

Why not just accept more papers?

For the last 5 years, there has been a serious effort to increase the number of papers accepted at OSDI; however, there has been barely a 20% increase. Our proposal automatically doubles the number of papers accepted every year.

Why not multi-track?

We believe that multi-tracking the conferences is also an acceptable solution; however, there are a few downsides:

1. The community has been strongly against multi-tracking the conferences.
2. We would need to coordinate to multi-track both SOSP or OSDI in order for it to work.
3. It does not increase the geographic diversity of conference locations every year. For 6 years out of 8, we will still be holding a single conference in North America.

Why not present a subset of the accepted papers and have everyone else present posters?

We do not want to further stratify papers into “presented” papers and “poster” papers. As top-tier conferences, all papers accepted to OSDI and SOSP deserve an equal presentation.

Why not rolling deadlines?

Similar to multi-tracking, instituting rolling deadlines would require coordination between SOSP and OSDI (and potentially EuroSys). This proposal decouples the dependency between SOSP and OSDI, so that each conference can make the decision to accept more papers, multi-track and move to rolling deadlines independently

How does this proposal affect EuroSys?

We expect both SOSP and OSDI to be offset from EuroSys. EuroSys is typically held in the spring, we tentatively anticipate that the two other conferences will be in the summer and fall. Further, the locations will be far apart so researchers that cannot attend one (due to timing, distance and visa constraints) can still attend one of the other conferences.