Theoretical Aspects of Modern Security & Privacy Research

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How Do You Think Papers Get Published?



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Seminar Schedule

Kick-off meeting (today)

• Bid on papers, start reading assigned papers + submissions

Review submission deadlines

- Optional submission of first review: January 16th
- All reviews due on January 23rd
- Rebuttal due on January 30th
- Slide Review

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- Make an individual appointment with your advisor
- Latest one week prior to presentation

Paper presentation on Thursday 9th of February (8:30am-11:30pm and 12:30pm-15:30pm)

Your Tasks

- Bid on all papers
- Review 3 papers
- Write a rebuttal for your paper
- Present your paper (20 minutes + 5 minutes Q/A)

Grading

- Your written work (reviews, rebuttal)
- Your presentation
- Your participation in the papers' discussion

Seminar's Topics

- Formal Methods (4 submissions)
 - supervised by Robert Künnemann, please arrange meeting via brief email to <u>robert.kuennemann@uni-saarland.de</u>
- Adversarial Machine Learning (3 submissions)
 - supervised by Kathrin Grosse, best arrange meeting via brief email to <u>kathrin.grosse@cispa.saarland</u>
- Fully Homomorphic Encryption+Secure Multiparty Computation (3 submissions)
 - supervised by Jonas Schneider, come to 3.16 anytime between 10:00 — 17:00

Formal Methods

- Policy Auditing over Incomplete Logs: Theory, Implementation and Applications *Oloutoyin Salomon Laleye*
- 2. Causes and Explanations: A Structural-Model Approach Part I: Causes *Turbat Ganbold*
- 3. Program Actions as Actual Causes: A Building Block for Accountability *Dhiman Chakraborty*
- 4. CoSP: A General Framework For Computational Soundness Proofs *Sharmeen Rehan*

Adversarial Machine Learning

- 6. Cryptography and Machine Learning *Vincent Ogwara*
- 7. Adversarial Perturbations Against Deep Neural Networks for Malware Classification *Marius Steffens*
- 8. Transferability in Machine Learning: from Phenomena to Black-Box Attacks using Adversarial Samples *Nadisha-Marie Aliman*

FHE and MPC

- 11. A Guide to Fully Homomorphic Encryption Bakhtiar ali shah
- 12. Secure Multiparty Computation for Privacy-Preserving Data Mining *Siavash Riahi*
- 13. Non-Interactive Verifiable Computing: Outsourcing Computation to Untrusted Workers *Kevin Morio*

How to Write a Review

A Guide for New Referees in Theoretical Computer Science*

> Ian Parberry[†] Department of Computer Sciences University of North Texas

Goal of the Presentation

- You should convey (to the audience!)
 - goal and applicative context of your paper
 - contributions of the paper
 - scientific context (e.g., related work, prior state of the art)
 - ideally: a balanced assessment beyond "limitations" section
- Food for discussion:
 - prepare at least one question to initiate discussion

Getting Good Grades

- Research literature independently and relate what you find to your paper
- Get help if necessary not asking for help is foolish, not smart
- Deep understanding of your paper
- Well balanced critical assessment bashing is much easier than balanced discussion

What to Do Next?

- Read the e-mail for your HotCRP account
- Read further instructions (in a second e-mail) with information about how to provide your preferences in the HotCRP system
- Give your preferences on papers
 - Read the abstracts of all papers
 - Based on the abstract/topics, try to read in more detail, and understand, a subset of interesting papers
- Read your own paper (just chosen by you)