SOUPS 2021: Seventeenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security

August 8–10, 2021, Virtual Event

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The Seventeenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2021) will be co-located with the 30th USENIX Security Symposium and will be held as a virtual event on August 8–10, 2021.

Important Dates

All dates are at 23:59 AoE (Anywhere on Earth) time.

- Proposal submission deadline: **Thursday, March 4, 2021**
- Notification of acceptance: **Thursday, March 18, 2021**
- Final workshop CFP due date for workshop organizers: **Thursday, April 1, 2021**
- Workshop paper submission deadline: **Thursday, June 10, 2021**
- Workshop paper acceptance notification to authors: **Monday, June 21, 2021**
- Workshop final papers due: **Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

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Overview

The Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS) features a day of pre-symposium events, such as workshops, tutorials, hackathons, and beyond to support exploration and networking related to topics of interest to the usable privacy and security community. We invite you to submit a proposal to organize a full- or half-day event on Sunday, August 8, 2021, as part of SOUPS 2021.

Pre-symposium events enable attendees with shared interests to meet in the context of a focused and interactive discussion. We are looking for proposals for any types of events beyond the main track:

- **Workshops:** Workshops are an opportunity to move a topic forward and build community. SOUPS workshops might address basic research, applied research, practice, education, methodologies, competitions, or emerging topics in usable privacy and/or usable security. Some workshops involve calls for position papers, while others involve creative activities and more informal guided discussions around a common topic of interest. Successful workshops at previous SOUPS include: Designing for the Extremes of Risk, Who are you?! Adventures in Authentication, Workshop on Security Information Workers, Workshop on Inclusive Privacy and Security, Workshop on Usable Security and Privacy Education, and Workshop on the Human Aspects of Smarthome Security and Privacy.
- **Hackathons/Design-a-thons:** Hackathons and design-a-thons present an opportunity to bring together hackers, designers, policy makers, researchers, and coders to push boundaries in usable security and privacy. A hackathon should focus on a particular set of topics and include an explanation of how the tools, solutions, and problems developed through the event will help the research community or society at large and continue moving forward after the event. We had a successful designathon in 2018 called Designing Privacy and Security Tools for Children and Teenagers. Similar events at CHI have included a Hacking Women's Health and Critical Making Hackathon: Situated Hacking, Surveillance and Big Data.
- **Tutorials:** A SOUPS tutorial is an in-depth learning experience on one or more state-of-the-art topics in usable privacy and security presented by researchers or practitioners within the field. A tutorial should focus on its topic in detail and include references to the "must-read" papers or materials within its domain. Tutorials in which participants actively engage in exercises or hands-on work are particularly welcome. Successful tutorials at previous SOUPS include: Contextual Integrity, Introduction to Password Cracking and Research on Passwords, Hacking Public Policy, and Working with Computer Forensics Data.



- **Exhibitions, Interactivity, and Beyond:** Do you have a great idea for a SOUPS event that doesn't fit any of the categories above? We are interested in novel and "out of the box" event proposals and encourage workshop and event proposals that do not fit other SOUPS programs. ACM CHI (dl.acm.org/conference/chi) has several event types besides the main paper tracks that could serve as inspiration for out of the box SOUPS events. We look forward to your proposal.
- Your workshop, tutorial, hackathon, or otherwise should be inclusive and respectful. A variety of guidance exists on this topic. Please be sure to follow guidance on language use from the USENIX statement on racism and Black, African-American, and African Diaspora inclusion available at www.usenix.org/blog/usenix-statement-racism-and-black-african-american-and-african-diaspora-inclusion.

Submission Instructions

Submissions should be emailed to soups21-workshops@usenix.org. Please include the following items in your submission:

- Title of Event
- List of Organizers (including affiliations and contact information)
- Event Type (workshop, tutorial, hackathon/design-a-thon, or exhibitions, interactivity, and beyond)
- Event Length (half day, full day, or full day but could work as half day)
- **Description (maximum of 500 words):** Describe the event's goal, scope, format (i.e., will you solicit submissions via a CFP or will attendees be engaged in other ways), and structure; for established workshops: please provide links to previous events.
- **Abstract (200 words):** abstract promoting the event to be posted on the SOUPS website
- **Preliminary list of PC members:** a list of PC members the organizers plan to recruit (if needed)
- **Promotional strategy:** How do you plan to attract participants for your online event?
- **Draft CFP (PDF):** Upload a draft of your call for papers, if applicable.
- **Sample agenda:** How do you plan to structure the event? Include planned sessions, etc.
- **Online strategy:** Describe your plan for running the virtual event, e.g., selected platforms, synchronous and asynchronous components, and how you will deal with time zone issues. Organizers will be responsible for managing their own technology in support of the event.

Upon Acceptance of Your Event

Please note the following milestones which must be met for all SOUPS workshops, tutorials, and events:

- Organizers will be notified of acceptance or rejection by **Thursday, March 18, 2021**.
- Organizers will have until **Thursday, April 1, 2021**, to submit their final workshop/tutorial/event descriptions to be posted on the SOUPS website. Workshop organizers will submit their Call for Papers/Participation on the same date. Organizers are encouraged to create a website for their accepted event and include the URL address in their Call for Participation/description for the SOUPS website.
- **Solicit Contributions and Potential Participants:** While some organizers may choose alternate formats, for events accepting paper submissions, workshop papers are typically 2-4 pages long. Workshop paper submissions (if applicable) should be due no later than **Thursday, May 27, 2021**.
- Final acceptances for workshop papers must be completed by **Friday, June 11, 2021**.
- **Events Website:** Accepted papers will not be posted on the USENIX website to avoid confusion with archival papers and encourage more informal or experimental workshops and beyond formats. Event organizers are required to create an event website to which the SOUPS website will link. Event organizers can then decide to post accepted papers and other event materials before the event date on their own website.
- **Publicize Your Event:** Organizers of accepted workshops and beyond events must set up and maintain their own website in which they provide further and updated information about their workshop. The workshops and beyond page will be linked from the official SOUPS webpage. In order to have a successful and well-attended workshop, we recommend that you post your call for participation early and widely (e.g. publicize on social media and on relevant mailing lists).

Contact

For questions or to discuss the suitability of a workshop or tutorial idea please contact the workshop chairs at soups21-workshops@usenix.org.