

Message from the Program Co-Chairs

NSDI '10 carries on the conference's tradition of presenting the best work in the area of networked systems. We have a strong program, with papers spanning a broad range of topics in systems and networking.

We received 175 paper submissions, tying the 2008 record. We rejected three submissions without review, because they violated the formatting requirements in the Call for Papers by more than 10%. Each of the remaining submissions was reviewed by at least three program committee members. We selected 85 submissions for a second round of reviewing. These submissions each received at least two additional reviews by program committee members. In a small number of cases, we used external reviewers to complement the expertise of the program committee. All 25 members of the program committee attended the meeting at MIT on December 14 in person. Discussions at the program committee meeting led to a final program with 29 papers. Because of the special role conferences play in our field, all papers were shepherded by a program committee member and, where supported by the shepherd, received extra pages to address reviewers' comments.

This year NSDI has moved to entirely electronic proceedings. In addition to the environmental implications, the elimination of incremental per-page costs allowed us to be extremely generous with additional pages; over half of the authors took advantage of the opportunity to include up to two pages of supplementary content. While we believe the quality of a number of papers was significantly improved by the extended length, we encourage the community to consider the ramifications of a substantially longer final version in the general case. We welcome your feedback on this and other ways that NSDI can potentially leverage its new, all-electronic format.

We are grateful to everyone whose hard work made this conference possible. Most of all, we are indebted to all of the authors who submitted their work to this conference. We thank the program committee for their dedication and hard work in reviewing papers and participating in the extensive discussions at the PC meeting, as well as in shepherding the final versions. We thank our external reviewers for lending their expertise on short notice. We extend special thanks to Hari Balakrishnan and Sheila Marian for hosting the program committee meeting at MIT. We are grateful to the conference sponsors for their support and to the USENIX staff for handling the conference logistics, marketing, and proceedings publication; it is a pleasure to work with them. Eddie Kohler and Geoff Voelker continue to provide invaluable service to the community by providing and supporting their HotCRP reviewing system and Banal format checker. Finally, we thank the NSDI '10 attendees and future readers of these papers: in the end, it is your interest in this work that makes all of these efforts worthwhile.

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