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5th Annual International

## SONOMA WORKSHOP

The OpenFabrics Alliance is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Sonoma Workshop from March 22 thru 25 at The Lodge at Sonoma. To kickoff the event, the Alliance is hosting a special presentation on March 22 at 7:30 p.m., followed immediately by an open bar.

To register for the workshop, click [here](#). **Membership in the Alliance is not necessary.**

The theme of this year's Sonoma Workshop is, "How Will Changes in Low-Latency, High-Bandwidth Connectivity Affect Datacenters, HPC and You?"

Change wasn't only a political theme in 2008; change came to enterprise datacenters, application implementations and high-performance computing (HPC) with the deployment of low-latency switches and server adapters running **OpenFabrics software** in production.

Even bigger changes are in the wind as 2009 begins. OpenFabrics software is already in production at over 50 percent of the world's top 100 HPC sites. Now mainstream IT organizations are deploying OpenFabrics software to boost application performance and take datacenter operations to the next level with 10 Gigabit Ethernet and 40 Gigabit InfiniBand.

This year's Sonoma Workshop will focus on the implications of this sea change for datacenter management, HPC productivity, business innovation, and **your career**. **You should attend** if you want to understand how the OpenFabrics software stack can help:

- Increase the performance of enterprise applications for financial services, engineering, manufacturing, and content delivery in web and cloud environments;
- Enable IT cost reduction through green computing and virtualization;
- Help future-proof and stabilize your applications in the face of huge changes taking place in memory, processors, storage, interconnects, and networking;
- Maximize the flexibility of your enterprise datacenter to more effectively support and enable business innovation, productivity growth and cost containment;
- Transform HPC environments by eliminating barriers to the economical deployment of petascale ecosystems.

The OpenFabrics Alliance creates, tests and distributes open-source software for high-bandwidth, low-latency Ethernet and InfiniBand networks. The Linux version of the OpenFabrics software is integrated by kernel.org and included in distributions from Novell and Red Hat. Microsoft contributes to the Windows version of the OpenFabrics software.



This year's Sonoma Workshop will not only help attendees understand the impact that widespread adoption of OpenFabrics software will have, it will also give attendees practical knowledge about deploying and using the software in HPC and mainstream IT environments. The Sonoma agenda will include presentations from end users, application and hardware vendors, OS providers, OpenFabrics developers, and much more. This year's agenda **is all about helping you** prepare yourself and your organization for the exciting changes that are coming.

The Lodge at Sonoma is a world-class resort and spa in Sonoma Valley, less than an hour north of San Francisco in California's famous wine country. The OpenFabrics Alliance has obtained special hotel rates for workshop attendees, but space is limited so sign up soon!

Registration for the Sonoma Workshop costs \$595. **An Early Bird discount is available through February 23. The discounted rate is \$495.** You may register for the event and book a hotel room [here](#). For more information, please visit [www.OpenFabrics.org](http://www.OpenFabrics.org).

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