



## SharkFest'21 Virtual FAQ

### What is SharkFest™?

SharkFest is an annual, multi-regional educational conference focused on sharing knowledge, experience and best practices among the Wireshark open source project developer and user communities. SharkFest began as a US-based event in 2008. In 2016, SharkFest EUROPE was added and, in April 2018, the first SharkFest ASIA was staged.

### What is Wireshark®?

Wireshark is the de facto standard network and packet analysis tool downloaded over 1M+ times/month by IT Professionals across all network-related disciplines for the purpose of troubleshooting, managing, monitoring, and securing networks. Wireshark is open-source, free technology available on demand from [www.wireshark.org](http://www.wireshark.org).

### How is Riverbed associated with Wireshark and SharkFest?

Since acquiring CACE Technologies in 2010, Riverbed has been the corporate host and sponsor of the Wireshark project and SharkFest conferences. Gerald Combs, Wireshark Project Founder, is Riverbed's Director of Open Source Projects, Wireshark development director, and coordinator of a global core group of volunteer code contributors.

### When and where will SharkFest'21 Virtual conferences take place?

SharkFest'21 Virtual EUROPE: Online. Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

SharkFest'21 Virtual US: Online. Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>

### Who attends SharkFest?

SharkFest attracts IT professionals at all levels of packet analysis proficiency from commercial enterprises, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and independent consultancies. Attendees seek to perfect their skills in the art of packet analysis by attending lecture and lab-based sessions delivered by the most seasoned Wireshark experts in the industry.

### Why attend?

- To receive world-class Wireshark instruction by renowned veteran packet analysts.
- To interact with Wireshark core developers. Gerald Combs, founder of Ethereal/Wireshark open source project, and reps from the global network of core developers will be available on Discord to answer questions, present the current state and future direction of the Wireshark

project, show attendees how to write their own dissectors and contribute code to the project, and more.

- To build diagnostic muscle by joining a selection of Wireshark-centric sessions ranging from beginner to advanced/developer levels.

### **How can I sponsor SharkFest?**

Please visit the SharkFest'21 Virtual US Sponsor page located at <https://sharkfestus.wireshark.org/sponsors> for details and access to the on-line Sponsorship Form that describes the various options available.

### **How can I become a SharkFest Instructor?**

The SharkFest speaker page with session submission guidelines and a form to complete with your vitals and proposed topic can be found at <https://pretalx.packet-foo.com/sharkfest-21-virtual-us-2021/cfp>.