

# Call for Papers

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## Special Issue on Software Quality in Free/Open Source Software

### Overview

The importance of Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) has grown to such an extent that it can nowadays be found in almost any software domain. With this special issue we want to promote awareness of the crucial role of software quality in the effective creation of FOSS systems developed, used and maintained by communities, organizations and individuals. We welcome experiences and new insights concerning software quality and the methods, tools and products used to measure and achieve it.

The special issue addresses all aspects of software quality in FOSS from both a practical and an academic viewpoint. It aims to publish contributions from practitioners and academics.

The topics relevant to this special issue include but are not limited to the following aspects concerning **software quality and its relation to FOSS**:

- *FOSS projects and products*
- *Software development process*
- *Development tools and platforms*
- *Socio-technical perspectives in FOSS and FOSS projects*
- *Software communities and FOSS-based software ecosystems*
- *Social software development*
- *Modern/public code review*
- *Economic, business and legal aspects*
- *Distributed and/or Global software development*
- *Release management*
- *Software analytics*
- *Inner-source*
- *Software heritage and longevity of FOSS projects*
- *Open collaboration, standards, data and science*
- *Learning and skills development*
- *Case studies*

## **Submissions**

Authors are encouraged to submit high-quality, original work that has neither appeared in, nor is under consideration by, other journals. Submissions extending previous work published at other venues must include at least 30% new material. Every submission will be evaluated by reviewers, using the same review process and standard for SQJ regular submissions. The final decision of a submission is with the Editor-in-Chief along with the guest editors. All submissions should follow the journal submission guidelines, including maximum length requirements and structured format. Submissions must be written in English and submitted in the PDF format via the Editorial Manager system at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/sqjo/>. When submitting in Editorial Manager, please choose article type SI: Software Quality in Free/Open Source Software. Detailed instructions for authors can be found at: [http://www.springer.com/computer/swe/journal/11219?detailsPage=pltdci\\_2530611](http://www.springer.com/computer/swe/journal/11219?detailsPage=pltdci_2530611)

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