy and in accord with the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976.

Authors of accepted papers will be expected to provide both PDF and HTML versions of their paper, for inclusion in the Web version of the Proceedings. One author per accepted paper will receive a registration discount, or, in cases of hardship, a complimentary registration, to present their paper at the conference.

## Deadline and Submission Instructions

Submitted papers must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 26, 2004. Submission of all papers must be made in electronic form. This is a hard deadline — no extensions will be given.

Papers must be in PDF format and must be submitted via the Web submission form at <http://www.eecs.umich.edu/osdi04>.

The first page of the paper should contain the paper title and author name(s). (Reviewing is not blind.)

For more details on the submission process, authors are encouraged to consult the detailed author guidelines, available on the Symposium Web site..

All submissions will be acknowledged by June 2, 2004. If your submission is not acknowledged by this

date, please contact the program chairs promptly at [osdi04chairs@usenix.org](mailto:osdi04chairs@usenix.org).

## Best Paper Awards

Awards will be given for the best paper at the symposium and best student paper. Papers of particular merit will be forwarded to *ACM Transactions on Computer Systems* for possible publication in a special issue.

## Work-in-Progress Reports

Are you doing new, interesting work that has not been previously presented and that is still in too early a phase for publication? The OSDI attendees could provide valuable feedback to you. We are particularly interested in the presentation of student work. Details on submitting Work-in-Progress session proposals will be made available on the symposium Web site by September 2004.

## Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions

Birds-of-a-Feather sessions (BoFs) are very informal gatherings organized by attendees interested in a particular topic. BoFs may be scheduled in advance by phoning the Conference Office at +1 (510) 528-8649 or via email to [conference@usenix.org](mailto:conference@usenix.org). BoFs may also be scheduled at the symposium.

## Registration Materials

Complete program and registration information will be available in September 2004 here on the symposium Web site. The information will be in both HTML and a printable PDF file. If you would like to receive the program booklet in print, please email your request, including your postal address, to: [conference@usenix.org](mailto:conference@usenix.org).