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OpenFest 2023 is all about fun.

#Sharing is Fun

OpenFest will be held for the 21st time on November 4th and 5th. The meetup location is well known – the John Atanasoff Forum at the Sofia Tech Park.

More than 2000 open tech and arts enthusiasts will gather on the first weekend of November to have fun (yes, you read that right, this is the main goal of the event), to get to know each other (it won't go without new contacts and connections – professional and not only) and, last but not least, to exchange knowledge and experience. The program includes 24 talks on topics ranging from highly technical to art related, delivered by 41 skilled members of their respective fields. Plus 18 workshops on... everything – from circuit boards to robots. A large part of them are suitable entertainment for children as well.

For an even better mood, we have prepared four special stands. They are dedicated entirely to open-source projects, that will intrigue even the most demanding visitor.

The more daring ones will also be given the opportunity to go on stage and, within the framework of a so-called lightning talk, for about five minutes, present an idea, a product or... simply themselves!

The technical talks will be divided into two tracks – heavily specialized and more general. Our idea is for them to encompass the interests of the audience, which, and there is no doubt about it, will be broad-minded and numerous.

The art section returns in order to provoke the intelligent creative expressions of all fans of the free arts and software.

Bogomil Shopov is opening the festival with his talk 'Where did all the fun go?', with which he will try to rehabilitate the fun part in the process of developing software.

This year's special guest – Drew Gallatin – is going to tell us how they use the FreeBSD operating system at Netflix for content delivery.

Bozhidar Bozhanov will speak on the important topic of anti-corruption electronic solutions.

Other topics that deserve your attention include artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, machine learning, working with Linux-based systems, solving problems using the Python programming language and more than 20 other contemporary and cutting-edge technologies. All talks will be streamed live on our official web site ([openfest.org](http://openfest.org)) and on our YouTube channel (OpenFest Bulgaria).

Entry is free and without prior registration on both days of the event.

Come to the venue, let's meet, spend two great days together, have a snack and a drink... All visitors will receive special wristbands that give them access to the spectacular after-party of OpenFest 2023 on Sunday night.

Can't wait to see you!

The team of OpenFest 2023