

STOC 2027 - Author Video Instructions

**Video Submission Deadline: November 16, 2026,
11:59 p.m. Anywhere on Earth (AoE)**

Each STOC 2027 submission must be accompanied by a 20-30 minute author video. The video is intended as supplementary material for the Program Committee and subreviewers: it should help expert reviewers understand the main results, proof ideas, technical challenges, and intellectual contribution of the work, and should reflect the authors' own understanding of the work. The video need not have polished production quality. It will be used only for the review process and will not be made public.

Purpose

The purpose of the video is to help the PC evaluate the submission by giving the authors an opportunity to explain the intellectual and technical ideas behind their results. The video should provide evidence of the authors' understanding through a clear presentation of the merits of the paper, including its importance in the context of prior work and the key technical and conceptual ideas used to obtain its main results.

The intended audience is the **Program Committee members and subreviewers** evaluating the submission. The talk should focus on the following points:

- a clear and succinct description of the problem(s) being studied, and their relevance to TCS
- the context and the main results, and why they are interesting;
- the key ideas and intuition behind the proofs;
- the main technical difficulties and how they are overcome; and
- where appropriate, a more detailed explanation of particularly important or novel proof arguments.

The video does not need to be a super-polished presentation. Authors should prioritize technical substance and clear explanation over presentation quality.

Use in the Review Process

The video is supplementary material to help the PC evaluate the contribution. Reviewers are **not** required to watch it, and papers must remain fully self-contained: all claims and proofs required to evaluate the submission must appear in the submitted paper. Reviewers are however permitted to reject a paper with a poor talk solely due to the quality of the talk with no consideration of the technical merits of the paper.

Reviewers and PC members may, however, consult the video when they would find an explanation of the authors' proof ideas useful in evaluating the work.

Use of AI

Authors are welcome to use AI tools in preparing slides, organizing the presentation, editing the video, or otherwise assisting with its production. Yet, the actual presentation must be by an author (not AI generated).

The technical presentation itself should reflect the authors' own understanding of the submitted work.

Format

Videos should be around **20-30 minutes long**. Longer talks are allowed if the authors think this is helpful. The recording should be presented by at least one listed author, who should be visible in the recording. It should not introduce new claims, correct an error, or provide a proof missing from the paper. Simple recordings using slides, a whiteboard, or screen sharing are entirely acceptable. Production quality will not be considered in the evaluation of the submission. A Zoom recording that includes the speaker and slides, a whiteboard, or a presentation on an iPad, is completely fine.

Submission instructions

Authors **must** upload their video to HotCRP, by the video submission deadline. If a video is not uploaded by the video upload deadline, the paper will be considered as being withdrawn from STOC. STOC will only use these videos in the evaluation process, and will not make them public.