

NANOG Talk Selection Process

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NANOG PC

CNET Networks

Ancient History

- Originally, the NANOG Chair did it all
- Bill Norton started informal advisory committee in 1997
- Mailing list used to coordinate

Modern History

- Advisory committee became Program Committee in 1998
- Mailing list discussion as proposals received
- Formalized PC's talk selection process in 2004
- Continuing refinements and improvement

Goals

- Talks reflect attendees' needs
- Audience:
 - ISPs (transit and end-user)
 - Content Providers
 - Large Enterprises
 - Research/Education
 - Vendors

Criteria

- Relevance: operational experience
- Technical content (vs. marketing)
- Quality:
 - Slides
 - Language
 - Speaker

Timeline

- Call for Presentations
- CFP Deadline
 - 6 weeks before meeting
- Program Committee Review & Rating
- PC Conference Call: Initial Selections
- Initial notifications
 - 4 weeks before meeting
- Late Submission Review
- Agenda

Call for Presentations

- Sent to NANOG list
- Posted at www.nanog.org
- Includes:
 - Suggested Topics
 - Submission Requirements
 - Schedule with submission deadline

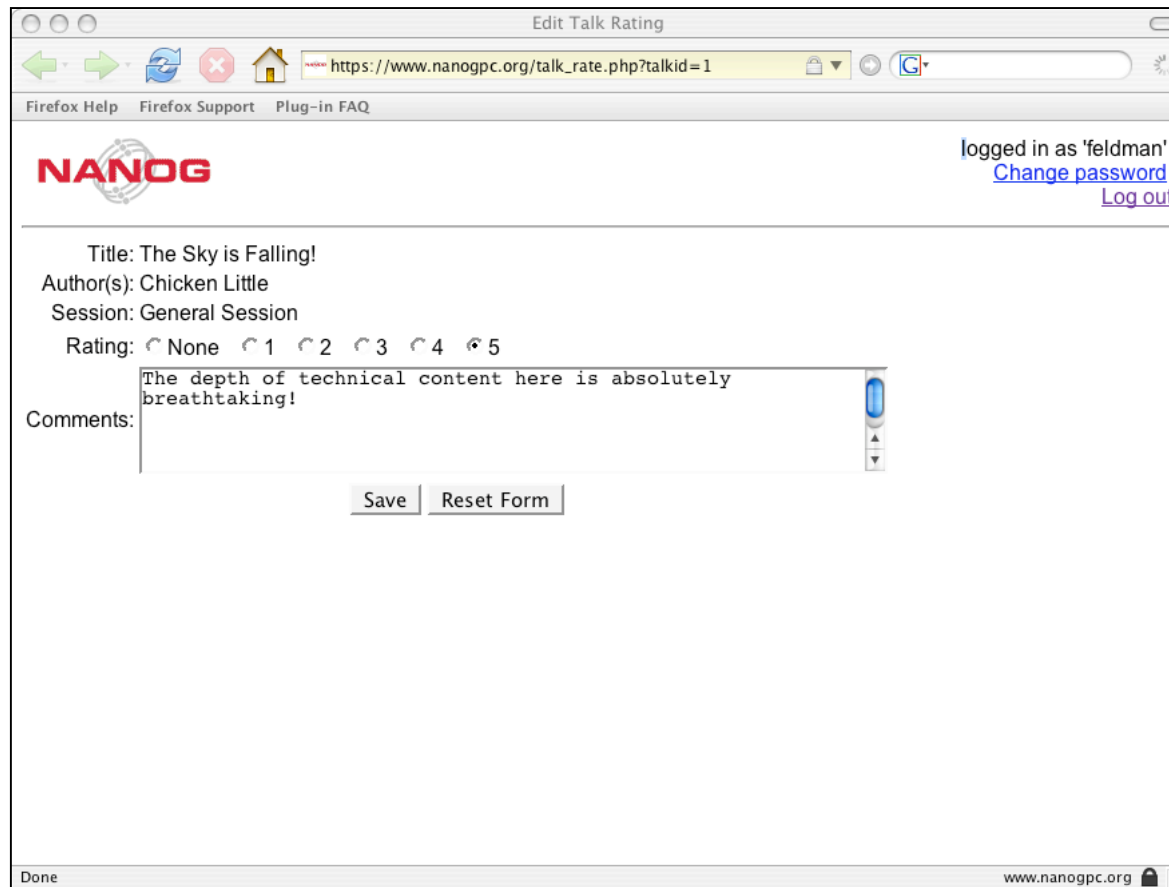
PC Review and Rating

- Review starts after submission deadline
- PC Review
- PC Rating
 - Each submission rated 1-5 (5 is best)
 - Comments
 - Members can't see each others' ratings until the conference call

Conflict of Interest Policy

- Adopted May, 2004
- PC members **must** disclose all conflicts of interest during discussions.
- PC members recuse themselves when they deem it appropriate.

Web-based Rating System



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Edit Talk Rating". The address bar displays the URL "https://www.nanogpc.org/talk_rate.php?talkid=1". The browser's menu bar includes "Firefox Help", "Firefox Support", and "Plug-in FAQ". The page header features the "NANOG" logo on the left and the text "logged in as 'feldman'" with links for "Change password" and "Log out" on the right.

The main content area displays the following information:

- Title: The Sky is Falling!
- Author(s): Chicken Little
- Session: General Session
- Rating: None 1 2 3 4 5

Below the rating options is a text area labeled "Comments:" containing the text: "The depth of technical content here is absolutely breathtaking!".

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Save" and "Reset Form".

The status bar at the bottom of the browser window shows "Done" on the left and "www.nanogpc.org" on the right.

Web-based Rating System

NANOG Proposals

https://www.nanogpc.org/index.php

Firefox Help Firefox Support Plug-in FAQ

- Dec. 15: proposals due
- Dec. 16-20, Thurs.-Mon, nanog+ enters comments
- Dec. 21, conference call, 10am PST, 1pm EST

(1) The Sky is Falling!
by Chicken Little
[Abstract](#) | [Slides](#)

General Session

Mean rating: 3.0

Rating	Count
1	0
2	2
3	1
4	0
5	1

[Rate](#)

Kevin Epperson rating: 2	I've heard chicken little speak before...very difficult to understand.
k claffy rating: 3	i have the sneaking suspicion that chicken little is being too optimistic about the Internet.
Curtis Villamizar rating: 2	Might be of interest. Is this really a credible source?
Steve Feldman rating: 5	The depth of technical content here is absolutely breathtaking!

(2) Dominating the Universe
by Bill Gates, Microsoft
[Abstract](#) | [Slides](#)

Tutorial

Mean rating: 4.0

Rating	Count
1	0
2	1
3	0
4	1
5	2

[Rate](#)

Steve Feldman rating: 2	Mostly marketing fluff. I'd like to see the first 150 slides cut down to one or two, and the last three expanded.
k claffy rating: 5	bill gates is doing humanity the huge service of giving us something to do with all the time we used to spend working on our cars before we learned how to make them reliable. which also required realizing our free time was too valuable to spend fixing our cars when we could be instead patching our operating systems.
Bill Norton rating: 5	Millions of users can't be wrong

https://www.nanogpc.org/talk_rate.php?talkid=1

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PC Conference Call

- Review ratings and comments
- Decisions:
 - Accept
 - Reject
 - Conditional
 - Request modifications
 - Possible PC member oversight
 - Re-review after changes made

Late Submissions

- Late submissions will be considered if:
 - Exceptional quality or relevance
 - Available agenda slot
- Less formal procedure
 - PC mailing list discussion/consensus
 - Chair has some discretion

Agenda

- Schedule set by chair after talks are selected
- Subject to change until sent to printer
- Minor changes still possible after that!

Las Vegas Statistics

- 19 proposals considered:
 - Accepted: 14
 - Rejected: 4
 - Tentative: 1 (eventually accepted)
- 5 late submissions
 - 4 accepted