



UKUUG Spring Conference

Durham, 22nd and 23rd March 2006

Call for Participation

UKUUG's annual Large Installation Systems Administration (LISA) conference will take place in the historic city of Durham on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March 2006.

This is the UK's only conference aimed specifically at systems and network administrators. It attracts a large number of professionals from sites of all shapes and sizes. As well as the technical talks, the conference provides a friendly environment for delegates to meet, learn, and enjoy lively debate on a host of subjects.

Tutorial

The conference will be preceded by a half-day tutorial or extended workshop. Recent past conferences have included sessions on: Perl for Systems Administrators; IPv6; Linux HA; Perl 6. If you would like to offer a tutorial that might interest our target audience, please submit a proposal.

Systems Administration

If you are a systems administrator, we want to hear from you! We are seeking papers covering all aspects of systems and network administration:

- operating systems
- security and audit
- ethics and legislative compliance
- storage solutions
- network file systems
- databases and directory services
- authentication and authorisation
- nomadic and wireless computing
- benchmarking
- performance tuning
- configuration management

- scripting and task automation
- cluster management

If you have a novel solution to a problem, experience of a particular application or hardware platform, tips and tricks for fellow systems administrators, or a favourite tool you could talk about, please submit a paper for consideration by the programme committee.

BSD MiniCon

We are also soliciting papers on the BSD family of operating systems for a series of talks to run in parallel to the main LISA stream. If you are a BSD developer or have in-depth technical knowledge you would like to share with the community, please consider submitting a paper. We would also be interested in talks covering practical applications of BSD, tips and tricks, and introductory talks for users new to BSD.

Best Paper

The programme committee will also award a prize for the best paper submitted to the conference proceedings. The winner will receive £125 worth of O'Reilly books, and the runner-up £75 worth of O'Reilly books.

Significant Dates

Closing date for abstracts

23rd December 2005

Authors notified

9th January 2006

Programme published

16th January 2006

Final papers due

20th February 2006

Method of Submission

Please submit a short autobiography and an initial abstract of 250-500 words via our online form:

<http://www.ukuug.org/events/spring2006/submit/>

Talks should normally last 45 minutes (including questions and answers). There will also be slots available for extended talks of 60 minutes and lightning talks of 15 minutes.

You do not have to be a member of UKUUG to submit a paper, and submissions from speakers outside the UK are welcome. Potential speakers may request further information from spring2006@ukuug.org.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are seeking companies or institutions to sponsor various elements of the conference. Sponsorship opportunities include: paying for a speaker's travel or accommodation; providing bursaries for delegates who cannot pay the conference fee themselves; sponsoring catering, lunches, or the conference dinner; providing pens, coffee cups, or other items with your company logo.

All sponsors will be listed in the conference proceedings and included on our website with a link back to your site. You will also have the opportunity to provide literature for distribution in delegate packs.

Please contact the UKUUG Secretariat to discuss the possibilities.

About UKUUG

UKUUG - the UK's Unix and Open Systems User Group - is a non-profit organisation and technical forum for the

advocacy of open systems, particularly Unix and Unix-like operating systems, the promotion of free and open source software, and the advancement of open programming standards and networking protocols.

Formed in 1976, it is totally funded by membership subscriptions and is completely independent of specific hardware and software vendors. For more information and membership details, please see:

<http://www.ukuug.org/membership/>

Contact Details

Speaker suggestions, requests for talks, and general enquiries about the event should be sent to the organising committee: spring2006@ukuug.org.

Please use the online form to submit proposals for talks, workshops, tutorials, or birds of a feather (BoF) sessions:

<http://www.ukuug.org/events/spring2006/submit/>

General administration, bookings, and sponsorship enquiries are handled by the UKUUG Secretariat:

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