



Call for Papers

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Important Dates

Abstract submission: January 25, 2019
Submission: February 1, 2019
Notification: March 1, 2019
Camera Ready: March 15, 2019
Workshop: May, 2019



In conjunction with ICSE 2019

2nd International Workshop on Software Health (SoHeal 2019)

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Factors impacting software health can vary depending on the viewpoint of the involved stakeholders: *process* factors, *technical* factors concerning the source code and related software artefacts, *social* factors concerning the communities of software contributors and users, and *business* factors concerning commercial aspects of the software product. Because of this variety, there is no clear definition of **what constitutes software health**, since it encompasses many different development and evolution attributes, including success, longevity, growth, resilience, survival, diversity, sustainability, etc.

As can be witnessed by recent initiatives such as the Linux Foundation's CHAOSS project on community health analytics, the research community and the industry have realized the need for a **socio-technical perspective** concerning software health. Such a perspective is challenging, due to the volatile storage of information regarding social relations, conflicts and interactions. There is a need to find better methods, techniques and tools to monitor software health, as well as to predict and take corrective measures when health implications arise. Finally, a project's health should also consider the **health of the ecosystem** in which the project participates to obtain a holistic view of software health. Thus, a better understanding is needed of how the health metrics, indicators and their operationalization can be aggregated from project-level to ecosystem level.

SoHeal aims to enable and promote collaboration between academia and industry, unifying the **views on software health of researchers and practitioners**. The workshop's goals are to: (1) raise awareness of practitioners' problems with software health; (2) familiarize practitioners with the progress made by academia; and (3) connect the two communities to further advance the body of knowledge and state of the practice on software health.

We invite two types of contributions: **position papers** of 6 to 8 pages (including figures, tables and references) following the [IEEE Conference Proceedings Formatting Guidelines](#), and **practitioner talk proposals** reporting on their experience. Topics for contributions include but are not limited to:

- social, technical, legal, process and business aspects of software health
- software health at the individual, team or community level
- software health at the software project or ecosystem level
- experiences with software health in industry, open source or the public sector
- qualitative and/or quantitative studies about software health
- software health definition, modelling, measurement and assessment
- software health prediction, recommendation and improvement
- software health tools and dashboards (e.g. for analytics and visualization)

All accepted contributions will be presented during the workshop, but only position papers will be included in the proceedings. The official publication date of the workshop proceedings is the date the proceedings are made available by IEEE. This date may be up to two weeks prior to the first day of ICSE 2019. The official publication date affects the deadline for any patent filings related to published work. All submissions should provide unpublished and original work that has not been previously accepted for publication nor concurrently submitted for review in another workshop, conference, journal or book. If the submission is accepted, at least one author must attend the workshop and present the paper in order to include the paper in the proceedings.