

Call For Papers – NorthSec 2016

About NorthSec

NorthSec is the biggest applied security event in Canada, aimed at raising the knowledge and technical expertise of professionals and students alike. We are determined to create a high quality security forum composed of a two day single track conference by the brightest in their field of expertise, followed by an intense 48 hour on-site CTF contest.

For the last years, the event has been recognized as one of the most relevant and challenging of the industry by multiple partners :

“We at Symantec are proud to have sponsored North Sec 2014 and recognize that this competition represents the next generation of the world’s IT security professionals! We’d like to thank all the people responsible for organizing this great event and allowing us to be a part of it.” – (Symantec, 2014)

“The most prestigious and largest on site “Capture The Flag” competition in North America.” – (OKIOK, 2014)



Subjects we cover

Application & infrastructure security

Whether it's about pentesting, network security, software and/or hardware exploitation, web hacking, reverse engineering, malware/viriii/rootkits, or anything low-level that makes your personal clock tick, let us know!

Cryptography & obfuscation

From theoretical cryptosystems to applied cryptography exploitation, steganography and covert communication systems, we'd like to hear from you!

Society & Ethics

Technical subjects are at the core of the security field, but they also exist in a world of humans, affected by their social environment & political context.

If you've got something great to say about the digital society and it's security implications, drop us a line!

Something we forgot ?

You've got a great subject that you think would fascinate us ? Write us an email!

We try and keep a "practical" mind about the way we cover security topics, we very much like talks that feature Demos and/or working POC/tool release!

Talks format

The 2 days conference will be single-track, giving you a maximum audience as a speaker. We are able to provide you with either 20 min or 45 min time slot (30 - 60 including a question period). If you want to do a workshop / training instead, we sure will try and do our best to accommodate you. The conference will be followed by a 48h on-site CTF, if your talk can be "weaponized" in this event, we'd like to know!

You can check out last year's talk on YouTube

(<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuUtcRxSUZUpQAa54H6PKkfX6A48ruzhh>) in order to get a feeling of the kind of topics we appreciate 😊

How to reply to this CFP ?

Contact us through email at cfp@nsec.io (<mailto:cfp@nsec.io>)

Please include :

1. Your last/first name and/or well-known-handle
2. Your contact information (email, twitter, linkedin, etc.)
3. A short biography
4. The length of the presentation
5. The title/subject of the presentation
6. An abstract of the presentation (short & sweet) & related materials (code, white paper, publication, slides, etc.) ;
7. If you need help obtaining a Canadian Visa, the sooner the better ;
8. If you need help with paying for travel/accomodations (we will do our best, keeping in mind we are not-for-profit and run on a tight budget) ;
9. If you need something else than a projector, Internet & power.

Proposals review process

We will have a board of multiple people with varied background & expertise reviewing the proposals. We will let you know whether you've been selected or not, following this approximate timeline :

- Dec 1st, CFP Opened ;
- Jan 15th, 1st round CFP closed ;
- Feb 1st, 1st round talks announced ;
- Feb 1st, 2nd round CFP opened ;
- Mar 15th, 2nd round CFP closed ;
- Apr 1st, 2nd round talks announced.

What do you get ?

An entry to both events (Conference + CTF) for you and someone else (2 badges, second one upon request).

A distinctive and sought-after conference badge (and maybe more...).

Why Montreal ?

Montreal is an exceptional city, often cited as one of the best party (<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/travel-tips-and-articles/39339>)/hedonistic (<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/travel-tips-and-articles/57567>) city & named 2014 traveller's choice (http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Travel_Guide-q155032-Montreal_Quebec.html).

Here are a couple of links about the city's attraction :

Top 5 things to do in Montreal

(<http://www.theguardian.com/travel/2015/jul/23/just-for-laughs-top-5-things-to-do-in-montreal>)

[Top 5 of everything \(french\) \(http://www.journaldemontreal.com/jm/top5mtl\)](http://www.journaldemontreal.com/jm/top5mtl)
[Top Restaurants \(http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/blog/top-montreal-restaurants-for-the-gourmet-traveller/\)](http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/blog/top-montreal-restaurants-for-the-gourmet-traveller/)
[Major Events during NorthSec's week \(http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/What-To-Do/Events#&/wEXCAUKU2VhcmNoUGFnZQUBMQUKTWfqb3JFdmVudAUBMQUGU29ydEJ5BQdDdXJyZW50](http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/What-To-Do/Events#&/wEXCAUKU2VhcmNoUGFnZQUBMQUKTWfqb3JFdmVudAUBMQUGU29ydEJ5BQdDdXJyZW50)
[Cultural Passport \(rebates, etc.\) \(http://passeportmtl.com/\)](http://passeportmtl.com/)
[Official Tourism guide \(http://docs.tourisme-montreal.org/doc/tourisme-montreal-en/tourismemtl_officialguide2015_vp/2015051301#0\)](http://docs.tourisme-montreal.org/doc/tourisme-montreal-en/tourismemtl_officialguide2015_vp/2015051301#0)

Not only will you be able to meet & exchange with security experts as passionate as you are, we will do our best to make sure we live up to our reputation!

Someone you would like to see present? Let us know!

If you are not decided yet on the subject you'd like to present, but know someone who is likely to accept speaking at the event, write to us including that person's contact info, and we'll do our best to reach out for him/her!

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10 Dec

Incredible setup at [@NorthSec_io](#) #CTF 2015. stgraber.org/2015/12/08/nor... As a participant, it was a fantastic competition!

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[@NorthSec_io](#) will definitely be submitting a CFP. Love the venue and the event!

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Great post by [@stgraber](#) helps us make the 2016 edition even more awesome!

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