



PeerJ aims to speed up the pace and openness of Computer Science publishing with launch of new journal *PeerJ Computer Science*

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Award winning open access publisher *PeerJ* today announces the launch of *PeerJ Computer Science*, a cross-disciplinary open access journal publishing articles across all fields of computer science. The journal will start accepting preprints on Tuesday February 3rd and peer-review articles on Thursday February 12th, which is also *PeerJ's* two-year anniversary of publishing in the biological and medical sciences.

From February 3rd interested authors can visit peerj.com/computer-science to find out more about the journal, and its almost 300 strong Editorial and Advisory Board (which includes a number of high profile computer scientists including [Vint Cerf](#), [Wendy Hall](#), [David Patterson](#) and [Mary Shaw](#)). *PeerJ* is offering free publication to all those who register their email at this page, and also to their colleagues simply by providing their email details.

Jason Hoyt, Co-founder and CEO of *PeerJ* said "We've received a constant stream of requests to bring our unique lifetime publishing model and user design philosophy to other disciplines ever since we launched *PeerJ* two years ago for the life sciences. We feel now is the right time to build upon our success by offering *PeerJ's* services to the computer science community, who have been looking for a modern and improved publishing experience."

Tim O'Reilly, founder of O'Reilly Media and a member of the *PeerJ* Board, added "Open source software has transformed the practice of software development. So it is about time for an open access computer science journal to bring computer science research publishing into the 21st century. It's great to be part of helping make that happen." *PeerJ's* existing connections with Tim O'Reilly places *PeerJ* well to build deeper connections within the computer science community and to understand how best to serve their needs

The landscape for academic publishing within computer science is ripe for change. There are very few open access journals currently serving the computer science community, and authors in this field are mainly publishing

their work either at academic conferences or in subscription journals. The traditional journal route can be very slow for authors in this field with lengthy review processes, which is one of the reasons why authors often find that disseminating their work at a conference is a much faster route to obtaining a decision. The current system for publishing in computer science is in need of some fresh innovation, and by opening up submissions for computer scientists *PeerJ* is aiming to bring a 21st century publishing platform to computer scientists.

PeerJ Computer Science will operate in exactly the same way as *PeerJ* – articles will be published through CC BY licensing ensuring that the content is freely accessible to the world. The business model also remains the same with authors paying a low cost fee to publish their article, starting at \$99 for lifetime publication. Although it remains to be seen how fast the new journal will be, *PeerJ*'s life science and medicine authors currently receive a first decision in a median time of 22 days, which would help to address the need for quick turnaround times for computer scientists. By publishing cross-disciplinary research across the full spectrum of computer science, *PeerJ Computer Science* hopes to engender more cross-fertilisation between fields and to become a hub for the computer science community as a whole to interact. *PeerJ* intends to work closely with the computer science community from the outset to help shape the journal as it grows.

Peter Binfield, Co-founder and Publisher of *PeerJ* added “We built *PeerJ* with the scientific community in mind, and our technologies enable better ways to publish articles. We want our Authors, Reviewers and Editorial Board to help us shape the journal as it grows, so we’ll be listening intently and taking on board their suggestions and recommendations. We know computer scientists want a better way to publish their research, and we will aim to provide that by shaping the platform to meet their requirements. We’re excited to see how we can move publishing in computer science forward and better serve the needs of this community.”

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