

# Lightning Opening Talk, FOSDEM 2008

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# Outline of the coming 15 minutes.



First off: let me get everything up and running.

- 1 Time buffer
- 2 Lightningtalks, what, why and how
- 3 Statistics lightningtalks 2008

# Outline of next section



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  - Introducing FOSDEM
  - Organisation
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# Introducing FOSDEM



- FOSDEM: Free and Open-source Software Developers' European Meeting
- Known for being a true *developer*-oriented event
- Today ! and tomorrow : )
- 8th edition
- 2de with Lightning Talks (by me)
- about 4000 visitors





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# Lightningtalks, what



- Main tracks: invited top speakers on selected topics
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What's missing?



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## **Lightning Talks**

- For smaller yet innovative projects
- To help spread their word
- 34 diverse talks of 15 minutes



Starting this year: Open call for lightning talks

- 1 Ltalk request deadline
- 2 Reviewing: based on
  - Uniqueness at FOSDEM
  - Talk proposal content
  - Community oriented project page
- 3 Schedule and confirmations
- 4 Presentation collection
- 5 FOSDEM !

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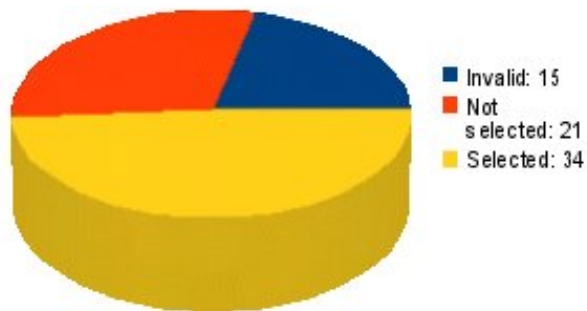
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  - Proposals
  - Reasons of invalidness
  - Selected projects
  - Impact of lightning talks ?

# Proposals



LTalk requests

Total: 70



# Reasons of invalidness



15 proposals were invalid:

- Not software (2)
- Exploratory: no release (6)
- Software as a Service (3)
- Overlap w main talks/devrooms (4)

## Selected projects



These projects were selected:

EFF, OpenTC, IOGrind, Zapcat, Terracotta, Dacco, Indywiki, Kettle, Alfresco, Stylebase, Bongo Project, XMMS2, OpenAFS, Squeak, Cloudbridges, Sepia, Ganeti, Mamona, View-OS, Hildon App. Manager, Foresight Linux, Polippix, TangoGPS, WiR3D, K-3D, MySQL Proxy, Archetype, Ajatus, Minerva, BluePad, Coherence, GGZ Gaming Zone, Project Indiana

# Impact of lightning talks ?



Lots of positive feedback in private communication

3 speakers now have devroom talk:

- Jordi Massaguer (openSUSE devroom)
- Alexander Neundorf (CrossDesktop devroom)
- Eric Bachard (OpenOffice devroom)

Enjoy !



Enjoy FOSDEM,  
your stay,  
the talks and stands,  
the fellow developers,  
the lightning talks  
and the beer : )