



## Black Hat Europe 2026 Call for Briefings (formerly Call for Papers)

### Submission Preparation Document

Please use this document as a reference to help you prepare your submission. Please note that submissions are **not accepted via email**; all proposals must be submitted [through the Submission Portal](#).

#### **Key Dates**

- Call for Briefings Opens: 3 June 2026, 23:59 GMT (UTC +0h)
- Call for Briefings Closes: 22 July 2026, 23:59 GMT (UTC +0h)
- Notifications: By 25 September 2026
- Briefings: 9-10 December 2026, Excel London

#### **Before You Submit**

Review these resources first:

- [Track Descriptions](#) - Understand where your research fits
- [Resources & Sample Submissions](#) - See what strong submissions look like
- [Speaker Benefits](#) - What you get if selected
- [Terms](#) - What you're agreeing to
- Use this Submission Preparation Document to structure your proposal.

#### **Your Account**

- New to Black Hat? [Create an account](#).
- Returning speaker? Log in with your existing credentials. If you've spoken within the past two years, your account is still active. Use [Forgot Your Password](#) if needed.

#### **Starting Your Proposal**

1. Log in or create your account
2. Select Submit a new proposal
3. Follow the structured form

The system will guide you through each required section. You can save and return to your draft at any time before the deadline.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

##### **How many speakers can present a Briefing?**

Speaking teams are limited to two people. Additional contributors may be listed for website recognition.

##### **Can I use LLMs when preparing my proposal?**

No. LLM-generated text is not permitted in any part of your submission. You may use LLMs to edit or refine material you've written, or to help review prior art, but the research, analysis, and writing must be yours.

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

Yes. Each speaker may submit up to five unique proposals. Submitting the same research, or substantially similar content, to multiple tracks is not allowed and may result in disqualification.



### What if I get an error message?

There are three common causes:

#### 1. Unsupported content detected

Your submission may include source code, emojis, geometric shapes, or images. The system automatically rejects certain code elements. Remove the problematic content and resubmit.

#### 2. Incompatible file format

You may have attempted to attach a file format that isn't supported. Only .txt files can be uploaded. For other file types, include a link to the file in the relevant field instead.

#### 3. Temporary account restriction

Your account may be temporarily blocked. Wait a few minutes before attempting to submit again.

### How do I know my proposal was received?

You'll receive an email confirmation from [noreply@email.blackhat.com](mailto:noreply@email.blackhat.com) immediately after submission. If you don't see it, check your junk folder. If it's still missing, email [cfp@blackhat.com](mailto:cfp@blackhat.com)

### After You Submit

The review board evaluates every submission. Notifications go out by 25 September 2026.

### Questions?

Email [cfp@blackhat.com](mailto:cfp@blackhat.com). We're here to help.

### Submission Fields

#### Step 1: Proposal

Required Fields are Marked with \*

#### Session Title\*

Make it sharp. Make it accurate. Your title is what practitioners see first, it needs to tell them exactly what they're getting.

Technical note: The system rejects double quotes (") and ampersands (&). Use single quote (') or spell out "and" if needed.

Want examples? [The 2025 schedule is here](#). See what worked.

#### Track (Primary)\*

Pick the track that fits your session best.

Not sure where you belong? [Track descriptions are here](#). The review board will move your submission if needed, but starting in the right place helps.

#### Secondary (Track) optional

If your session crosses categories, add a secondary track.

#### Format\*

30 minutes or 40 minutes. Pick what works for your content. Your choice doesn't affect whether you get accepted. Final session lengths may be adjusted. We'll let you know if that happens.



### **Abstract\***

Write an abstract (75–300 words) that states the problem, your approach, your findings, and why they matter. If your submission is accepted, this abstract will be published on blackhat.com. Write for practitioners who will decide whether to attend your session.

### **Audience Takeaways\***

List three specific takeaways attendees will gain from your session. What can they do differently after your talk? What technique can they deploy? What assumption can they now test? If accepted, these takeaways will be published on blackhat.com.

### **Presentation Outline\***

Provide a DETAILED outline: major topics, subtopics, findings, results, key points. Include time allocations if available. Reference examples: <http://i.blackhat.com/docs/cfp-sample-submissions.pdf>

### **Problem Statement\***

What problem does your research solve? Describe the real-world issue, gap, or limitation your work addresses.

### **Research Novelty\***

What is novel about your approach? How does it build on or diverge from prior work? Why does this advancement matter to the people in the room?

### **Prior Release & New Material\***

Has any portion of this content been previously published or presented? **(Yes / No)**

If yes, provide URLs, explain what is different in this submission, and estimate the percentage of new material. Black Hat audiences expect research they haven't seen before.

### **Plans to Publish Elsewhere\***

Do you plan to submit or publish this work anywhere else before Black Hat Europe? **(Yes / No)**

If yes, list all planned or pending submissions: conference names, dates, locations, blogs, social media posts, and the expected level of disclosure. Notify [cfp@blackhat.com](mailto:cfp@blackhat.com) of any changes after the Call for Briefings closes.

### **New Vulnerabilities\***

Does your research disclose a new vulnerability? **(Yes/No)**

If yes, describe the vulnerability, technical details, affected systems, and potential impact.

### **Disclosure Status (if applicable)**

If this is a vulnerability talk, has it been disclosed? **(Yes / No)**

If yes, specify vendor notifications, dates, current status, and whether a patch is available. Black Hat strongly supports coordinated disclosure.

### **New Tools\***

Will you be releasing a new tool? **(Yes / No)**

If yes, describe its purpose, capabilities, and how it supports your research. Indicate whether it is proprietary or open source.



**Note:** Tool-focused talks should be submitted to Arsenal instead: <https://www.blackhat.com/html/arsenal-call-for-tools.html>

### **Demo Plans\***

Will your Briefing include a demo? **(Yes / No)**

If yes, describe what you plan to demonstrate. This refers to demos of the issue — not tool demos. What will the audience see that proves your findings hold up?

### **Speaker Information\***

For each speaker (maximum 2), provide:

Name, Previous speaking experience at English-language conferences & Previous Black Hat speaking experience (if any)

### **Video Sample \***

Include a link to a presentation video from a previous English-language conference (on any topic) so we can assess your speaking style and how you communicate technical work.

If you don't have a conference recording, a short technical walkthrough video (2–3 minutes) explaining your core findings is fine. YouTube or Vimeo links are preferred.

### **Company/Employer Affiliation\***

Does your company or employer offer products or services related to this topic? **(Yes / No)**

If yes, describe them and explain how you will maintain vendor neutrality.

### **Supporting Materials (optional)**

You may include a link to a white paper, slide deck, or other supporting materials. Links must be viewable online without login.

**Note:** Submissions must be self-contained. Supporting materials are optional and will not substitute for a complete submission.

### **Publication Timing\***

Can we publish your submission immediately upon acceptance? **(Yes / No)**

If yes, your title, abstract, takeaways and speaker information may be published as early as August 1. If you select no, we will contact you before publishing.

### **Message to the Review Board (optional)**

Include any additional context or information you would like the Review Board to consider. This is your opportunity to explain anything that doesn't fit cleanly into the sections above.

### **Support & Accessibility Requests (optional)**

Please indicate any accessibility accommodations or support needs for your Briefing: stage ramp, mobility assistance, specialized AV, scheduling considerations, virtual-only participation, or other requirements.

### **Hands-On Education (optional)**

We're adding more interactive, hands-on learning in the Business Hall. Are you willing to offer a hands-on component outside of your Briefing? **(Yes / No)**



If yes, describe the type of experience you could provide: skill-building activity, walkthrough of your research or tooling, interactive demo, or similar. **Participation is optional and will not influence the evaluation or selection of your proposal.**

## Step 2: Speakers

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**First Name\***

**Last Name\***

**Display Name** – optional, complete only if you also want to include a handle to be published to the website

**Preferred Pronouns\*** (she, he, they – for our internal records only, won't be published to the website)

**Email\***

**Phone\***

**Title\*** - will be published to the website if session is selected (Note: company title, not Mr., Dr., etc.)

**Organization\*** - will be published to the website if session is selected

**Are you an independent researcher?** Check box if you do not want your organization to be published to the website

**Country\***

**State/Province (required for USA/Canada)**

**Address\***

**City\***

**Postal Code\***

**Twitter (X) Username** – optional, may be tagged in posts about your session if selected

**Website URL** – optional

**LinkedIn URL** – optional, may be tagged in posts about your session if selected

**BlueSky URL** - optional, may be tagged in posts about your session if selected

**Bio\*** - See examples here: <https://blackhat.com/eu-25/briefings/schedule/>

Tips: Write a short, publication-ready professional biography in third person. Begin with the speaker's full name. Keep it concise, suitable for a conference website. Highlight relevant experience, expertise, accomplishments, and current focus.

**Admin/PR Representatives** - optional – Include only if you want another person copied on correspondence regarding your submission.

## Step 3: Attachments

Optional, note the system will only accept .txt files up to 64 MB.

## Step 4: Submit

Be sure to check the box to accept Terms and Conditions before submitting.

If you are not ready to submit, you can exit the system and return to submit anytime before the closing date. The system automatically saves your draft.

Good luck! We can't wait to see your research.