



## SharkFest'19 US FAQ

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### 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'19 US take place?

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
UC Berkeley [Clark Kerr Campus](#)

### 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.

### How many people are expected to attend SharkFest'19 US?

SharkFest'19 US attendance is capped at 300 to maintain a high level of knowledge transfer and social interaction among participants.

### Why attend?

- To thrive in a unique, immersive Wireshark educational and social networking experience.
- To receive world-class Wireshark instruction by renowned veteran packet analysts.
- To meet and 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 on hand 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 attending a selection of Wireshark-centric sessions ranging from beginner to advanced/developer levels.
- To test your investigative chops by participating in individual and group packet challenges.
- To discover Wireshark use-enhancing technology from SharkFest sponsors, including Riverbed, at technology showcase evening social events.

- To build your professional network in a casual, social setting.
- To learn about the Riverbed Certified Performance Engineering (RCPE) Program, a career-building, industry-recognized certification.

### **Is there a conference schedule and agenda?**

The most current schedule and agenda is located at <https://sharkfestus.wireshark.org/assets/SharkFest19Agenda.pdf>.

### **Are discounts available?**

The SharkFest conference offers discounts to:

- Active Military Staff
- Military Veterans
- CS full-time students and faculty
- IT staff from .edu and .org organizations
- Returning SharkFesters

Please contact [sharkfest@riverbed.com](mailto:sharkfest@riverbed.com) to request discount codes.

**\*NOTE:** Discounts are not available for Pre-Conference classes “Wireshark Analysis Foundations” and “Hunt Like a Shark”.

### **What are the lodging options for SharkFest’19 US?**

Please visit <https://sharkfestus.wireshark.org/lodging> for dorm and hotel options.

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

Please visit the SharkFest’18 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://sharkfestus.wireshark.org/speakerapp>.

### **Are SharkFest Instructors paid?**

As a self-funded conference that must return all budget dollars received from our corporate host, Riverbed, in order to continue, SharkFest is unable to pay instructors or Keynote speakers. Compensation is provided in other ways, however:

- Complimentary SharkFest Registration
- Pre-Conference Class Discounts
- Instructor Shirts
- Instructor Gift Bag
- Session Recordings posted to SharkFest Retrospective page and SharkFest YouTube Channel can be used/linked to
- Good will and recognition from the global Wireshark Community!