

Call For Participation

HPC Systems Professionals Workshop - HPCSYSPROS20 Held in conjunction with SC20: The International Conference on High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis.

Workshop Website: <http://sighpc-syspros.org/workshops/2020>

Submission Website: <https://tinyurl.com/HPCSYSPROS20>

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Supercomputing systems present complex challenges to personnel who design, deploy and maintain these systems. Standing up these systems and keeping them running require novel solutions that are unique to high performance computing. The success of any supercomputing center depends on stable and reliable systems, and HPC Systems Professionals are crucial to that success.

The Fifth Annual HPC Systems Professionals Workshop will bring together systems administrators, systems architects, and systems analysts in order to share best practices, discuss cutting-edge technologies, and advance the state-of-the-practice for HPC systems. This CFP requests that participants submit either papers, slide presentations, or 5-minute Lightning Talk proposals along with reproducible artifacts (code segments, test suites, configuration management templates) which can be made available to the community for use.

Authors are invited to submit original, high-quality papers, presentations, and artifacts with an emphasis on solutions that can be implemented by other members of the HPC systems community. All submissions should be in PDF format. Papers should be between 6 and 8 pages including tables, figures and appendices, but excluding references. Slide decks should consist of less than 30 slides. Lightning Talks should be submitted as a 1-2 paragraph abstract for a talk of approximately 5 minutes in length. Artifact descriptions should be described in 1-2 pages in length. All submissions should be formatted according to the SC Proceedings template. Per SC policy, margins and font sizes should not be modified. Papers submitted with an artifact are required to have an appended artifact descriptor as a part of the requirements for reproducibility.

Topics of Interest

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Cluster configuration and software management
- Cybersecurity and data protection
- Performance tuning and benchmarking
- Monitoring, Mean-time-to-failure, ROI, or Resource utilization
- Resource manager and job scheduler configuration
- HPC storage solutions
- Virtualization and Clouds

- Elastic workloads or optimizations for workload types (e.g., bioinformatics, new-user cases)
- Web-based cluster front ends

Artifact Types

- Architecture Descriptions would include an interesting network, storage or system architecture, or a hybrid thereof at a data-center level. It would be documented by multiple diagrams describing the architecture and a four page description of the architecture and why it is interesting.
- Small Middleware or Systems Software would include an artifact of code such as a Bash or Python Script. Additionally, there should be strong documentation that would make the artifact reproducible and a two page abstract additional to the artifact and documentation.
- System Configuration and Configuration Management would include interesting configuration or configuration management and the interactions between multiple configured applications. Examples of this may be a Puppet module, a config file that helps do something interesting, or more likely a group of config files and configuration management. Documentation for reproducing the artifact on a system as well as a two page abstract would be required.

We will also accept proposals for different types of artifacts from those that have been listed. If there is a type of artifact that is not listed that is a high-quality artifact with an emphasis on reproducibility and implementation, we invite you to propose it to the committee. If the committee agrees, we will amend the CFP to reflect the new artifact and the requirements for the artifact.

Submissions

We will use Linklings for all submissions to the workshop, and we will use the review system in Linklings for all feedback.

For artifacts, we will require that submitters submit a Git URL at a specific commit that the committee can clone and review. The committee will review and accept pull requests for updates during the different stages of review. The final artifacts will be hosted on the HPCSYSPROS Github as well as in a digital library for posterity.

Important Dates

Submissions Open - April 29th

Submissions Closed - September 6th Submissions Closed - September 18th

Notifications of Accepted Artifacts - October 2nd

Committee

Workshop Chair: Matt Bidwell

Program Chair: Gary Jackson

Committee Members:

John Blaas

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