



This agreement has been prepared by the USENIX Association (“USENIX”) concerning The 18th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Storage and File Systems (“HotStorage ’26” or “Event”). Association for Computing Machinery (“ACM” or “Sponsor”) is sponsoring Event, which is scheduled to take place on September 28–29, 2026, at Clarion Congress Hotel Prague in Prague, Czechia. Through this Agreement, ACM’s sponsorship of Event will be in cooperation with USENIX.

USENIX will receive the following benefits:

- USENIX name and/or logo (with link) on Event website (<https://www.hotstorage.org/2026/>), noting USENIX’s in-cooperation status
- USENIX name and/or logo displayed in all Event marketing and promotional materials where sponsors are mentioned, noting USENIX’s in-cooperation status

USENIX agrees to promote Event as follows:

- Event added to USENIX conference schedule (<https://www.usenix.org/conferences>) as an in-cooperation event
- Reposts of select LinkedIn posts regarding upcoming Event deadlines (copy to be provided by authorized Event representative(s) and approved by USENIX)

Terms and Conditions

1. **In-Cooperation Criteria.** Before agreeing to be in cooperation with Event, USENIX may request additional information to ensure that Event meets USENIX’s standards of technical excellence and has reasonable relevance to USENIX’s mission and communities.
2. **CAN-SPAM Compliance.** Both parties shall each abide by and observe all laws, rules and regulations, and ordinances in connection with their respective promotion of, and participation in, the Event described herein, including without limitation federal CAN-SPAM laws and all applicable privacy and data protection laws and regulations in regard to the transmission of email.
3. **Limited Trademark License.** Each party grants the other a limited, revocable license to use its trademarks and logos solely for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under this agreement. Use must conform to any guidelines provided by the trademark owner. All goodwill arising from a party’s use of the other party’s marks shall inure to the benefit of the trademark owner.
4. **Hold Harmless.**
 - a. Sponsor assumes entire responsibility for the legal and financial liabilities associated with Event. Sponsor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify USENIX, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns from and against any and all liability, loss, requests for payment, damages to persons and property

including loss of use thereof as well as fines and penalties imposed by any governmental or regulatory authority and reasonable attorneys fees and disbursements in connection with the above captioned event.

- b. In addition, Sponsor acknowledges that USENIX does not maintain insurance covering Sponsor and Event, and it is the sole responsibility of the Sponsor to obtain comprehensive General Liability and Contractual Liability insurance to insure losses or casualties associated with Event. Upon request by USENIX, Sponsor agrees to provide proof of Event liability insurance coverage.
 - c. Sponsor also acknowledges that there is a financial risk involved with sponsoring Event, and that Sponsor alone shall bear the burden of financial loss to Event.
5. **Binding Agreement.** This Agreement will be considered binding when it has been signed by an authorized representative for Event and accepted and countersigned by an authorized representative of the USENIX Association.
6. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement represents the full and entire agreement between USENIX and Sponsor. Any changes, additions, stipulations, or deletions, including corrective lining out by either party to this Agreement, will not be considered agreed to or binding on the other unless such modifications have been initialed or otherwise approved in writing by the other. Changes may be mutually agreed by the parties via email, in lieu of written amendment to this agreement.

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

We, the respective authorized representatives of Event Sponsor and the USENIX Association, accept all of the above terms and conditions:

Authorized Representative for Sponsor:

Authorized Representative for USENIX:

Name Ashley Cozzi

Name Jessica Kim

Title Associate Director, SIG Services & Conference Operations

Title Deputy Director

Signature

Signature

Date

Date