

Open Source Software Competition

Call for Open Source Software Competition

The open-source software competition is a relatively recent and highly successful addition to the ACM Multimedia program. 2008 will be our fifth year in running the competition.

The competition celebrates the invaluable contribution of open source programmers who advance the field by providing the community with implementations of codecs, middleware, frameworks, toolkits, libraries, and other multimedia software.

To qualify, software must be provided with source code and licensed in such a manner that it can be used free of charge in academic and research settings. For the competition, the software will be built from the sources. Submissions should be made in the form of a compressed zip or tar archive file and must include the following:

- A text file named README.txt which summarizes the purpose of the software and its overall design and use.
- A text file named INSTALL.txt which includes any and all instructions on building and installing the software and any system requirements. The judging committee will make a reasonable effort to build any submitted software. However, if we are unable to make the software run given a reasonable effort, we must unfortunately exclude it from the competition. Therefore, complete and clear build and install instructions are a crucial component of any submission.

Additionally, authors are highly encouraged to provide as much documentation as possible, including examples of how the provided software might be used. Entries may be made available to the research community via the ACM Multimedia SIG website and the judging committee may employ feedback from the community at large to help determine the winning entry. In order to encourage participation, non-winning entries are encouraged to submit again in the future. Student-led efforts are particularly encouraged. Authors of the winning entry will be recognized formally at ACM Multimedia 2007, awarded a prize (to be announced), and invited to demonstrate their software as part of the conference demonstration program. Important Dates

June 15, 2008

Open Source Software Competition submission deadline

June 27, 2008

Notification of acceptance

August 01, 2008

Camera-ready papers Submission Instructions

People interested in submitting an entry to the open source software competition should submit 1-2 pages containing the following information

- Title of submission
- Names and affiliations of authors (indicate students)
- Brief overview of submission (i.e., purpose, intended audience, main features, etc.)
- Public URL for project page where software, documentation, and license can be foundCompressed tar or zip archive file with all source code, documentation, and licenses

The documents should be sent via email to Arnd Steinmetz .

Please note: If the archive file is more than 5MB in size, please place the file in a web accessible location and send a URL for that location instead. If you have questions about what can or should be submitted, please feel free to address these questions to one of the competition chairs Oliver Heckmann or Arnd Steinmetz . We are excited to be organizing this innovative and creative addition to the ACM Multimedia program. Please help us make this venture a continuing success by submitting your entry to the competition. We look forward to your participation. Questions?

For any questions regarding the open source competition please email to one of the members of the program committee:

- Oliver Heckmann (Google)
- Michael Hanselmann (Google)
- Marcus Börger (Google)
- Steven Dropsho (Youtube/Google)
- Arnd Steinmetz (University of Applied Science, Darmstadt)