Welcome to SOUPS 2018!

We are delighted to bring SOUPS into its 14th year. As long-time SOUPS attendees and participants ourselves, we are happy to see the growth in the range of topics covered at SOUPS and in the number of people joining the community. Technical paper presentations form the core of the SOUPS program, but the conference also includes workshops, posters, lightning talks, and a keynote.

In 2016, SOUPS became an independent conference body. For the last three years, we have partnered with USENIX for hosting and administrative support, a move that has enabled continued growth for the conference. This year, we are co-located with the USENIX Security Symposium for the first time. Co-locating the two conferences allows for interactions and shared ideas between SOUPS and USENIX Security attendees, and we are excited to see the result.

SOUPS relies on a range of volunteers for all of its activities. Steering Committee members provide oversight and guidance, and are elected for three year terms. Organizing Committee members help determine the conference content for a particular year, often serving two year terms to facilitate the transition of knowledge. Technical Papers Committee members are chosen by the Technical Papers co-Chairs each year. SOUPS is a product of the hard work by all the SOUPS Organizers, the SOUPS Steering Committee, the Technical Papers Committee, the Workshop organizers, the Posters jury, and the USENIX staff. We thank each and every one of you for your contributions to SOUPS 2018.

Mez is serving her final year as General Chair of SOUPS and Chair of the Steering Committee. Next year, Heather, who served as Vice Chair this year, will step into this role for 2019 and 2020. If you are interested in helping with SOUPS 2019 in any way, please contact Heather.

We thank each of our sponsors for their support—NSF, Facebook, Google, Mozilla, and DMTF. SOUPS would not be possible without their generous support. Please visit our web site to view the recipients of the SOUPS 2018 awards—Distinguished Paper, IAPP SOUPS Privacy Award, Distinguished Poster, and the John Karat Usable Privacy and Security Student Research Award. Congratulations to all of the recipients for their outstanding work.

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