

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FAQs

THE OPENTECH AI WORKSHOP HELSINKI – 13-14 MARCH 2018

What is the address for the event?

Laajalahdentie 23, 00330 Helsinki, Uusimaa

IBM Suomen pääkonttori, Laajalahdentie 23 / IBM Finland Head Office at Laajalahdentie 23

What are my transportation/parking options for getting to and from the event?

For location, transportation and parking please see <http://www-05.ibm.com/fi/contact/ibmhelsinki.html>

How can I participate in the conference beyond being an attendee?

You could consider submitting a poster to the event. For instructions, please see

<https://developer.ibm.com/opentech/2018/01/29/helsinki-march-2018-opentech-ai-workshop/>

How can I contact the organizer with any questions?

Please email malaika@us.ibm.com - please include Helsinki workshop in the subject line

Where can I find the main event agenda?

We have posted the main agenda here:

<https://developer.ibm.com/opentech/2018/01/29/helsinki-march-2018-opentech-ai-workshop/>

How can I apply to show a poster?

See instructions, please <https://developer.ibm.com/opentech/2018/01/29/helsinki-march-2018-opentech-ai-workshop/>

Can I bring my class of students to the tutorials? Do I have to register each attendee?

Yes, you can bring your class, but every participant must be registered

Are the tutorials free?

Yes

Will evening dinner be provided?

No - but there are restaurants nearby

What restaurants are near the workshop location?

Hesburger Helsinki Munkkiniemi <https://www.hesburger.fi/ravintolat?tid=198> (It looks like a gas station but it is a fast food restaurant!)

Ukko-Munkki <http://www.ukko-munkki.fi/>

Restaurant at Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/finland/hilton-helsinki-kalastajatorppa-HELKJHI/>

What hotels are near the workshop location?

Holiday Inn Helsinki Messukeskus

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/helsinki/helcc/hoteldetail>

Holiday Inn Helsinki City Centre

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/helsinki/helek/hoteldetail>

Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/finland/hilton-helsinki-kalastajatorppa-HELKJHI/> (this one is walking distance)

How do I get to Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa from the airport?

The easiest way is to take a taxi. You can also take the train to the main railway station, walk about 200 meters to the tram stop and take the tram number 4. Or you could take a bus (194 or 195) by the railway station. The bus is always a faster option than a the tram

How do I get to Holiday Inn Helsinki City Centre from the airport?

The Finnair shuttle bus runs frequently between the hotel and airport. See

<https://www.finnair.com/us/gb/information-services/at-the-airport/transportation>

How do I get to the workshop location from downtown, e.g., from Holiday Inn Helsinki City Center, by public transportation?

There are many methods, e.g., number 4 tram or 213 bus or taxi. Best check Google maps

Can I get the transportation travel card at Helsinki airport?

Yes, a day ticket is your key to getting around in the Helsinki metropolitan area. The tickets available on single-charge cards allow you to travel easily and at low-cost for 1-7 days. See travel card: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/information/how-use-public-transport/visitor> and airport transportation information <https://www.finavia.fi/en/airports/helsinki-airport/parking-access/train-and-buses/public-transport>

Is there public transportation from the hotels to IBM?

Yes - please use Google Maps Directions

For more information on travel in Helsinki, see <https://www.hsl.fi/en/information/how-use-public-transport/visitors>

You can buy single tickets with cash from the bus drivers, but not the tram.

Will I need a winter coat?

Yes, very likely there will still be snow and temperatures even below zero Celsius (below 32 Fahrenheit) in mid-March. Bring a hat and gloves too! It might be wise to check the weather forecast closer to the event to be well prepared.

Can I just use my credit card, or do I need cash?

You can use a credit card pretty much everywhere, including all taxis.

On public buses, you can buy single tickets with cash from the bus drivers, credit card won't be accepted. (Or get the travel card: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/information/how-use-public-transport/visitors>)

Are there any opera performances around the time of the workshop?

Yes - see for example Madama Butterfly on 10 March 2018

<http://oopperabaletti.fi/en/repertoire/madama-butterfly/>

For more FAQ please see <https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en/info/faq>
and the Helsinki TripAdvisor Forum https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowForum-g189934-i444-Helsinki_Uusimaa.html

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