

# Workshop on Challenges in Performance Methods for Software Development Chair's Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the first *Workshop on Challenges in Performance Methods for Software Development (WOSP-C'15)*. This new endeavor seeks to break new ground in the continuing quest to get software performance “under control”, by looking at where the research in the field should be going, and by discussion of failures as well as successes. The mission of the workshop is to identify promising lines of attack on a persistent and continually-evolving problem: how can developers find and solve performance problems in their designs? The developers' involvement with this problem begins with early design and continues through testing and deployment. WOSP-C gives researchers and practitioners a unique opportunity to share their perspectives.

There were ten submissions, of generally high quality, and eight were selected for presentation. As well as the presentations, roughly half of the workshop time will be spent on discussion of issues, as described in the workshop introduction.

This workshop is an experiment and an opportunity to recalibrate our thoughts on this challenging field, and perhaps to forge partnerships for future projects. The more controversial the discussion, the more successful it will be.

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