

# Welcome to ACSAC 2023!

Message from the Program Committee Chairs



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Professor  
University of Georgia



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# Thank you to the PC members!



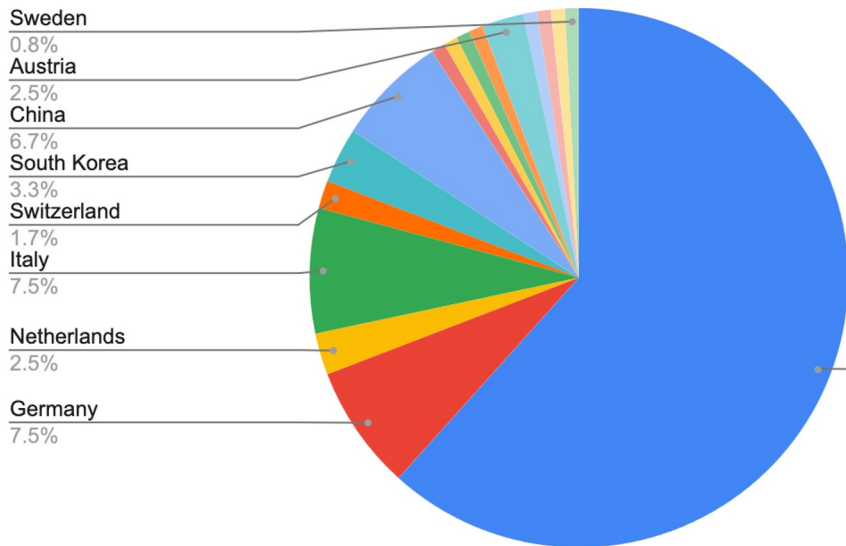
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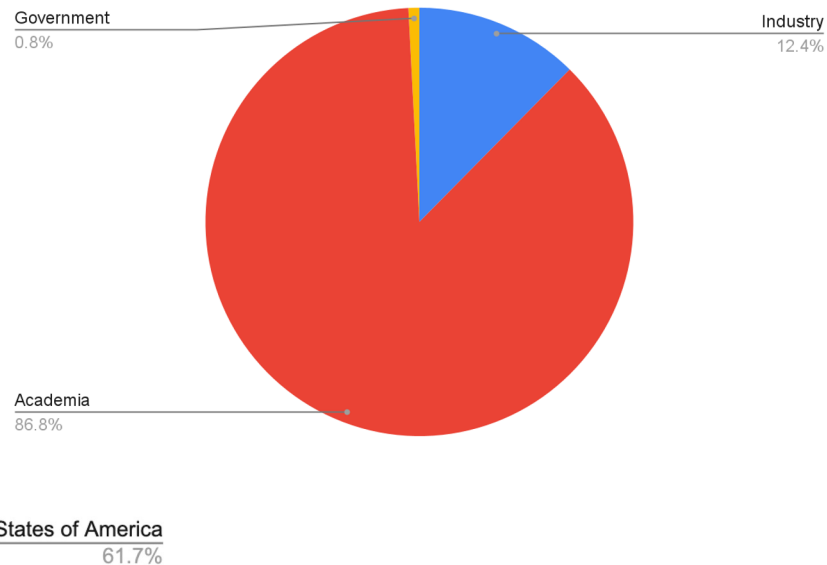
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# Program Committee: **121** members from **16** countries

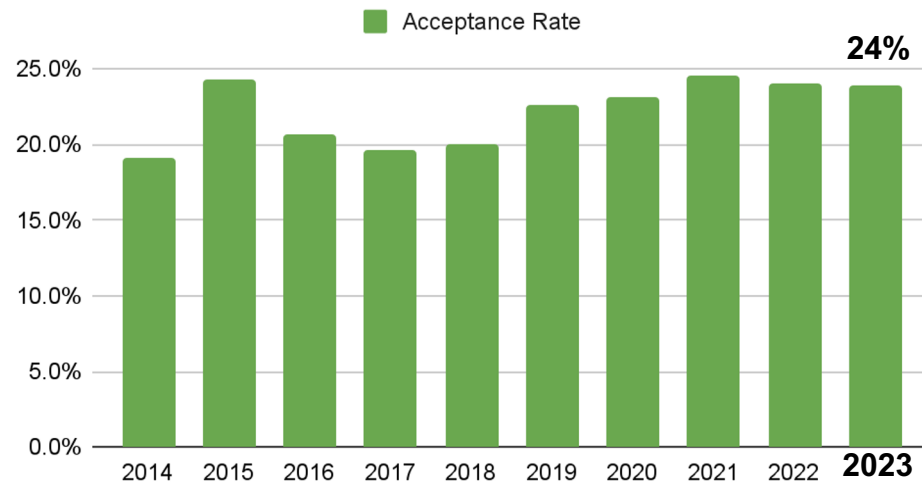
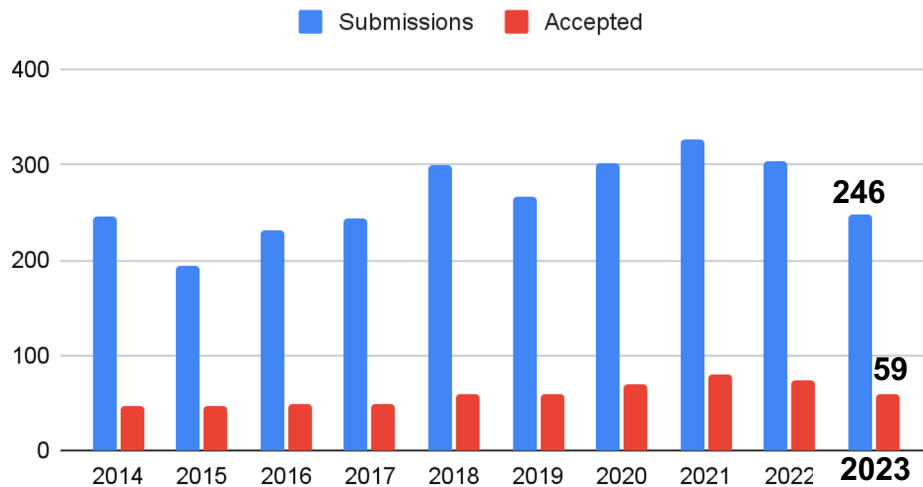
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## PC members - affiliation



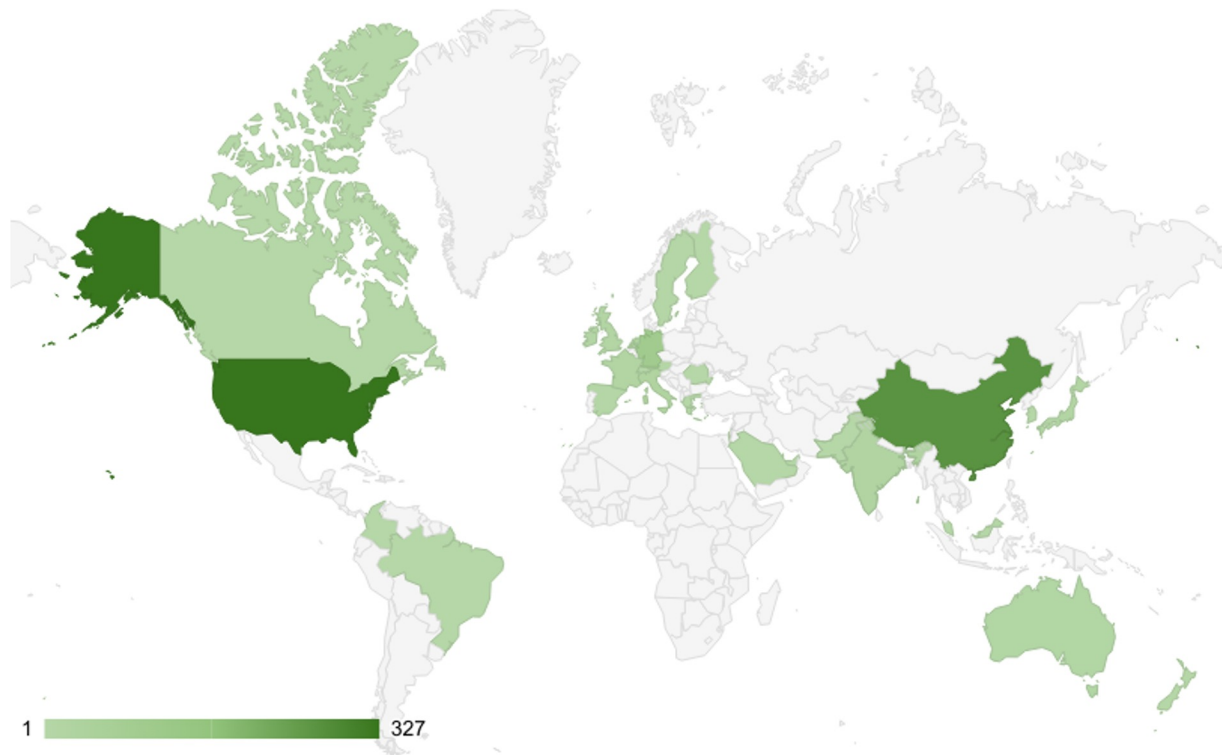
# Selection of ACSAC 2023 Papers



- 246 valid submission
- 2 Review Rounds – 143 (58%) advanced to Round 2
- 59 Accepted Papers – 24% acceptance rate
  - 30 conditionally accepted (minor revisions + shepherding)

# More than **1100** submission authors from **34** countries

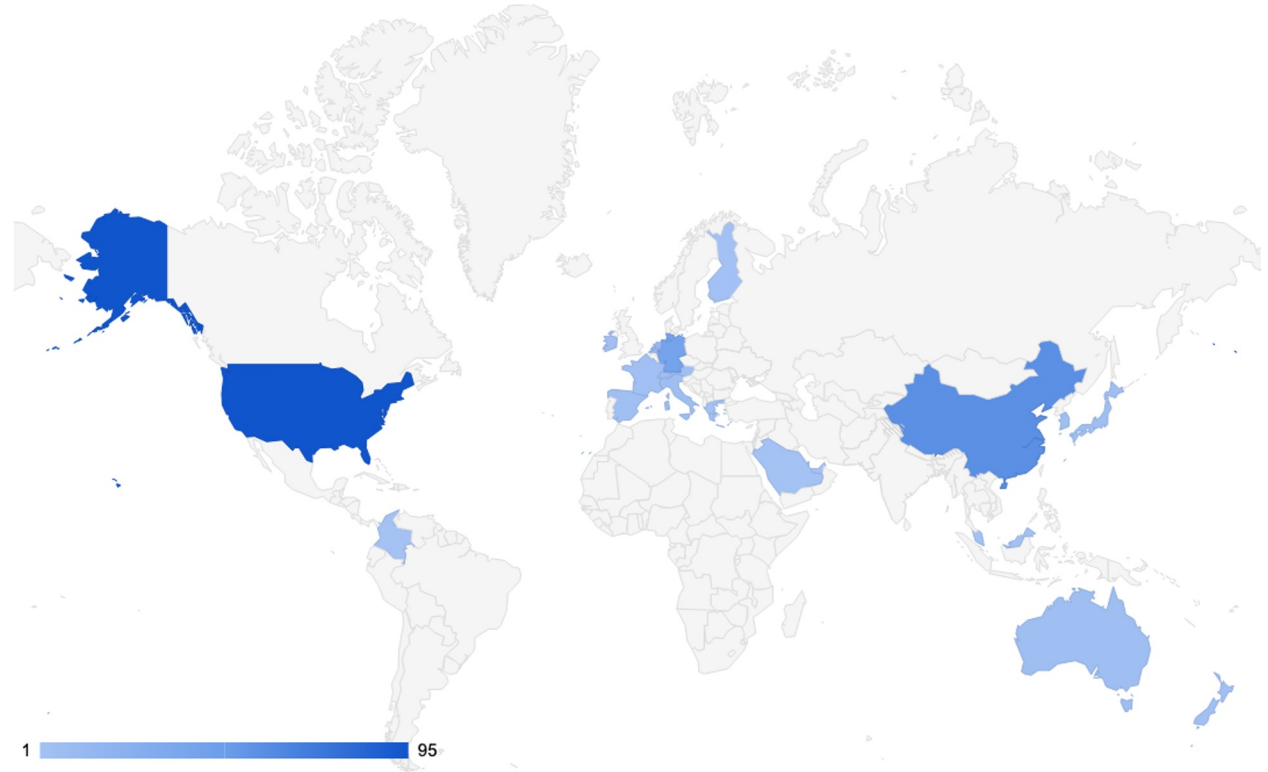
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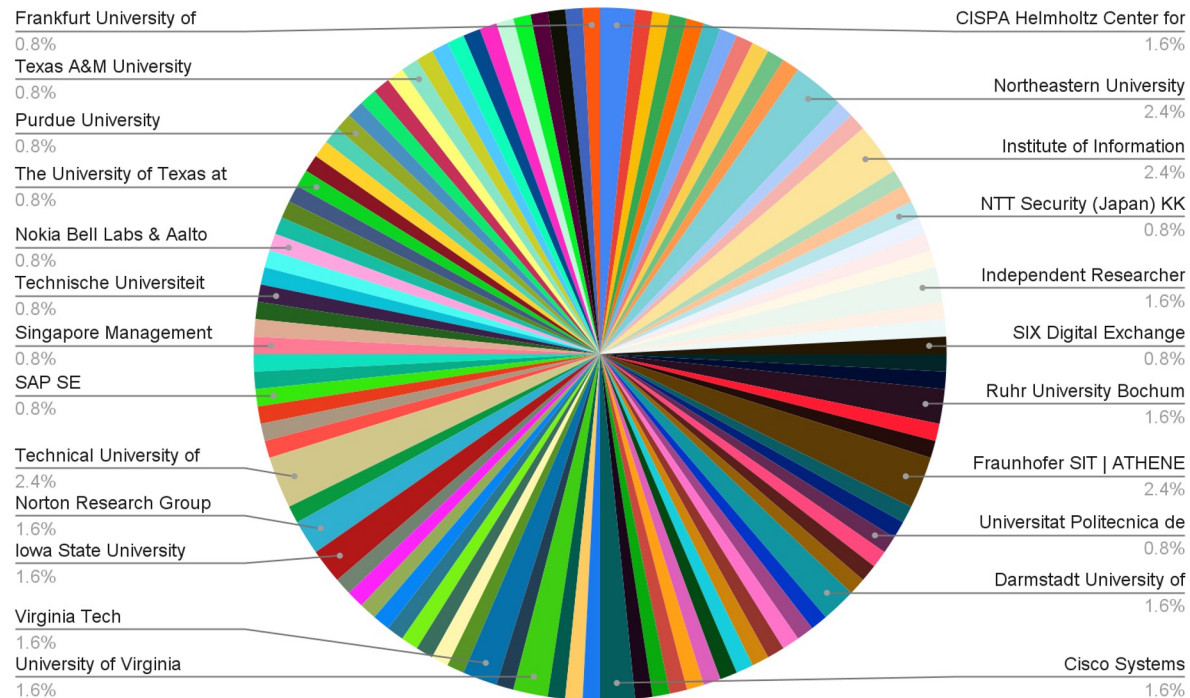
# More than **270** accepted authors from **23** countries



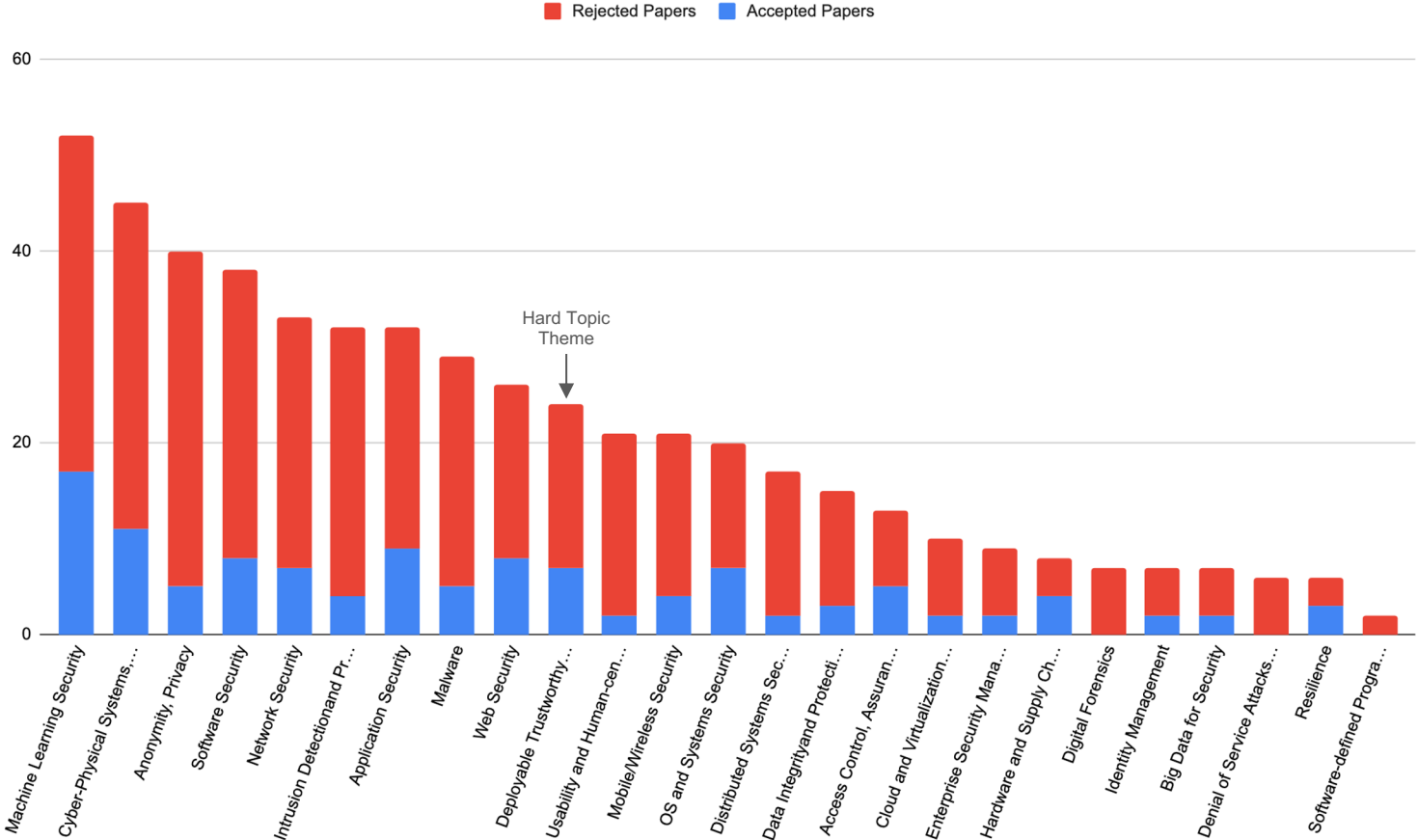
- 95 United States
- 57 China
- 41 Germany
- 9 Netherlands
- 5 Switzerland
- 5 Singapore
- 5 Italy
- 5 Austria
- 5 Australia
- 4 Spain
- 4 South Korea
- 4 Japan
- ...



# More than 100 affiliations for accepted papers



# Submission topics







# Distinguished Paper Award

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- PC Chairs selected 10 top papers based on reviews
- PC members voted to select the best among these 10
- PC Chairs made the final decision
  
- This year we selected 2 best papers for award



First Distinguished Paper Award goes to...

*Protecting Your Voice from Speech Synthesis Attacks*

**Zihao Liu, Yan Zhang, Chenglin Miao**

Iowa State University

## Second Distinguished Paper Award goes to...

*SePanner: Analyzing Semantics of Controller Variables in Industrial Control Systems based on Network Traffic*

**Jie Meng<sup>\*</sup>, Zeyu Yang<sup>\*</sup>, Zhenyong Zhang<sup>+</sup>,  
Yangyang Geng<sup>^</sup>, Ruilong Deng<sup>\*</sup>,  
Peng Cheng<sup>\*</sup>, Jiming Chen<sup>\*</sup>, Jianying Zhou<sup>#</sup>**

<sup>\*</sup>Zhejiang University, <sup>+</sup>Guizhou University,

<sup>^</sup>Information Engineering University,

and <sup>#</sup>Singapore University of Technology and Design



# Top Reviewer Awards

# Top Reviewers

- **Aurore Fass**, CISPA
- **Christian Wressnegger**, KIT
- **Giovanni Apruzzese**, University of Liechtenstein
- **Konrad Rieck**, TU Berlin
- **Marco Squarcina**, TU Wien
- **Marcus Botacin**, Texas A&M University
- **Magnus Almgren**, Chalmers University of Technology

# Paper Artifacts Evaluation

Thanks to the Artifacts Evaluation Committee!



**Xiaojing Liao**  
Assistant Professor  
Indiana University Bloomington



**Adwait Nadkarni**  
Associate Professor  
William & Mary

# Artifacts Evaluation

- Goal: foster reproducibility of cybersecurity research results
  - 3 ACM badges: **Functional**, **Results Reproduced**, and **Reusable** (*supersedes Functional*)
- **41 artifacts submissions** (69% of ACSAC accepted papers)
- The Artifact Committee included **23 mentors and 63 students**
  - Each artifact was assigned ~6 reviewers: 3 students and 3 mentors
- **The process:**
  - [ACSAC AE Evaluator Guide](#) (adapted from the USENIX'23 Evaluator Guide)
  - Initial “*Kick the tires*” period to prevent surprises later
  - Highly interactive evaluation that helped improve the artifacts: **734 comments** from authors and PC (~17/paper)
- 38/41 assigned at least one badge: **23 Reusable** (*supersedes Functional*), **19 Results Reproduced**, and **14 Functional**



# Distinguished Paper with Artifacts Award

(1/2)

*Artemis: Defanging Software Supply Chain Attacks in Multi-repository Update Systems*

**Marina Moore, Trishank Kuppusamy, Justin Cappos**



# Distinguished Paper with Artifacts Award

(2/2)

*Remote Attestation of Confidential VMs Using Ephemeral vTPMs*

**Vikram Narayanan, Claudio Carvalho, Angelo Ruocco, Gheorghe Almasi, James Bottomley, Mengmei Ye, Tobin Feldman-Fitzthum, Daniele Buono, Hubertus Franke, Anton Burtsev**





# Distinguished Artifact Reviewers

Leon Weiß

*Ruhr University Bochum*

Vinny Adjibi

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

Hongbo Chen

*Indiana University Bloomington*

# Cybersecurity Artifacts Competition and Impact Award

- New initiative (since ACSAC 2022)



- Competition Objectives:

- Further promote reproducibility of cybersecurity research results
- Acknowledge efforts of authors who contribute to real-world deployment/use of novel and reliable security solutions
- Award artifacts that have had a **significant impact on cybersecurity research and applications**
- Submissions open to cybersecurity artifacts **previously published in peer-reviewed venues** (conferences, journals), both in academia and industry (not only ACSAC)



# Cybersecurity Artifacts Competition and Impact Award

- **Co-Chairs:**

- Guofei Gu chair, Texas A&M University
- Roberto Perdisci, University of Georgia
- Martina Lindorfer, TU Wien

- **Committee Members:**

- David Balenson, USC Information Sciences Institute
- Gabriela Ciocarlie, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- Gianluca Stringhini, Boston University
- Phillip Porras, SRI
- Jelena Mirkovic, USC Information Sciences Institute
- Leigh Metcalf, CERT
- Juan Caballero, IMDEA

# Artifacts Competition Finalists

- 4 Finalists - Impact Award(s) will be announced on **Thursday 9-10am**
  - **SGX-Step: An Open-Source Framework for Precise Dissection and Practical Exploitation of Intel SGX Enclaves**
  - **DeterLab Testbed for Cybersecurity Experimentation**
  - **angr: A Powerful and User-friendly Binary Analysis Platform**
  - **Zipr: A High-Impact, Robust, Open-source, Multi-platform, Static Binary Rewriter**



**Enjoy the conference!**