

# Privacy and Security in a Networked World

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## Abstract

As news stories continue to demonstrate, ensuring adequate security and privacy in a networked “always on” world is a challenge; and while open source software can mitigate problems, it is not a panacea. This panel will bring together experts from industry and academia to debate, discuss, and offer opinions – questions might include:

- What are the “costs” of “good enough” security and privacy on developers and customers?
- What is the appropriate trade-off between the price to provide security and the cost of poor security?
- How can the consequences of poor design and implementation be managed?
- Can systems be enabled to fail “security-safe”?
- What are the trade-offs for increased adoption of privacy and security best practices?
- How can the “costs” of privacy and security – both tangible and intangible – be reduced?

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- K.5 Legal Aspects of Computing
- K.6.5 Security and Protection

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In Portland 2014, we return to a theme first discussed as a panel at OOPSLA 2008 in Nashville TN. At that time, we

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explored whether openness (many eyes) and transparency contribute to improved security and discussed the benefits of achieving privacy “and” security – rather than simply privacy “or” security. Has the state of the art changed for the better or is the combination of increasing system states and complexity leading to lose-lose trade-offs?

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In the context of cyber systems, both attackers and defenders favor automated code analysis tools (dynamic and/or static) for detecting vulnerabilities. However, while attackers are satisfied with an *ad-hoc*, hit-and-miss vulnerability detection strategy, such an approach is not well suited for defenders,

who need to be meticulously systematic in understanding the risks and designing security mechanisms.

A systematic cyber defense approach must go well beyond the knowledge of vulnerabilities. It needs to include a knowledge of the system, threats and risks to the system, safeguards and their effectiveness, and knowledge of the system's security assurance goals. Only when armed with this knowledge, can defenders assess and address the security posture of the system. While it is easy to claim that a system is *not* secure when at least one potential vulnerability is detected – to support a claim that the system *is* adequately secure for its operational intent requires a convincing argument and evidence. To provide the requisite evidence, vulnerability testing must be driven by a threat model that anticipates attacks and evaluates vulnerabilities.

Unfortunately, many of today's approaches to threat risk assessment rely on informal artifacts such as documentation and personnel interviews – making for a too subjective, non-comprehensive, non-repeatable approach that is prone to inaccuracies and assumptions about the true nature of the system risks and vulnerabilities. To create a systematic, formal, comprehensive and automated security assurance approach to validate that a system meets its security objectives requires the collaboration of multiple automated solutions from different vendors. My position is that the "magic glue" is a set of standards! Let's discuss approaches and results.

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### 3. Michael C. Fanning

Security is a quality measure of software often regarded as a necessary but secondary concern relative to the matter of extending program functionality in a useful way. The non-negotiable center of secure development (including effective security response) is a willing, informed and disciplined engineering process. The necessarily inconsistent realization of this goal can be offset by security-focused evolution of operating systems, runtimes, application frameworks, development tools and mechanisms for providing information to programmers. Inevitably, other critical properties (backwards compatibility, performance, interoperability, language expressiveness and engineer productivity) limit or actively work against security as a value. The answer to the question of what we should do is simple enough, 'that depends.' In an increasingly diverse, connected and decentralized software landscape, it's hard to imagine there will be a diminishing need for discernment.

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### 4. Gary McGraw

Only ten years ago, the idea of building security in was brand new. Back then, if system architects and developers thought about security at all, they usually concentrated on the liberal application of magic crypto fairy dust. We have come a long way since then. Perhaps no segment of the security industry has evolved more in the last decade than the discipline of software security. Several things happened in the early part of the decade that set in motion a major shift in the way people build software: the release of my book *Building Secure Software*, the publication of Bill Gates's *Trustworthy Computing* memo, the publication of Lipner and Howard's *Writing Secure Code*, and a wave of high-profile attacks such as Code Red and Nimda that forced Microsoft, and ultimately other large software companies, to get religion about software security. Now, ten years later, Microsoft has made great strides in software security and building security in – and they're publishing their ideas in the form of the SDL. Right about in the middle of the last ten years (five years in) we all collectively realized that the way to approach software security was to integrate security practices that I term the "Touchpoints" into the software development

lifecycle. Now, at the end of a decade of great progress in software security, we have a way of measuring software security initiatives called the BSIMM (<http://bsimm.com>).

As a discipline, software security has made great progress over the last decade. Of the many large-scale software security initiatives we are aware of, sixty-seven – all household names – are currently included in the BSIMM study. Those companies among the sixty-seven who graciously agreed to be identified include: Adobe, Aetna, Bank of America, Box, Capital One, Comerica Bank, EMC, Epsilon, F-Secure, Fannie Mae, Fidelity, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, Intel, Intuit, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Lender Processing Services Inc., Marks and Spencer, Mashery, McAfee, McKesson, Microsoft, NetSuite, Neustar, Nokia, Nokia Siemens Networks, PayPal, Pearson Learning Technologies, QUALCOMM, Rackspace, Salesforce, Sallie Mae, SAP, Sony Mobile, Standard Life, SWIFT, Symantec, Telecom Italia, Thomson Reuters, TomTom, Vanguard, Visa, VMware, Wells Fargo, and Zynga. The BSIMM was created by observing and analyzing real-world data from leading software security initiatives. The BSIMM can help you determine how your organization compares to other real software security initiatives and what steps can be taken to make your approach more effective. BSIMM is helping transform the field from an art into a measurable science.

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## 5. Kevin Sullivan

Security means sustained, justifiable confidence in one's safety from unacceptable harm or loss (physical, economic, social, environmental). Such security is an emergent and evolving property of a complex, socio-technical system within a complex and evolving socio-technical environment.

While faults in software are a crucial proximate cause of many security failures (and potential causes of even more frightening future failures), the deeper causes are often rooted in larger failures at the overall systems level to manage possibilities for unacceptable loss. Traditional systems engineers have the system-wide perspectives needed to address security as an emergent property, but they all too often lack the software expertise needed to manage threats posed by software. Software engineers have traditionally acted as systems engineers for mostly-software systems, but they are often focused at the code level, and lack the broader perspective needed to deal with phenomena ranging from software to regulatory, operational, human, and social phenomena. The cyber-security research community has traditionally focused on the mathematics of information and on reactive response to specific threats and vulnerabilities, but not so much on software engineering, human, or systems-level aspects of security. No established discipline is configured to address the problem we face now, as we enter an era of organically complex cyber-physical-social systems. Moreover, the extant research and practitioner communities exhibit “architectural mismatches” that can make it hard for them to work together. If we wish to be secure, then we need to rethink and significantly restructure our approaches to systems-level engineering of the complex systems of the future.

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