OVERVIEW

Cephalocon is the premier yearly event that brings together the global community of operators, developers, and researchers to celebrate Ceph, the open-source distributed storage system designed to provide excellent performance, reliability, and scalability. Join new and existing community members from around the world to learn more about Ceph and the future of the project from the developers writing the code and the operators deploying it at scale.

DATES TO REMEMBER

> CFP Close: **July 13 at 11:59 PM PDT**

> Speaker Notifications: **July 28**

> Schedule Announced: **July 30**

> Slides due date: **October 24**

> Event Dates: **October 28 – 29**

SESSION TYPES

> Session Presentation (typically 30 minutes including 10 min Q&A)

> Lightning Talk (typically 5-10 minutes with no Q&A; **1 speaker limit**)

> 15 Minute Keynote Presentation (15 minutes includes Q&A)

> 5 Minute Keynote Presentation (5 minutes with no Q&A)

SUGGESTED TOPICS

> Ceph operations, management, and development

> New and proposed Ceph features, development status

> Best practices

> Ceph use-cases, solution architectures, and user experiences

> Ceph performance and optimization

> Platform Integrations (Kubernetes, OpenShift)

> Multi-site and multi-cluster data services

> Persistent memory, ZNS SSDs, SMR HDDs, DPUs, and other emerging hardware

> Storage management, monitoring, and deployment automation

> Experiences deploying and operating Ceph in production and/or at scale

> Small-scale or edge deployments

> Deploying Ceph with QLC SSDs for cost-effective cold storage

> Data compression, deduplication, and storage optimization

> Developer processes, tools, challenges

> Ceph testing infrastructure, tools

> Ceph community issues, outreach, and project governance

> Ceph documentation, training, and learner experience

> Ceph and AI/ML workloads

> Ceph for new users: onboarding, training, and early experiences

> Sovereign clouds, data privacy, and regulated infrastructures

> Data lakes, warehouses, and lakehouses

PREPARING TO SUBMIT

Preparing to Submit Your Proposal

While it is not our intention to provide you with strict instructions on how to prepare your proposal, we hope you will take a moment to review the following guidelines that we have put together to help you prepare the best submission possible. To get started, here are three things that you should consider before submitting your proposal:

1. What are you hoping to get from your presentation?
2. What do you expect the audience to gain from your presentation?
3. How will your presentation help better the ecosystem?

There are plenty of ways to give a presentation about projects and technologies without focusing on company-specific efforts. Remember the things to consider that we mentioned above when writing your proposal and think of ways to make it interesting for attendees while still letting you share your experiences, educate the community about an issue, or generate interest in a project.

How to Give a Great Talk

We want to ensure submitters receive resources to help put together a great submission and, if accepted, give the best presentation possible. To help do this, we recommend viewing seasoned speaker Dawn Foster's in-depth session titled Overcoming Imposter Syndrome to Become a Conference Speaker!

Have More Questions? First Time Submitting? Don't Feel Intimidated

Linux Foundation events are an excellent way to get to know the community and share your ideas and the work you are doing, and we strongly encourage first-time speakers to submit talks for our events. If you aren't sure about your abstract, reach out to us, and we will be more than happy to work with you on your proposal.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Linux Foundation is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for participants at all of our events. We encourage all submitters to review our complete **Code of Conduct**.