SOUPS 2016
Twelfth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security
Message from the Chairs

Welcome to SOUPS 2016!

The Twelfth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security has been a year of transition for us. For the first time, we are not sponsored and held by Carnegie Mellon's CyLab. We are a USENIX conference this year (and we look forward to being one again in 2017). In addition, SOUPS founder Lorrie Faith Cranor stepped down as General Chair in January, since her new position as FTC Chief Technologist precluded her from dealing with industry sponsorships. We look forward to hearing much more about her FTC experience to date as our keynote speaker! Mary Ellen Zurko took over as General Chair on an accelerated timeline ("Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em.") Every member of the organizing committee thus had additional responsibilities with this transition, and they all stepped up splendidly. USENIX learned about SOUPS, SOUPS learned about USENIX, and SOUPS 2016 is the result.

We retained the traditional SOUPS structure, with workshops (5), a tutorial, technical papers (22), posters (with a happy hour), lightning talks, demos, a panel, an invited talk, a social event, and an ice cream social. Please visit our Web site to learn the results of the SOUPS 2016 awards—Distinguished Paper, IAPP SOUPS Privacy Award, Distinguished Poster, and the John Karat Usable Privacy and Security Student Research Award (new this year).

This year we received 79 technical paper submissions. The 30-person program committee provided two rounds of reviews. In the first round, each submission received at least three reviews, and in the second round, some submissions received additional reviews. In the end, all submissions received at least three and as many as six reviews. After the second round of reviews, authors had an opportunity to provide a short rebuttal to respond to the reviews. Following the rebuttal period and an online discussion, the program committee held an in-person one-day meeting, which resulted in 22 papers being selected for presentation and publication. The acceptance rate was ~28%.

We would like to thank all of the authors and the members of the technical papers committee and every member of the SOUPS organizing committee for helping to produce this program. We would also like to thank the International Computer Science Institute in Berkeley, CA for hosting the in-person PC meeting. We especially thank the US National Science Foundation, Google, Facebook, Cisco, CRC Press, DMTF, and LXer for their sponsorship of this event. And finally, a big shout-out to each member of the USENIX staff for all the additional work they took on with producing SOUPS this year, including our liaison, Casey Henderson.

See you next year, July 12–14, at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara!

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