

Call For Papers

The Long Con is Winnipeg's technical information security conference, now in its fifth year. This year's event takes place on November 2nd & 3rd at a new venue: The Good Will located at 625 Portage Ave. The conference runs a single speaking track with presentations expected to be 20 minutes or 45 minutes, followed by a few minutes for Q&A.

The conference is organized by a small group of volunteers consisting of current and former Winnipeggers with careers in technology and information security. They can be reached at organizers@thelongcon.ca. Up-to-date information, as well as recordings of the presentations given at previous events can be found at <https://thelongcon.ca>.

We are looking for presentations that talk about infosec tools, specific exploits, legal issues, privacy, defensive and offensive measures, cryptography, password cracking, reverse engineering, lockpicking, and software-defined radio. If your presentation doesn't fit into any of those categories, pitch it anyway! Topics that "aren't infosec" are often interesting and appropriate for our audience. We will advise you if we think your presentation needs to be adjusted before we consider it, and offer recommendations. We especially encourage you to submit to this CFP if you've never presented at a conference before. You will find the audience is very supportive.

You are welcome to submit to this CFP as many presentations as you would like. We will consider all submissions from all potential speakers to choose the mix of talks that would best fit the expected audience. We will not pick more than one presentation per speaker.

We cannot compensate speakers beyond what is given to all participants (e.g., t-shirt, badge). This means that travel, lodging, and all other expenses that may be incurred by speakers will not be reimbursed.

Submissions should be in plain text and answer the following questions:

- May we refer to you by your name? If so, what is your name? If not, by what pseudonym should we refer to you?
- What pronouns would you like us to use when referring to you on stage and in our written materials?
- What email address should we use to contact you?
- What is the title of your presentation?
- In one paragraph, provide a description of your presentation (i.e., an abstract)
- How long is your presentation (20 or 45 mins)?
- Who are you, what do you want people to know about you? (i.e., a bio)
- Has this material been presented elsewhere? If so, where and when?
- Are you presenting as a representative of:
 - Yourself?
 - A company? If so, what is its name?
 - A group? If so, what is its name?
- Will you be traveling to the event? If so, from where?

Failure to answer any of the above questions will likely result in your submission being summarily rejected. Any talks we feel are marketing or sales pitches will definitely be rejected. We may censor aspects of your bio, talk's title, or talk's abstract if they contain language we deem offensive.

We may live stream, and will record for online distribution, all presentations made at the event. Your name (or pseudonym), the group you're representing (if any), your bio, the title of your presentation, and your presentation's abstract will appear in several places and be posted indefinitely along with the recording of your presentation; take some time to consider what to write for them.

Submissions must be emailed to cfp@thelongcon.ca. The CFP opens on Monday, June 3rd and the deadline for submissions is Friday, August 2nd. Each submission that we receive will have its receipt confirmed within 24 hours, for your peace of mind. You will be informed if any information that we require is missing. Every submission will be responded to by Tuesday, September 3rd with our decision as to whether it has been accepted. Speakers will receive a complimentary ticket to the event, and a token of our appreciation.

All submissions are greatly appreciated, but we're running a single track for two days, so there are limited slots available, constraining the number of presentations that we can accept. If you have any questions about the CFP or the conference, please email the organizers at organizers@thelongcon.ca.