



The History of Hacking **PLAY HARD, HACK HARDER**

o May 31 - June 2 2026 | 3 Days
Carolina Beach, NC o

Call For Papers

The History of Hacking

NaClCON (pronounced "SALT CON") is a three-day, community-driven conference dedicated not to zero-days or bleeding-edge releases, but to how we got here. This event focuses on the history of hacking—the ideas, moments, and people that shaped the hacker community and its enduring ethos. The speakers at NaClCON are legends within the industry, sharing first-hand stories, lessons learned, and the paths that led to the creation and enrichment of the culture we know today.

NaClCON is intentionally intimate. Attendance at the main conference is limited to 300 participants, fostering meaningful conversations and genuine connection between speakers and attendees. Beyond the main event, there are multiple ways to participate and enjoy the conference alongside fellow hackers.

The conference experience includes daytime talks, fireside chats, and thoughtfully curated events designed to enrich both technical understanding and community bonds. NaClCON will take place at the newly renovated Marriott Carolina Beach, where all rooms face the ocean. A special conference rate of \$139 per night is available to attendees, creating a shared space to learn, reflect, and connect in an unforgettable setting.



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What We Are Looking For



We invite submissions that explore the history, culture, and evolution of hacking. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ The early days of hacking and security communities
- ✓ Stories behind influential tools, techniques, and movements
- ✓ Cultural, ethical, and philosophical foundations of hacking
- ✓ Pivotal incidents, successes, and failures that shaped the field
- ✓ Personal journeys and lived experiences from long-time practitioners
- ✓ Community building, mentorship, and knowledge sharing
- ✓ Reflections on how past decisions influence today's security landscape

*If your talk doesn't fit neatly into a category but contributes meaningfully to the hacker story, **we want to hear it.***

What You Get



MAIN stage

If you are selected for a main stage speech (45-55 minutes) you will receive the following:

- Free registration with full access to all events
- Speaker Badge
- Speaker Dinner
- Boosted Gift Bag w/special speaker only gifts
- 50% discounted hotel room at the event (\$69 a night!)



FIRE SIDE chat

If you are selected for a fireside chat (20-30 minutes) you will receive the following:

- Discounted registration (50% off) with full access to all events
- Speaker Badge
- Speaker Dinner
- Boosted Gift Bag w/speaker only gifts
- **PLEASE NOTE:** *Fireside chats are for war-stories, and tales, these are not slide driven. There will not be a projector / screen on the beach.*

*First-time speakers are welcome, as are seasoned voices with stories that deserve to be told. Don't worry if you aren't selected and you have something cool to share, there will be plenty of opportunity to **tell your stories over a drink/dinner.***

Submission Guidelines

NaClCON is about remembering where we came from, honoring the people who built this community, and passing those lessons forward. If you have a story that helped shape hacking—or were shaped by it—we invite you to share it with us.

Important Dates/Details:

- **CFP Opens:** 2/26/2026
- **CFP Closes:** 3/11/2026
- **Speaker Notifications:** 3/18/2026
- **Conference Dates:** May 31st - June 2nd
- **Location:** Courtyard by Marriott Oceanfront 100 Charlotte Ave. Carolina Beach, NC 28428

Please include:

- ✓ Talk title
- ✓ **Abstract** (300–500 words)
- ✓ Preferred **talk length / format**
- ✓ Speaker name(s) and short bio(s)
- ✓ Any special requests or needs
- ✓ Any relevant context or disclosures (optional)

Original content is preferred. Previously presented talks will be considered if clearly noted and relevant to NaClCON's theme.

Code of Conduct

NaClCON is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all attendees, speakers, and staff. All participants are expected to adhere to the conference Code of Conduct.

How to Submit

Submit your CFP online:  <https://forms.gle/fXgDxjnwZeKnWpRV9>

Questions:  cfp@naclcon.com