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**OpenFabrics Alliance Announces Inaugural Zurich Workshop User Event**

***Workshop dedicated to OpenFabrics Software (OFS/OFED) users, developers***

***and vendors located in Europe, Middle East, India and Africa (EMEIA)***

**Austin, TX—August 28, 2012—** After the success of its first-ever [User Day Event](https://www.openfabrics.org/component/content/article/120-8172012-ofa-user-community-forms-from-the-user-day-last-week.html), The [OpenFabrics Alliance](http://www.openfabrics.org) (OFA) today announced the inaugural “Zurich Workshop” User Event, September 24-25, at the IBM Zurich Research Laboratory in Rüschlikon near Zurich, CH.The workshop is open to all OFS/OFED users, developers and vendors in the EMEIA regions, and will provide a unique platform for users to learn about the latest OFS releases and features and share RDMA fabric, application, and software and administration expertise.

“With the support of IBM Zurich Research, the OFA is pleased to bring this forum to OFS/OFED users in EMEIA, so that they may connect face-to-face and share knowledge with other users across the globe,” said Jim Ryan, Chairman, OFA. “RDMA technology is quickly changing the way the IT industry is building its infrastructure. This User Event will help OFS/OFED users of all levels share expertise and best practices of applications that utilize RDMA technology.”

The two-day [agenda](https://www.openfabrics.org/images/docs/user_day_zurich_2012/zurich_workshop_program_agenda.pdf) includes a variety of topics in high-performance, low-latency and efficient cost-effective computing for use in HPC, public and private cloud, big data and enterprise data centers. Topics at the workshop include:

* OFA development, testing, distribution and support
* Tools and tricks for managing IB fabric
* Subnet management traffic engineering
* Virtualization
* APIs for HPC applications
* Remote access to clusters at UNL-IOL

The OFA is also currently seeking volunteers to lead sessions at the upcoming “Zurich Workshop.” The leader of each session will moderate and seek real-world examples from attendees’ collective experience. For those interested, please contact bill.boas@openfabrics.org.

The OFA recently created a [user mailing list](http://lists.openfabrics.org/pipermail/users/) and also plans to launch a Wikipage in the coming months, as a way for users to exchange information and obtain support. OFS/OFED users are encouraged to [register here](http://lists.openfabrics.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/users) to join the email list.

To register for the “Zurich Workshop” and participate within the OpenFabrics community, [click here.](http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=232615)

**About the OpenFabrics Alliance**

The OpenFabrics Alliance (OFA) is a 501(c) (6) non-profit company that develops, tests, licenses and distributes the OpenFabrics Software (OFS) – multi-platform, high-performance, low-latency and energy-efficient open-source RDMA software. OpenFabrics Software is used in business, operational, research and scientific infrastructures that require fast fabrics/networks, efficient storage and low-latency computing. OFS is free and is included in major Linux distributions, as well as Microsoft Windows Server 2012 beta. In addition to developing and supporting this RDMA software, the Alliance delivers training, workshops and interoperability testing to ensure all releases meets multivendor enterprise requirements for security, reliability and efficiency. For more information about the OFA, visit www.openfabrics.org.

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