

Message from SECUSAB Workshop Co-chairs

The central aim of this workshop is to make aware of usability and human issues in the context of availability, reliability and security, because Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and Usability Engineering (UE) traditionally play a limited role in secure systems development, especially in safe critical areas including medicine, health care, aviation etc.

However, there is increasing insight amongst engineers that security problems can be solved only by addressing issues of usability and human factors. Increasingly, well-publicized security breaches are attributed to human errors that might have been prevented through more usable software. The study of attention, motivation, learning, reasoning, acceptance and end-user behavior addresses important issues for secure applications, but it is essential that these topics are integrated into engineering at systemic level. The aim of this workshop is to further stimulate the awareness that we need to design and develop secure systems that untrained people can actually use - therefore we need to bring together experts from Psychology, Pedagogy and Computer Science.

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