



Open: Capital Open Source: June 24 – 27, 2009 Messegelände unter dem Funkturm, Berlin

Dear Speakers,

welcome to Berlin! We appreciate that you give a presentation at LinuxTag 2009. To provide you with all important information, we compiled a short booklet that hopefully answers all of your questions about LinuxTag in a single document. Please read it carefully. Find an electronic copy of this document at <http://vcc.linuxtag.org/booklet2009.pdf>.

Information at a glance

Venue

LinuxTag, Messezentrum unter dem Funkturm

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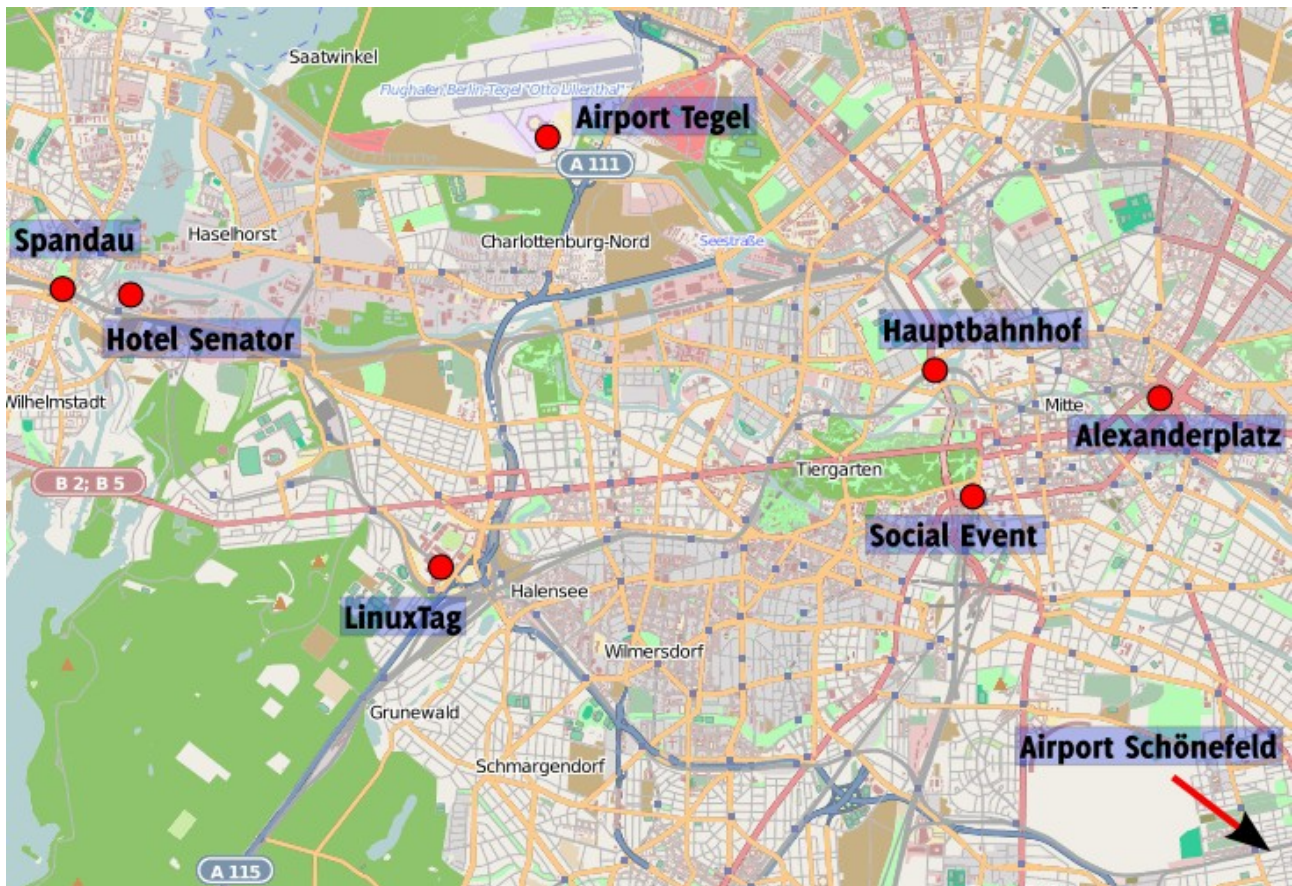
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Your schedule

We suggest at your own discretion that once you have arrived to Berlin, you check into your hotel unless we told you otherwise or you have unresolved questions. After you've checked in and settled down from your journey we kindly ask you to contact our speakers' office at the venue. We have manned the speakers' office starting from Tuesday, June 23, 3 pm for registration. Reduced staff may be there earlier, **so** prepare for delays.

Getting around

LinuxTag takes place in Germany's capital Berlin. It is easy to reach either by plane, train, or car. The conference venue is located in the western part of Berlin. Look out for “Messezentrum” or “ICC” on most signs in the city. Please consult the overview map to familiarize yourself with the environment.



Arriving by Plane

Berlin has two international airports: Most international flights arrive at Berlin Tegel (TXL), which is north to the city center. It is about 10km from the venue. Berlin Schönefeld (SXF) is to the far south-east of the city. It takes a good hour from there to the venue. The former third airport, Tempelhof, has been shut down.

The trip from **Tegel to the venue** takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the connections. Easiest way is to take bus X9 to station “Zoologischer Garten” or bus 109 to station “Charlottenburg”. In both cases, transfer to any S9 or S75 train westbound in direction of “Spandau”. You will pass “Messe (Süd)” which is the stop for the venue. If you want to go to the hotel first, stay on the train and go four further stations to “Stresow”. The hotel “Senator”, a huge blue shiny building, is directly opposite to the exit of the station. There may be slightly quicker connections, but they require more transfers. So if you are in a real hurry, check website like <http://bahn.de/> for connections between “TXL” and “Berlin-Stresow”.

Arriving from **Schönefeld** takes a little more than an hour. Outside the arrival hall there is a train station. You can take every train that runs to the city, however, regular trains (Regionalexpresses) are slightly faster than the suburban trains (S-Bahnen). The S9 trains go directly to the venue without transfer to station “Messe Süd” and further on to “Stresow”, which is the station next to the hotel. If you take other trains than S9, you have to transfer to the line S9 or S75 westbound. You could do that at the stations “Friedrichstraße”, “Hauptbahnhof” or “Bahnhof Zoo”.

Arriving by Train

All national trains stop at the central station (“Hauptbahnhof”). From there transfer to the S9 or S75 lines westbound. To go to the venue, exit at “Messe (Süd)”, to the hotel exit at “Stresow”. See above for details.

Arriving by Car

To go **to the venue**, head for the western part of Berlin. The A115 (Avus) terminates more or less in front of the venue: Take the exit just before you enter the A100. To go to the venue, calibrate your navigation systems to “Messegelände Berlin”, maybe “Jafféstraße” and consult our detailed map. There is plenty of free parking available in front of the entrance next to the “Deutschlandhalle”.

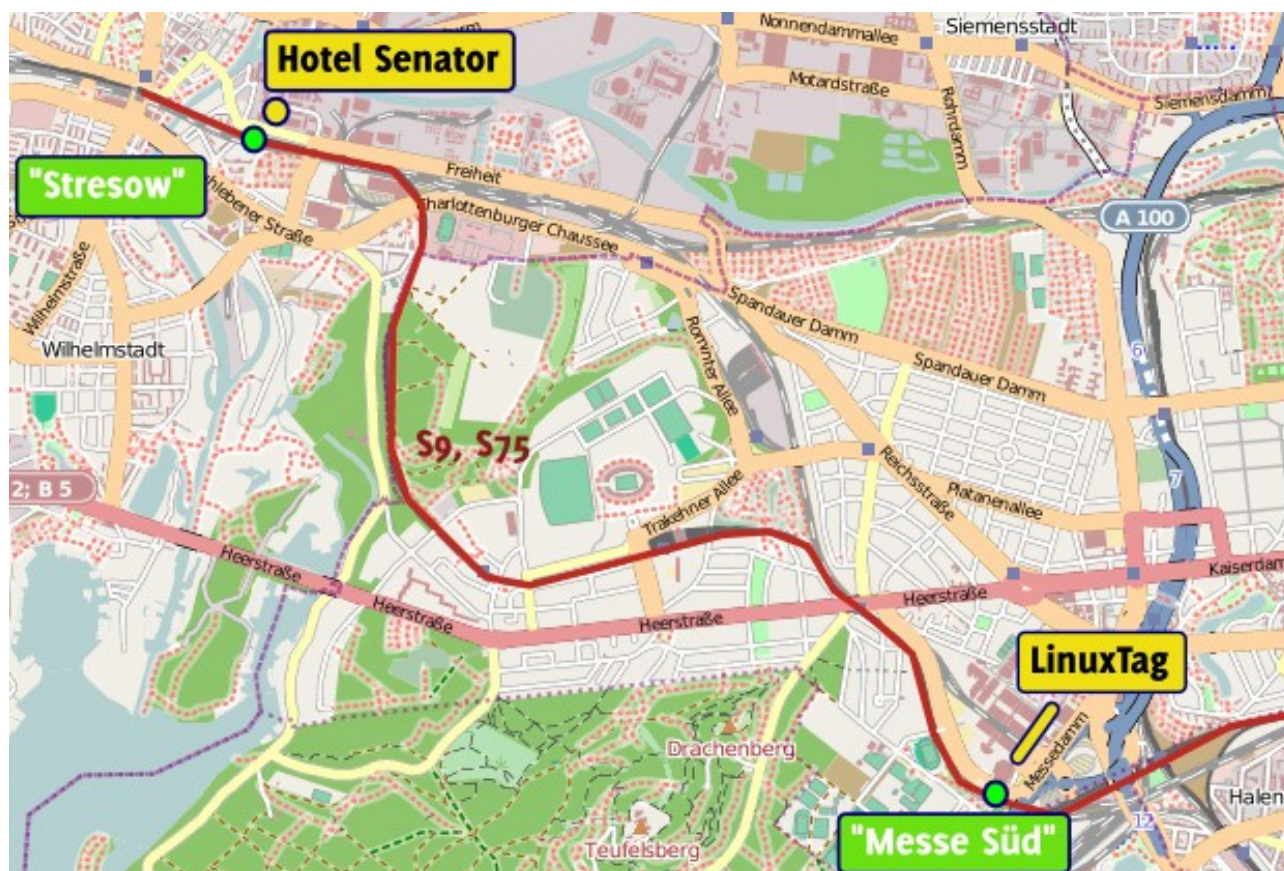
From the venue head for the ICC, cross the Masurenallee/Kantstraße into Königin-Elisabeth-Straße and turn left into Spandauer Damm. Go ahead about 5km, after the big “IKEA” store turn right into “Pichelswerder Straße”. Turn left into “Freiheit” after the next traffic light. The hotel is ahead on the right hand side.

Public transportation

Berlin has an extensive and clearly laid out public transportation network consisting of U-Bahn (blue “U” signs), S-Bahn (green “S” signs), buses, and trams. The transportation network is split in zones A, B, and C. The conference venue, your hotel, and downtown Berlin are all located in zones “AB”. Therefore, you probably will need a ticket of class “AB” for virtually everything in Berlin except rides to the SXF airport, which is ABC. These tickets are valid for 2 hours and all transportation types and you may transfer from any of them to the other. They are available from yellow vending machines or from the bus driver. Make sure to stamp your ticket before entering the train. Check if it makes sense to buy one for more than a single ride or a single day (7-day tickets are available). The public transportation system in Berlin (“BVG”) has an extensive website at:

<http://www.bvg.de/index.php/en/Bvg/Start>

Ticket	Price	Valid	Comment
Single Trip AB	2,10 €	2 hours, 1 person	Good in “one direction”, no round-trips allowed
Tageskarte AB	6,10 €	day-pass, valid until 3am next morning, 1 person	Good if you plan at least three rides
Kleingruppen-karte AB	15,40 €	day-pass, valid until 3am next morning, valid for up to 5 persons	Good if you plan at least eight single rides



Directions to the Venue

The speaker hotel “Senator” is about 6km from the exhibition center, but it is only a four-stop-ride with the train. The hotel is next to the station “Stresow”. The recommended station for the venue is “Messe Süd”. Please note that there are several stations with “Messe” in their name, but “Messe Süd” is highly recommended. Driving time is 10 minutes, the trains go every 10 minutes until about 1am in the night.

If you stay at a different hotel, please ask the staff at the hotel reception desk for the best way to reach the Messe unter dem Funkturm. Your hotel staff may also be able to provide you with a public transportation map and a map of Berlin. In any case you should head for S-Bahn station “Messe Süd” and look for “Hall 7”. You may also exit at “Messe Nord/ICC” or “Westkreuz” and walk. See the map for details.



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At LinuxTag venue

We sent you a ticket valid for four days admittance to all events of LinuxTag. Learn in this section where to register, how to find your way, and whom to ask.

Access to LinuxTag

Please do not forget to **bring your eTicket** we sent to you. You need to show it to get admitted to the venue if you arrive on Wednesday or later. Should you arrive earlier, no ticket is necessary. In case you have not printed out your ticket, please contact the staff at the information counter in the entrance area.

Main entrance of LinuxTag is at Hall 7. The venue is open from 9 am until about 7 pm in the evening. The LinuxTag team is at the conference center starting from Monday, but we ask you politely to register not earlier than Tuesday afternoon, 3 pm.

Speaker Check-In

For your **speaker registration** please see us at the speakers' office. The staff at the information counter will direct you. You may ask every LinuxTag core team member with an organizer's badge or other crew members for help. Conference related questions should be addressed to the program committee in the speakers' office.

Our welcome team will provide you with all further important information. Kester Habermann, Ibrahim-Ben Faruhn, or one of our colleagues will provide you with a welcome pack containing an updated schedule, a complimentary ticket for the social event, and some other goodies. Feel free to resolve all remaining questions with them.

You may also schedule a visit of your lecture hall in order to check if your computer works properly with the projector. These site visits take place by appointment. You also have the opportunity to get to know your session moderator there.

It is of great help for us if you check in there once you made it to the venue. If possible, drop us your mobile number, in case we need to contact you. We treat such information with due confidentiality, of course.

Conference Material

Some of you provided us with a paper of your presentation. We thank all speakers who made this extra effort for the sake of visitors and other people who did it not to the actual conference. However, we'd like to **collect your presentations** to link them all to our website. We prepared an USB memory stick to collect the slides or can download them from the Internet. As a last option you may mail them to vp@linuxtag.org.

Travel Assistance

We arranged some limited travel assistance with some of you. If you applied for that, please talk to the welcome team at registration time and have some form of receipts ready. We need a copy of an official ticket for tax reasons. We will transfer the agreed amount to your bank account after the event. Cash remuneration is not possible at the event.

Opening Ceremony

We would like to invite all speakers arriving on Wednesday or earlier as VIP guest to our **official opening ceremony** on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 10:00am in the forum that is part of the exhibition floor “7.2.b”. Please take a seat in the first rows as we'd like to give a short introduction and retrospective of recent and future development of Linux, Free Software, and Open Source. We may need your help for one or the other question.

Social Event

As usual there is a **big party**, the LinuxNacht on Thursday, June 25, 2009. We are pleased to welcome you to the social event at the „E4“ in the center of Berlin at Potsdamer Platz (see ticket or website for directions). Doors open at 7 pm. Speakers of accepted talks collect their ticket at the speakers' office during registration. If you are presenting as part of the self-organized workshop program, the commercial business forum, or need tickets for friends or partners, you have the option buy additional tickets at the ticket sales booths at the venue entrance. Each ticket is 36 € and includes buffet and drinks:

<http://www.linuxtag.org/2009/en/about/linuxnacht.html>

At LinuxTag, take any eastbound train. There are two options: First, exit at “Zoologischer Garten”. Transfer to U2 to “Pankow”. Alternatively, proceed to “Friedrichstraße” and transfer to the underground lines S1, S2 or S25 southbound to “Wannsee” or “Potsdam/Teltow/Blankenfelde”. In both cases exit at “Potsdamer Platz”.

Head for Potsdamer Straße, to the left there is Alte Potsdamer Straße. At the end, there is the Marlene-Dietrich-Platz and Eichhornstraße. Our location is the top hat tower. The trip takes about 30 minutes.



Talks

There is a **session moderator** assigned to each talk in a track. He or she will introduce you to the audience and is responsible that you finish your talk in time. Feel free to give them any information they shall tell about you (otherwise they might simply use the information you provided in your biography in the vCC when introducing you to the audience). This information should be passed to the session moderator as early as possible before the presentation.

It may prove useful to **show up already at the beginning of the session** your talk is scheduled in. Please note that there are usually several presentations in one session, but we would appreciate you meeting with your session moderator prior to the start of the first talk of each session. We will **record** on an experimental basis some talks with a digital camera and store them for later processing. Some talks may also be streamed live. For more details please see our website or ask at the speakers' office. If you have strong objections against being recorded, please contact us.

Your talk may **not exceed 60 or 30 minutes**, respectively (note: for a small number of events, a different time frame may have been arranged. In these cases please adapt the times accordingly) including questions, discussion, and a short break for most presentations (please cross check the program to avoid unpleasant surprises). With 60 minutes slot time, you have a net of about **40 – 45 minutes speaking time**, so please make sure that your talk ends in time. The 30 minute slots should finish after about 25 minutes. Your session moderator will signal you about 10 minutes prior your scheduled deadline. Please be informed that your session moderator is ordered to end your talk if you're going to exceed your time frame.

We would like to give the audience the opportunity to ask you some questions after your presentation. Please **reserve some spare time for these discussions**, if possible. Should participants ask you a question without using a mobile microphone, please **repeat the question**, so everybody can hear it. However, we suggest that more in-depth questions should be discussed after your presentation slot. Outside the halls is plenty of space to sit and discuss after a presentation. Other options include booths at the exhibition or possibly the social event.

Notebooks and Projectors

There is one projector with a SVGA-jack available in every conference hall. We assume that you **bring your own laptop computer** if you need one for your presentation. Make sure your adapters match (especially if you are using an Apple notebook) with the projector and please choose a reasonable resolution. We recommend no more than 1024x768 pixels. Please check your display resolution beforehand at home. The tool "xrandr" may be helpful.

However, **if you need a computer for your presentation** and don't have one with you, please let us know at check-in time. We may provide you a notebook and a current Linux Live Distribution, based on availability. Make sure your talk displays correctly with the software running from a booted DVD. This applies especially to fonts and special presentation software. The preferred way to bring your presentation is on USB memory stick. Floppy disk drives or CD/DVD drives may not be available.

If you forgot to bring any essential hardware, there is a "Media Markt" **electronics store** located at Kant Center in the Wilmersdorfer Straße, a few stations from the venue. The store is open Monday to Saturday 10 am to 8 pm. To get there from the hotel, take the U-Bahn U2 from "Theodor-Heuss-Platz", change to the U7 at "Bismarckstraße", and go to "Wilmersdorfer Straße" (driving time: 6 minutes). From LinuxTag, go to S-Bahn station "Messe Süd", take the S9 or 75 to "Charlottenburg" (driving time: 9 minutes), then walk to the store (4 minutes). Wilmersdorfer Straße is a pedestrian mall with many shops. You find there several clothing stores, a Karstadt department store, and a new shopping mall, the Wilmersdorfer Arkaden.



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Internet Access

All **conference rooms** have wired Internet access. You will find a single Ethernet cable with a RJ45 jack at the stage. If you need to connect more devices, you may borrow a switch from the speakers' office. Please return it immediately after your presentation.

IP addresses will be assigned via DHCP (lease time 15 minutes). All lecture halls share a public Internet address segment (public IPs). Neither ports nor protocols are filtered. The addresses can also be contacted from the Internet. You should have plenty of bandwidth, but please be kind to your fellow speakers.

There is a **wireless network** with ESSID "LinuxTag" available in the lecture halls. When you connect to it you will first be shown a small registration page where you have to accept our terms (AGB). There is no encryption and addresses are assigned via DHCP. This network uses NAT and can thus not be contacted from the Internet. We advise you not to use this network for your presentation as we have no service guarantees for it. Please note that wireless access is only available in the conference rooms (one access point per room), but not in the exhibition halls.

If you need Internet access, you can also use the designated **DevCenter** in Room Karlsruhe.

Leisure and Recreation

Berlin offers a vast variety of museums, monuments, galleries, shows, concerts, sights, and tourist attractions. The staff at the counter in front of the speakers' office is happy to provide you with more information concerning things to do in Berlin. We prepared a small excerpt of your options:

The conference and our hotel are located in Charlottenburg in the former West Berlin. **Close to the venue** you will find some supermarkets and restaurants, as well as the Berlin cabaret theater "Die Wühlmäuse" around Theodor-Heuss-Platz. The closest shopping mall to the venue is the Wilmersdorfer Straße (refer to section "Notebooks" above). Another shopping mall is only one stop from the hotel, next to station "Spandau". Way more options offers the city center around Kurfürstendamm, Friedrichstraße, or Alexanderplatz.

Most of the **historical landmarks** are located in the city center ("Mitte"). If you take any eastbound S-Bahn from the conference venue and get off at the central station ("Hauptbahnhof") you are at the German Government Quarter. Opposite to the station is the Kanzleramt, official home of Chancellor Angela Merkel. Next to it is the Reichstag building, Germany's parliament. You can visit the acclaimed dome of the building for free, but there may be queues. Make sure to leave a note about Free Software, as the parliaments IT department seemed to be somewhat reluctant about it, recently. The Brandenburg Gate, a short walk beyond the Reichstag is a landmark symbol for Germany's separation from 1961 until the reunification in 1990. Just south of it you find the newly opened American Embassy. Other embassies of France, United Kingdom, or Russia are close-by. If you continue this way past the Holocaust Memorial, you come to Potsdamer Patz, known for its modern architecture, movie museum, and multiple movie theaters. We have our social event there.

Back at the Brandenburg Gate, the major boulevard, Unter den Linden, leads you in about half an hour to Alexanderplatz, past the Humboldt University, Opera House, Berlin Dome, and many other historical buildings. At Alexanderplatz you have a great view over the city from the "Alex" the TV tower (7,50 €). The restaurant in the sphere turns once every hour.

For evening nightlife check "Mitte" around and north of the stations "Friedrichstraße", "Hackesche Höfe", and "Alexanderplatz". There are lots of small restaurants, cafes, clubs, and pubs.

Hotel Check-Out

We have already paid your hotel balance for up to two nights, including breakfast as pointed out in the virtual Conference Center (vCC). If you stay longer or had any extras, please pay the difference at check-out (room service, mini bar, pay TV, phone calls or WLAN). LinuxTag e. V. can not cover these costs.

Team

For further information, consult the front desk (+49-30-3038-81566). The staff of the front desk team is able to direct you to the right person. Ibrahim-Ben ("Ibi") and Kester will help you with the registration process. For questions concerning the program or other executive issues, contact either Nils or Oliver:



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We appreciate your commitment to the Linux Community! We wish you a successful LinuxTag and a pleasant stay in Berlin!

Your LinuxTag Team