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The Competition and Demonstration Track at NeurIPS is meant to gather like-minded researchers around important research topics and showcase important work that does not necessarily fit into the format of a standard paper. The goal is to facilitate community building, help people learn and gain valuable hands-on experience, and use our skills to have a real-world impact on important and challenging problems. Over the years, the track has grown into an established forum for allowing researchers to interact with each other and with cutting-edge technology.

The Competitions, in their fifth iteration at NeurIPS in this edition, present a set of structured high-impact challenges for accomplished researchers and practitioners in Machine Learning. Participants work together to make progress on these challenges, form a close-knit community for learning, and contribute to advancing the state-of-the-art in the field. The Demonstrations offer a way to showcase machine learning applications in an interactive setting. Often, but not necessarily, they concern systems for which the traditional format of a research paper is relatively ill-suited.

This volume encompasses the competitions and demonstrations held and presented at NeurIPS 2021. It constitutes a snapshot of what happened during the Competitions and Demonstrations Track at the conference. Competition organizers were asked to submit a broad overview of their competition, how it was organized, and to discuss the winning solutions, where applicable. Demonstration organizers were asked to give a short overview, in writing, of the demo, how it functioned and what could be learned from it. We hope you enjoy the work covered in this volume and that you consider participating in future editions of this track at NeurIPS.

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