



TheServerSide Java Symposium (TSSJS), a community event focusing on current and emerging technologies in the Enterprise Java space, has opened its call for papers to speak at TSSJS 2008, **Las Vegas, March 26-28**.

TSSJS’s mission is to advance the Enterprise Java platform, propagate industry-wide best practices, and provide a forum for the Java community to engage in forward-thinking discussions. The Symposium is a gathering place for thought leaders and innovators to examine the next generation of Java technologies as well as to provide instructive guidance on popular frameworks, tools and methodologies being used TODAY by Enterprise Java developers, architects and technical team leads

We are accepting proposals for the following tracks:

1. Solutions track – Frontline Java (case studies)

This track will be a collection of case studies sharing real-world experiences from the field to give attendees practical guidance on any of the following topics, in the context of Enterprise Java:

Security Persistence Integration (SOA, Interop, SOAP/REST) Web application development with modern frameworks Portal development (SSO, CMS, portals, portlets, LDAP) Workflow management / Rules paradigms Applying Scripting Languages	Client development (Ajax, rich clients, thin clients) Monitoring and management Methodologies, Requirements Analysis, Project Management Design and development techniques (large scale systems, AOP, IoC, etc) Performance Tuning & Optimization Test Driven Development
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Successful case study proposals will be technical presentations that address today’s challenges with pragmatic, proven solutions - projects that are unique, innovative and architecturally-focused will be given preference. Hard-hitting topics based on your own experience are your best bet. TSSJS is a conference by developers for developers, so please – no fluff, self-promotion, or sales pitches. We’ll be keeping a close eye on this.

Case studies will be 60 minutes including Q & A.

2. Futures Track – Demos

The aim of this track is two fold:

1) To get developers thinking about how the Java platform and language might evolve in the next 15-20 years and what impact this will have on server-side development.

2) To showcase innovative ways in which Java technology might be used in the future. These could be demonstrations of cool, Java-based consumer devices or applications that have potential for widespread adoption.

Demos will not be presented in a session room but rather out in the open on the networking floor. Demos can be a maximum of 30 minutes in length.

3. Fireside Chats – Formerly called Birds of a Feather (BOFs)

Fireside chats will be 60 minutes.

The goal of the Fireside Chats is to provide attendees quality time with experts in an informal discussion group as a forum for learning. The Fireside chats will not include slides, as traditional presentations are not allowed here. Discussion leaders will kickstart the discussion and guide the group through issues/challenges/pain-points.

Successful Fireside Chat topic proposals will be about current or emerging Java technologies that architects and developers just can't get enough of or just can't get a handle on. A good discussion leader is someone comfortable with moderating group discussions, who has in-depth technical knowledge of the topic, and is able to assess problems/challenges presented and provide answers, tips, tricks and solutions.

An example of a successful discussion group from 2007, 'Spring – The User's Perspective':

Eberhard Wolff, Adrian Colyer and Benjamin Alex held a discussion group to gain more insight about experiences and problems from Spring users in the field which allowed users to discuss the Spring technology portfolio with the like-minded. The discussion gave users the unique chance to give direct feedback to the people who brought them the Spring framework and influence the way the technology will advance in the future.

Submit your proposals today. Proposals will be reviewed in the order in which they are received, and will not be accepted after November 9th.

About the audience:

TSSJS will consist of a somewhat international audience of senior developers, developers, architects, technical team leads/project leads working primarily on enterprise Java projects. Many attendees are usually regular readers of TheServerSide.com.

What we are looking for in a speaker:

We are looking for expert end-users, developers & architects from the community, and trainers/educators. You do not have to be a professional, polished speaker, but an understanding of public speaking, creating effective presentations and demonstration skills are required.

What's in it for you:

Along with a free pass to the event, we will cover airfare (up to \$350) and hotel room/tax (2 nights) for any approved speakers. You will be able to attend the whole conference and also benefit from content presented by others, and gain unprecedented networking opportunities.

What to submit:

Your bio: No more than 100 words.

Session proposal: Using the proposal template provided. Only complete proposals in the template will be reviewed.

How to submit your proposal:

Download the proposal template (Word doc) and send your proposal with bio to cfp@theserverside.com

Important dates:

Earliest date to submit proposals: **Immediately**

Latest date to submit proposals: **November 9, 2007**

Completed presentations due: **March 1, 2008**

Conference dates: **March 26-28, 2008**

After we receive your proposal:

We will acknowledge receipt of your proposal within two business days. We will review and evaluate your proposal not only for its individual merit but in comparison with other proposals. Please understand that this review process takes some time but we will be sure to get back to you by November 9th to inform you whether or not your proposal has been accepted.