SOUPS 2016: Twelfth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security

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SOUPS 2016 will be co-located with the 2016 USENIX Annual Technical Conference, June 22–24, 2016.

Important Dates

- Paper registration deadline: **Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 5:00 p.m. PST**
- Paper submission deadline: **Friday, March 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. PST (hard deadline)**
- Rebuttal period: **Friday, April 29– Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 5:00 p.m. PDT**
- Notification of paper acceptance: **Wednesday, May 11, 2016**
- Camera ready papers due: **Sunday, June 5 (authors must submit a consent form)**

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Overview

The 2016 Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS) will bring together an interdisciplinary group of researchers and practitioners in human computer interaction, security, and privacy. The program will feature:

- technical papers
- workshops and tutorials
- a poster session
- panels and invited talks
- lightning talks

We invite authors to submit original papers describing research or experience in all areas of usable privacy and security. We welcome a variety of research methods, including both qualitative and quantitative approaches. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- innovative security or privacy functionality and design
- new applications of existing models or technology
- field studies of security or privacy technology
- usability evaluations of new or existing security or privacy features
- security testing of new or existing usability features
- longitudinal studies of deployed security or privacy features
- studies of administrators or developers and support for security and privacy
- the impact of organizational policy or procurement decisions
- lessons learned from the deployment and use of usable privacy and security features
- reports of replicating previously published studies and experiments
- reports of failed usable privacy/security studies or experiments, with the focus on the lessons learned from such experience

All submissions must relate to both human aspects and security or privacy. Papers on security or privacy that do not address usability or human factors will not be considered.

Papers need to describe the purpose and goals of the work, cite related work, show how the work effectively integrates usability or human factors with security or privacy, and clearly indicate the innovative aspects of the work or lessons learned as well as the contribution of the work to the field.

Submission Information

Papers must use the SOUPS formatting template (for MS Word or LaTeX, available for download from the SOUPS Web site soon) and be up to 12 pages in length, excluding the bibliography and any supplemental appendices. Authors have the option to attach to their paper supplementary appendices containing study materials (e.g., survey instruments, interview guides, etc.) that would not otherwise fit within the body of the paper. These appendices may be included to assist reviewers who may have questions that fall outside the stated contribution of your paper, on which your work is to be evaluated. Reviewers are not required to read any appendices, so your paper should be self contained without them. Accepted papers will be published online with their supplementary appendices included. Submissions must be no more than 20 pages total including bibliography and appendices. For the body of your paper, brevity is appreciated, as evidenced by the fact that many papers in prior years have been well under this limit. **All submissions must be in PDF format and should be blinded.**

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Registering and submitting your paper: Technical papers must be registered and submitted by the deadlines listed above. **These are hard deadlines!** (Registering a paper in the submission system requires filling out all the fields that describe the submission but does not require uploading a PDF of the paper. **Placeholder or incomplete titles and abstracts may be rejected without review.**)

Rebuttals: This year, the rebuttal period will be held after the second round of reviews, so the authors will be given a chance to see and correct factual errors in all reviews. Due to time constraints, the rebuttal period is fairly short. **Please ensure that you reserve enough time between Friday, April 29–Tuesday, May 3 for the rebuttal process. Late rebuttals will not be accepted.**

Accepted papers will be published by the USENIX Association and will be freely available on the USENIX and SOUPS Web sites. Authors will retain copyright of their papers. Submitted papers must not significantly overlap papers that have been published or that are simultaneously submitted to a peer-reviewed venue or publication. Any overlap between your submitted paper and other work either under submission or previously published must be documented in a clearly marked explanatory note at the front of the paper. State precisely how the two works differ in their goals, any use of shared experiments or data sources, and the unique contributions. If the other work is under submission elsewhere, the program committee may ask to review that work to evaluate the overlap. Please note that program committees frequently share information about papers under review and reviewers usually work on multiple conferences simultaneously. Technical reports are exempt from this rule. If in doubt, please contact the program chairs at soups16chairs@ usenix.org for advice. You may also release pre-prints of your accepted work to the public at your discretion.

Authors are encouraged to review "Common Pitfalls in Writing about Security and Privacy Human Subjects Experiments, and How to Avoid Them" at https://cups.cs.cmu.edu/soups/2010/howtosoups.pdf. Note that this paper addresses research work taking an experimental and quantitative approach with hypothesis testing and statistical inference. However, SOUPS welcomes submissions that take other approaches and recognizes that other methodological considerations will be appropriate.

User studies should follow the basic principles of ethical research, e.g., beneficence (maximizing the benefits to an individual or to society while minimizing harm to the individual), minimal risk (appropriateness of the risk versus benefit ratio), voluntary consent, respect for privacy, and limited deception. Authors are encouraged to include in their submissions an explanation of how ethical principles were followed and may be asked to provide such an explanation should questions arise during the review process.

The SOUPS 2016 program will also feature a poster session, panels and invited talks, lightning talks and demos, and workshops and tutorials. The calls for posters and proposals is now available on the SOUPS 2016 Web site, www.usenix.org/conference/soups2016.