



CALL FOR PAPERS – SUBMISSION PREPARATION DOCUMENT

Please use this document to prepare your submission. **We do not accept submissions via e-mail, [you must submit it via the CFP Portal Here](#)**

QUESTIONS?

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Call for Papers Opens: March 21, 2025 (12:00AM Eastern Time GMT/UTC -4h)
- Call for Papers Closes: May 16, 2025 (11:59PM Eastern Time GMT/UTC -4h)
- Notification to Submitters: August 2025
- Briefings Dates/Location: October 1-2, 2025 (Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto Canada)
Terms & Dates are subject to change.

[Sign up here](#) to receive more information on future Calls for Papers for SecTor and Black Hat Conferences.

Speaker Participation:

- Selected speakers will present in-person in Toronto Canada.

Before beginning your submission, please refer to the following:

- Formats, Track Descriptions, Resources & Sample Submissions, Coordinated Disclosure, Speaker Benefits, and Terms: [are available here.](#)

Submission Requirements

- [View the submission requirements here.](#)

Excerpts of source code in Submissions:

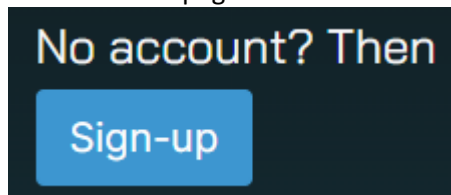
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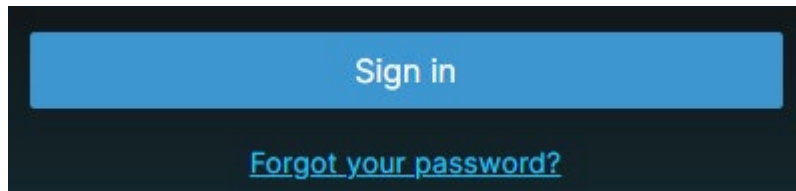
Do not use emojis, geometric shapes or images in your submission. They will cause the system to delete the text in the field.

Your Account:

- If this is your first time submitting to a SecTor or Black Hat conference, please create a new account (scroll to the bottom of the page and select the blue "sign-up" button).

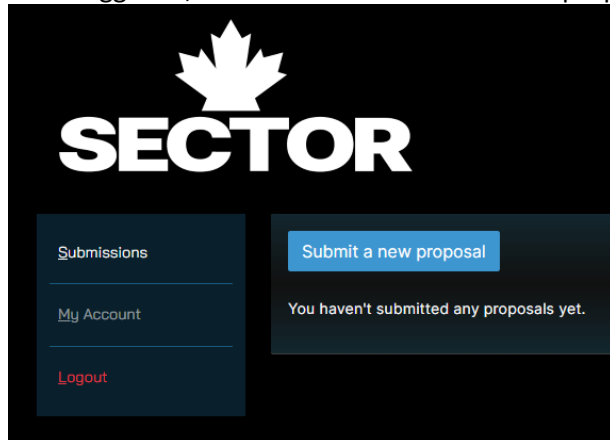


- If you have submitted to a SecTor or Black Hat conference within the last two years, please use your previously created credentials to log in. (To reset your password, simply select "Forgot Your Password" under the blue "Sign In" button near the top of the screen.)

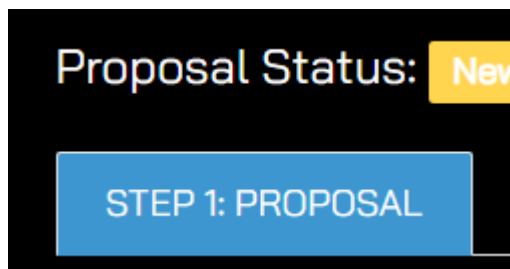


Starting a New Proposal:

- Log in or create an account using the instructions above.
- Once logged in, select the blue "Submit a new proposal button"



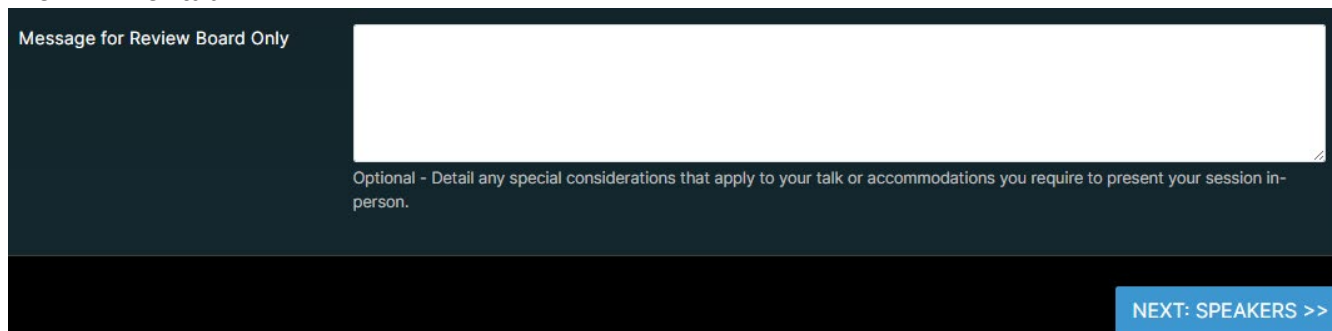
STEP 1: PROPOSAL:



- **Title** (Session Title)
Create an engaging and descriptive title for your session.
Tip: The system does not allow double quotes (") in titles, use single quotes ('), if desired.
[For examples of previous titles, view the 2024 schedule here.](#)
- **Track** (Primary)
Select Your Primary Track.
[Track descriptions are available here.](#)
- **Secondary** (Track) **Optional**
Select the secondary track for your submission
- **Format**
Select 45-minute Briefings (there is only one option)
- **Abstract**
Provide a concise, yet detailed description of your presentation (approx. 75-300 words). Accepted talk abstracts will be published on SecTor's website and in other materials.
- **Presentation Outline**
Provide a DETAILED outline of the content (major topics, subtopics, findings, outcomes, results, and key points to be covered). [Review the sample submissions here](#) for outline examples. Submissions with detailed outlines score higher. Field displays plain text only, add line breaks for readability.
- **Intended Audience**
Please list the primary and secondary (if applicable) intended audience(s). (Executives/CXO/VP/Director, Manager/Supervisor, Security Practitioners/Administrator/Ops, Developer or Students.)

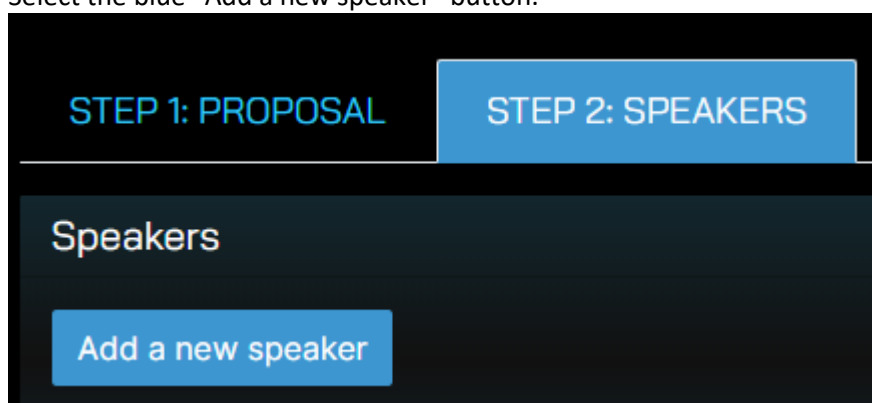
- **Is the Content Tailored for a Canadian Audience?**
Yes/No. If yes, describe how it is tailored to a Canadian audience. (Relevant to any regulatory/legal related content.)
- **What Problem Does Your Research/Presentation Solve?**
Please describe.
- **What New Research, Concept, Technique, or Approach is Included in Your Submission?**
Describe what is new or ground-breaking about your research/presentation and how it will benefit the audience.
- **Provide 3 Audience Takeaways**
Provide three actionable takeaways from your presentation that the audience can apply in their daily work. Focus on practicality and usability where applicable.
- **Is This a New Vulnerability?**
Yes/No. If Yes, Describe the Vulnerability. Provide supporting descriptions/details.
- **If This is A New Vulnerability, Has It Been Disclosed to the Affected Vendor(s)?**
Please explain where you are in the disclosure process, including vendor response, timelines, reporting status, patch status, etc. Please note: SecTor strongly supports and encourages coordinated disclosure.
- **Is This Content New?**
Yes/No. If this content has been previously published or presented, specify what has been covered before, where, how this submission differs, and what percentage of the material is new. Include URLs for any prior presentations, videos, papers, or posts.
- **Will You Be Releasing a New Tool?**
Yes/No. If you plan to release a new tool, please briefly describe the tool and how it complements your presentation. Please note: Presentations focusing on tool demos should be submitted to Arsenal - <https://www.blackhat.com/html/arsenal-call-for-tools.html>
- **Will Your Presentation Include a Demo?**
Yes/No. If Yes, Describe the Demo. What do you plan to demo? (Note: This question relates to demos of the issue, not tool demos.)
- **Speaker Names & Presentation Experience**
List the speaker(s) presenting the session (maximum 2). Additional speakers will be listed as contributors on the SecTor website if selected.
If a speaker has presented at SecTor or Black Hat Briefings, specify when and where (e.g., SecTor 2023). Otherwise, provide a video link (Vimeo/YouTube preferred) to a past conference presentation.
- **Does Your Company/ Employer Provide a Solution to the Issue Addressed?**
Yes/No. If your employer/company offers a solution related to the topic of this submission, explain the solution and how you will maintain a vendor-agnostic approach. Note: SecTor does not accept product or vendor-related pitches.
- **White Paper/Slide Deck/Supporting Materials optional**
If you have a completed white paper or draft, slide deck, or other supporting materials, you can optionally provide a link for review by the board. PDF or online viewable links are preferred, where no authentication/log-in is required. Please note: Submission must be self-contained for evaluation, supporting materials are optional.
- **If this session is selected, do we have permission to immediately publish it to the SecTor website?**
Yes/No. If yes, session title, abstract and speaker information may be published as early as June 11, 2025. If no, we will reach out to confirm prior to publishing.
- **Message for Review Board Only optional**
Optional - Detail any special considerations that apply to your talk or accommodations you require to present your session in-person.

When you are done with Step 1, either click the blue “NEXT: SPEAKERS” button at the bottom of the page or the “STEP 2: SPEAKERS” tab.



STEP 2: SPEAKERS

Select the blue “Add a new speaker” button.



You will enter each speaker/contributor separately.

Speaking teams are limited to 2, so additional speakers added to the CFP will be listed as contributors on the SecTor Website, if the session is selected.

- **First Name**
- **Last Name**
- **Display Name – Optional** – Enter a display name if you want to use a handle (e.g. Crash Override, Zero Cool, etc.).
- **Preferred Pronouns** - e.g., she/her, he/him, they/them
- **Email** - Must be unique, cannot use the same e-mail address for another speaker/contributor.
- **Phone**
- **Title** – Example: Security Researcher, CISO, etc.
- **Organization** – Name of Company, University, etc.
 - **Are you an independent researcher?** – Optional, check this box if you are an independent researcher and do not want to list a company affiliation.
- **Country**
- **State/Providence** (required for US/Canada)
- **City optional**
- **Twitter (X) Username optional**
- **Website URL optional**
- **LinkedIn URL optional**
- **Bio** - Please provide a short biography following these guidelines:
Format: Written in the third-person perspective, presented in a concise paragraph.
Structure: Begin with the speaker’s name.
Reference: For examples, [refer to the SecTor 2024 Speaker List here.](#)
- **Have you previously spoken at any of our conferences? Optional**, Check box to indicate “Yes”

Once finished adding the first speaker, select the blue “Add Speaker” Button to continue. YOU CAN ADD ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS/CONTRIBUTORS BY CLICKING ON THE BLUE “ADD A NEW SPEAKER BUTTON”

STEP 3: ATTACHMENTS

STEP 1: PROPOSAL STEP 2: SPEAKERS **STEP 3: ATTACHMENTS** STEP 4: SUBMIT

Upload Files and Documents

Select a file:

Choose File No file chosen

Upload File

Uploaded Files

No files uploaded yet.

Supported File Formats:

Plain text (.txt)

Max file size: 64 MB

Uploading of files is not required and is an option for submitters

Optional, please note that the system accepts .txt files, max file size: 64 MB only. If you want to provide a file in a different format, simply provide a link within the appropriate CFP field [in the submission portal](#).

Once you are done adding attachments (or have no attachments to add), select the “Step 4: Submit” Tab.

STEP 4: SUBMIT

The system will auto save for you, so if you are not ready to submit, you can return to finish your proposal anytime prior to the close of the CFP.

Please note that you must add at least one speaker to your submission before you can submit. Be sure to check the box next to “Yes, I have read the Terms and Conditions”.

Once your submission is complete, select the blue “Submit Proposal” button.

Submission Agreement

Please be sure to check out the [Terms and Conditions](#) for submissions to this event.

Yes, I have read the Terms and Conditions. *

SUBMIT PROPOSAL

Feedback Tab

Once reviews have begun, if a review board member has a question about your submission, you will receive an e-mail directing you back to the Feedback Tab to read and reply to the correspondence.

FAQs

- **Can I submit my research to other conferences/publications?**

Although the Review Board prefers new, never before-presented research, previously presented research is not automatically disqualified from consideration. Simply provide the relevant information in the field marked "Is This Content New or Has it Been Previously Presented / Published?" during the submission process.

- **Can I submit more than one proposal?**

Yes, but each proposal must be submitted via a separate submission form. Please limit submissions to no more than 5 per speaker.

- **Can I submit files (whitepaper, slides, etc.)?**

Yes, but for security reasons, the "File Upload" field only accepts plain text documents. If your file/whitepaper is not compatible with this format, please provide a link to the file in the relevant submission field.

- **How do I know that you received my submission?**

You will receive an email notification within 24 hours of receipt of the submission from noreply@email.blackhat.com. If you do not, first check your junk folder and then e-mail cfp@blackhat.com

- **How many speakers can present a talk?**

Speaking teams are limited to 2. Additional speakers listed in the submission will be listed as contributors on the SecTor Website. Be sure all contributors are listed in your original submission, as they can only be added later in limited situations.

- **Why did I receive an error message when I attempted to submit my proposal?**

The most common reason (aside from skipping mandatory fields) is because certain lines of code will be rejected by the system for security reasons. If you encounter issues when trying to submit your proposal, please omit lines of code to ensure successful submission.

- **When will I be notified about the status of my submission?**

Submissions are reviewed on a rolling basis, meaning not all selections are made simultaneously. Final decisions will be announced by August 2025, and all submitters will receive a notification via email.

Thank you for taking the time to submit your research/proposed talk to SecTor!

If you have any questions or encounter issues, please email us at cfp@blackhat.com