

Chapel Technical Steering Committee: Logo / TSC Applications / Chair

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Recap of Recent Events

Events since our last meeting (Oct 23)

Oct 23: Last TSC meeting; finalized logo guidance and submitted it to Linux Foundation design process

Nov 7: Received three potential designs:



Nov 7: Kicked off new TSC Slack channel for informal discussions like “What do you think about these?”

Nov 10: Launched two votes about how to proceed (#1: which of these three? #2: *lots* more options)

Summary of Votes (Instant Runoff)

Vote 1: Ranked the 3 options

- Decided in one round
 - Design 2: 9 votes
 - Design 3: 3 votes
 - Design 1: 0 votes



Vote 2: Ranked even more options:

- go with option n as-is
- try to revise option n before SC
- use option n for now, revise post-SC
- none of these seem viable, even with revisions
- announce without logo
- postpone announcement
- preferred libregd's designs

Round 1	...	Round 12
0/1/1		
0/3/1		0/5/0
0/3/1		0/7/0
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Requests for Revisions to Logos

Nov 12: Sent in requests for possible improvements to design 2

- narrower font, for a more modern look?
- make the icon more representative of something / less forgettable?
- thicken lines
- make aspect ratio more square?
- leverage negative space somehow?
 - embed CHPL?
- see what a non-gradient version looks like?
- shift gradient to include more green?
- and maybe...
 - make three elements more symmetrical?
 - make curves into sharper corners?



Then, jointly with HPSF, decided to use design 2 for the SC announcement and to refine post-SC

Nov 14: Received an HPSF-initiated mod to fatten up the lines to design 2 (see above)

Events since our last meeting on Oct 23

Nov 16: Updated major project websites and social media to reflect placeholder logo and LF copyright

Nov 17: HPSF and HPE announcements published

- HPSF: <https://hpsf.io/blog/2025/hpsf-welcomes-chapel/>
- HPE: <https://www.hpe.com/us/en/newsroom/blog-post/2025/11/three-hpe-built-exascale-systems-sweep-list-of-worlds-fastest-for-the-third-time-reconfirming-hpes-supercomputing-leadership.html>
 - Notably, HPE's was the same article as their TOP500 and Green500 announcements

Nov 17–18: Social media announcements supporting the announcements

Nov 17–20: Engin and Oliver Alvarado Rodriguez staff Chapel/Arkouda demo station at HPE booth

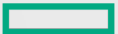
- Also spent some time at the HPSF booth getting to know the community and representing Chapel



Reactions to Logo

- Not a lot of data points, but many I've heard have been tepid or unenthused
 - e.g., "Doesn't "say" Chapel to me"
 - "Looks like fingers on a circuit board, which is low-level / HW-oriented"
 - "Not particularly memorable"
- Of course, the hitch is "What would you counter-propose?"...
- Let's return to the logo after taking care of some other business...

TSC Chair



TSC Chair

Issue: <https://github.com/chapel-lang/TSC/issues/22>

Proposed Chair Responsibilities, Initially:

- **TSC meetings:** convenes them, sets the agenda, runs them
- **TSC votes:** establishes and runs them
 - Breaks ties when needed
- **HPSF/LF Communications:** Serves as our project's principal point of contact
- **HPSF TAC:** Serves as our project's representative(?)
- **Delegation:** Can delegate any of the above to someone else in particular instances

Who is interested in the role?



Expanding the TSC

Opening Up TSC Applications

Issue: <https://github.com/chapel-lang/TSC/issues/21>

Proposed application format:

- submit 1–3 paragraphs detailing:
 - experience with the Chapel language and/or project
 - why they would like to be on the TSC and what they think they would bring to it
- live presentation at meeting as well?

List of things that could be considered strengths in an application:

(with no expectation that any given application will check all / most of these boxes)

- uses of Chapel in applications
- contributions to the Chapel community in the form of pull requests (code and/or doc changes)
- contributions to Chapel discussions and issues
- organizing, or participating in, Chapel events like ChapelCon, weekly meetings, etc.
- publications, blog posts, social media, etc. related to Chapel
- unique perspectives or strengths that would potentially benefit the project
- potentially other things we haven't anticipated



TSC Member Expectations

Issue: <https://github.com/chapel-lang/TSC/issues/23>

Potential expectations / responsibilities:

- Make a best effort to participate in TSC activities such as meetings, discussions, and votes
- Help guide the high-level directions of the Chapel language project to help maximize its success
- Serve as a representative of Chapel to the community, looking for opportunities to raise its stature
- Other...?

Logo Design Discussion





Open Discussion: Where to go from here?

Circular Cropped version



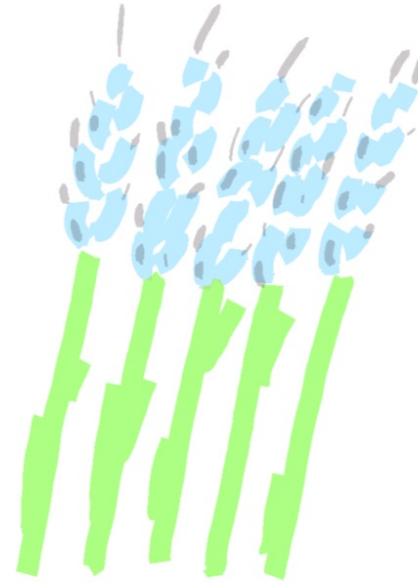
Negative Space Sketch



New Logo Ideas (Daniel)

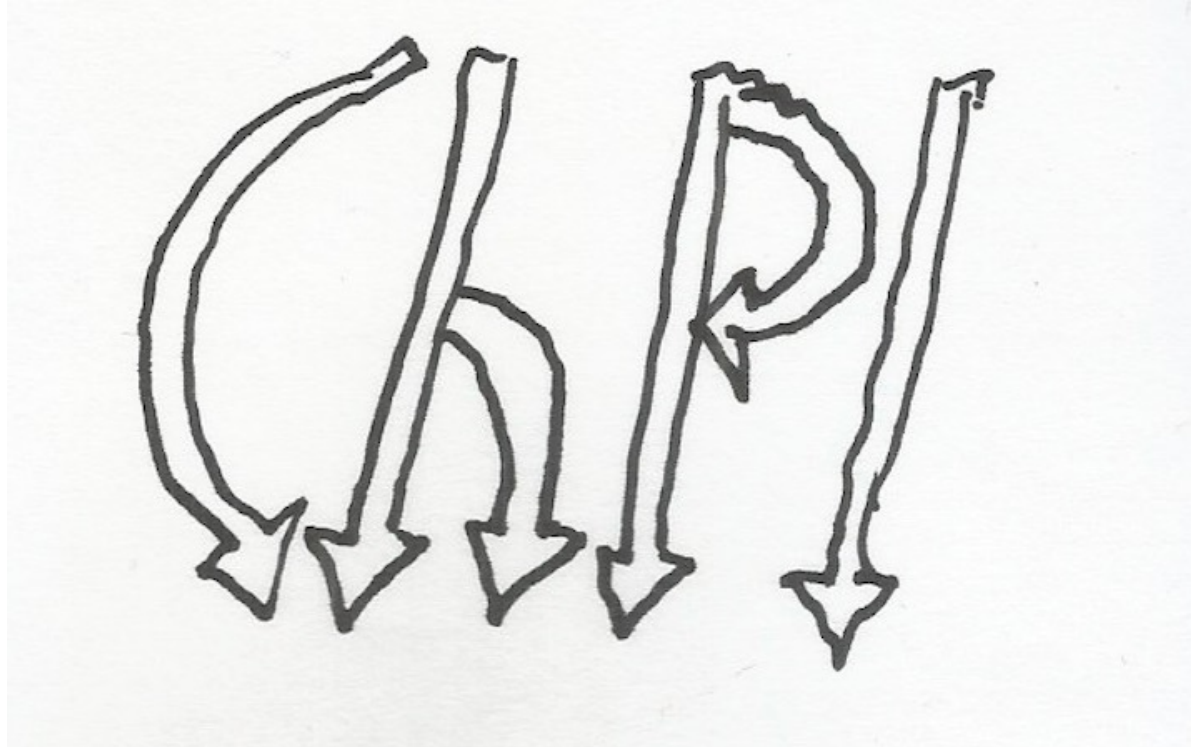


The first one is inspired by a lavender bush (but blue, which is possible for lavender). The multiple interleaving stems, plus the multitude of small flowers on each stem, capture the elegance of parallel computing at multiple levels of resolution. Also, lavender is pretty.



...lean[ing] on Michael's "stalks of wheat" analogy. A single stalk of wheat takes months to grow, but you can grow a whole field in months by growing them in parallel. Like with lavender, each wheat stem has multiple seeds, which captures nesting parallelism as well. Also, these stems are actually parallel (as opposed to weaving around), which I think is nice.

Thread fork-join 'chpl'



Designer notes on concept 2

This concept aligns more into the “parallel/fast” terminology. The icon plays on the positive and negative spaces to provide a sense of movement. Colors are as specified in the brief, but wanted movement within the icon which called for the gradient.



What's Next?

TSC TODOs

Short-term:

- ~~Approve the technical charter~~
- ~~Approve the GOVERNANCE.md document~~
- ~~Decide whether to rename the project now~~
- ~~Decide how to source a new logo~~
- Decide whether we want to create a TSC chair
- What else belongs in this column?

Medium- to Longer-term:

- How can community members join the TSC?
 - And whether we want to actively recruit
- What's our meeting cadence and structure?
- How are topics proposed to the TSC?
- What TSC forums should we establish outside HPE?
 - (Mailing list? Slack? Discord?)
- Does LF have a more formal voting tool to use?
- How can community members become committers?
- How about here?

Thanks!

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