

Writing a proposal for the LLVM Developers' Meeting

This document is a guide to help you submit the best proposal and increase your chances of your proposal being accepted. The LLVM Developers' Meeting program committee receives more proposals than can be accepted, so please read this guide carefully.

If you have never presented at an LLVM Developers' Meeting, then do not fear this process. We are actively looking for new speakers who are excited about LLVM and helping grow the community through these educational talks! You do not need to be a long time developer to submit a proposal.

General Guidelines:

- It should be clear from your abstract what your topic is, who your targeted audience is, and what are the takeaways for attendees. The program committee gets a lot of proposals and does not have time to read 10 page papers for each submission.
- Talks about a use of LLVM (etc) should include details about how LLVM is used and not only be about the resulting application.
- Tutorials on "how to use X" in LLVM (or other subproject) are greatly desired and beneficial to many developers. Entry level topics are encouraged as well.
- Talks that have been presented at other technical conferences tend to not get accepted. If you have presented this topic before, make it clear what is new and different in your talk.

Technical Talk and SRC Talk Proposal Template:

Title:

- This will be displayed on the website, schedule, and signs. Keep it short and catchy to attract attendees to your talks. A couple of examples are "WebAssembly: Here Be Dragons" or "Beyond Sanitizers: guided fuzzing and security hardening".

Speaker Name(s), Company, Email:

- This should be only the people giving the talk. EasyChair only allows you to select one speaker in its interface and we need to know if there is more than one. Additional authors can be listed through EasyChair.

Abstract:

- 1-2 paragraphs. Keep in mind that this is displayed on the schedule and website for attendees to consider when selecting talks.
- We suggest you proof read and pay attention to grammar.

Details:

- Here you can include more details about your talk. An outline, demo description, background of the speaker, etc. 1-2 paragraphs is sufficient usually.
- This section will not be published and is intended for the PC to better understand how interesting your talk will be to the audience. For example, if you would prefer not to reveal some conclusions in the published abstract, explaining them here ensures that the PC can take them into account when evaluating your proposal.

BoF Talk Proposal Template:

Title:

- This will be displayed on the website, schedule, and signs. These tend to be very straight forward about the area being discussed. An example is “Future directions and features for LLDB”.
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Speaker Name(s), Company, Email:

- This should be only the speakers leading the discussion. EasyChair only allows you to select one speaker in its interface and we need to know if there is more than one. Additional authors can be listed through EasyChair.

Abstract:

- 1-2 paragraphs. Keep in mind that this is displayed on the schedule and website for attendees to consider when selecting which BoFs to attend.
- Provide some talking points or potential subtopics.
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Details:

- Provide additional details: goals of the BoF, presentation style. BoFs are to brainstorm ideas on a specific topic but you will be more successful if you have a guided discussion with talking points and actionable items at the end.

Tutorial Proposal Template:

Title:

- This will be displayed on the website, schedule, and signs. Keep it short and catchy to attract attendees to your talks.

Speaker Names(s), Company, Email Address:

- Those giving the tutorial. Typically 1-2 speakers.

Abstract:

- 1-2 paragraphs. Keep in mind that this is displayed on the schedule and website for attendees to consider when selecting talks.

- We suggest you proof read and pay attention to grammar.

Details:

- Include additional details such as tutorial outline, what materials you will provide attendees, etc.

Panel Proposal Template:

Title:

- This will be displayed on the website, schedule, and signs. Keep it short and catchy to attract attendees to your talks.

Moderator Name(s), Company, Email Address:

- The person keeping speakers on track and asking questions.

Speaker Names(s), Company, Email Address:

- The people on the panel. Typically 2-3 speakers. More than 3 tends to be difficult in the time slot.

Abstract:

- This should list one paragraph about the panel topic and what will be discussed. You should also include detailed 2-3 sentence bios for each speaker on the panel.

Details:

- Include some sample questions for the panel.

