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## SHARKFEST '08 Inaugural Wireshark® Summit a Success

*Conference Boasted 40 Educational Sessions, Hundreds of Participants, Keynote by Google VP Dr. Vinton Cerf*

Davis, CA – (April 15, 2008) – CACE Technologies and Wireshark University hosted SHARKFEST'08, the first Annual Developer and User Conference for open source network analyzer Wireshark at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, California, March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. With more than 250 participants from all over the globe, three tracks with 40 educational sessions, and a keynote by Dr. Vinton Cerf, Google Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist, SHARKFEST'08 proved to be a hands-down success.

"I had originally envisioned a casual venue for gathering a select group of Wireshark core developers together to meet face-to-face for the first time since beginning the Ethereal project (Wireshark project original name) in 1998," states Gerald Combs, Wireshark creator and Director of Open Source Projects at CACE Technologies. "But the excitement from the Wireshark user community, as well as from many open source proponents, necessitated a broader event. The result was, from my vantage point, a truly rich exchange of information and instruction, benefiting hundreds of Wireshark users. Meeting my peers in the development group, witnessing firsthand the overwhelming enthusiasm for Wireshark by users that came from as far away as Malaysia, New Zealand, Germany, Wales, and Switzerland, and Vint Cerf's keynote on network neutrality were highlights for me personally. "

In its expanded form, the SHARKFEST conference provided an informational, educational and social venue for Wireshark developers and representatives of the widespread, diverse user community. SHARKFEST '08 sessions ranged from instruction on how to write your own Wireshark packet dissectors, to multiple Wireshark University trainings on network analysis, troubleshooting, and security, to a panel on the future of Open Source network tools. Co-sponsors, including ExecuTrain, Gigamon Systems, LoveMyTool, NetQoS, Network Critical, PacketTrap and Solera Networks, also exposed participants to complementary products that were demonstrated in the course of Wireshark-centric vendor presentations.

Speakers and attendees alike had high praise for the conference, including Wireshark University Founder Laura Chapell's, who wrote in her blog shortly after the event:

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"I hate to gush too boldly about the event, but notice I have a bit of Sharkfest afterglow today... that twinkle in my eye, spring in my step ...heck, I almost caught myself singing the theme to jaws (one of the few tunes that I can actually muddle through)." To read the entire piece in Laura's blog, please visit <http://laurachappell.blogspot.com/2008/04/sharkfest-swims-into-history-vint-cerf.html>



Enterprise users and Developers summed up SHARKFEST '08 in this way:

"Let me add to the chorus of positive feedback on Sharkfest 08. I really enjoyed myself, while learning from and interacting with so many amazing people. Kudos to you and all the organizers!"

"SharkFest was Great!"

"Thanks for a great conference"

"I really enjoyed the Wireshark Sharkfest conference."

"I want to congratulate you on organizing such a great event. It was great for us core developers to meet each other IRL. We now have faces with all the mails that we receive from one another. It also gave us the opportunity to meet many other interesting people. I think it was a very inspiring and energetic event that will certainly have set new things into motion."

**For more information on SHARKFEST '08, to download session presentations, and to watch event videos that include Vint Cerf's presentation and interviews with Gerald Combs and John Bruno, CEO of CACE Technologies, visit <http://www.cacetech.com/SHARKFEST.08/> .**