



Professional IT Community Conference

**May 3 - 4, 2013**

New Brunswick, NJ

Hyatt Regency New Brunswick

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**System Administration: Scaling, Security, and Saving Money**

## Call for Participation

**LOPSA-East Professional IT Community Conference 2013**

The organizers of the LOPSA-East Professional IT Community Conference invite you to submit proposals for presentations at LOPSA-EAST '13.

LOPSA-EAST13 is a gathering of professionals from the diverse IT (computer and network administration) community in New Jersey to learn, share ideas, and network. The conference includes invited speakers and keynotes, training by top-notch experts that is relevant, useful, and recession-friendly; plus a "Birds of a Feather" track where attendees propose and host their own topics during the event. We expect attendance of 100 to 150 IT professionals from mid to large sized companies and academia from New Jersey/New York/Pennsylvania. We go by many titles but everyone is invited: system administrators, network administrators, network engineers, Windows, Linux, Unix, DBAs, etc.

### Presentation Topics

We strongly welcome topics on best practices, new developments in systems administration, and cutting edge techniques to better manage Linux, Unix, or Windows hosts and environments.

All presentations should be of a technical nature and speakers should assume that members of the audience have at least a few years' experience in general IT, Linux/Unix, and/or Windows administration.

The audience will primarily hail from businesses and academic institutions in the New Jersey/New York/Pennsylvania area.



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**Topics may include (but are not limited to):**

- System Administration
- Backup
- Security
- Troubleshooting
- Buying
- Decision Making
- Virtualization
- Cloud computing
- Enterprise Monitoring and Management
- Identity Management
- Web and Email Management
- Spam and Virus Filtering
- Networking
- Wikis
- Clustering and High Availability
- Log Management
- VoIP
- Ticketing systems
- Bootstrapping and automated installation
- Configuration Management and packaging

**Topics explicitly NOT requested:**

- Sales presentations
- Vendor product demonstrations
- Proposals or vaporware

**Here are some topics from our previous two conferences and some ideas for new talks:**

- Internal Documentation for System Administrators.
- The Path to Senior System Administrator
- A senior system administrator describes the "lessons learned" from converting from one email system to another.
- Someone with recent experience in particular technology (cloud computing, backups, Windows 7, etc.) presents "10 things I wish I knew before I started with [name of product]"



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- A Windows engineer describes how they manage their fleet of desktops/laptops.

### **Presentation Format**

We are actively seeking proposals for presentations at LOPSA-EAST'13. We have openings for:

- Talks: A 20-minute presentation (with slides) followed by ten minutes of Q&A
- Lightning Talks: A 5-minute talk (hard limit!) with no Q&A in a shared session of up to 18 speakers
- Posters: One physical poster of a topic or work in progress, to be discussed with conference attendees during a specified poster session
- Panels: 45-minute panel discussion (2 – 5 panelists plus a moderator)
- Tutorials: Instructor-led sessions, half a day in length, with slides and notes (both distributed electronically to all attendees)

### **Submit your Presentation**

Submissions and questions should be sent to: [sponsorship@lopsaeast.org](mailto:sponsorship@lopsaeast.org)

Tutorial instructors will receive free admission, travel expenses, and an honorarium; speakers (for talks), poster presenters, panelists, and panel moderators will receive a registration discount.

Lightning Talk presenters receive no discount.

### **Dates and Deadlines**

- November 29, 2012 (midnight EST): Deadline for all submissions
- December 21, 2012: Decisions and notification to all submitters
- January 11, 2013: Schedule to be published (approximate)
- February 11, 2013: Conference registration opens (approximate)
- May 3 – 4, 2013: LOPSA-East '13

### **Contact and Questions**

Please see our website at <http://www.lopsa-east.org/> for more information on LOPSA-East '13 and presenting at this great event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the organizers at: [submissions@lopsa-east.org](mailto:submissions@lopsa-east.org)