USEC '13



Call for Papers: 2013 Workshop on Usable Security

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Many aspects of data security combine technical and human factors. If a highly secure system is unusable, users will move their data to less secure but more usable systems. Problems with usability are a major contributor to many high-profile security failures today.

However, usable security is not well-aligned with traditional usability for various reasons. Security is rarely the primary desired goal of the individual. In fact, security is often orthogonal and sometimes in opposition to the actual goal. Security information is about risk and threats: such communication is often unwelcome. Increasing unwelcome interaction is not a goal of usable design. Since individuals must trust their machines to implement their desired tasks, risk communication itself may undermine the value of the networked interaction. For the individual, discrete technical problems are all understood under the rubric of online security (e.g., privacy from third parties use of personally identifiable information, malware). A broader conception of both security and usability is therefore needed for usable security.

The Workshop on Usable Security invites submissions on all aspects of human factors and usability in the context of security and privacy. USEC '13 aims to bring together researchers already engaged in this interdisciplinary effort with other researchers in relevant areas, so we encourage economics, HCI, AI, theoretical computer science, cryptography, psychology and business studies etc. researchers and practitioners to submit original research in this area. We particularly encourage collaborative research from authors in multiple fields.

All accepted papers will be published in an LNCS volume together with the other workshops attached to the FC '13 conference. Submissions are limited to 15 pages including references for the main paper

and a maximum of 18 pages (i.e., 3 pages of appendices). Authors are expected to submit anonymous versions of their papers for initial review, except where this would necessitate unduly undermining the paper (such as by omitting references to underlying work by the same author(s)). Referees will do their best to avoid identification of authors of anonymous papers during the review process.

Schedule

- Submission Deadline: 18th December (Extended from 16th November 2012)
- Notification of Acceptance: 15th February 2013 (changed from 17th December 2012)
- Final Paper Deadline: 12th April 2013 (changed from 12th January 2013)
- Workshop: 1st April 2013

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