

# Thematic CERN School of Computing on Security 2022

<https://indico.cern.ch/e/tCSC-Security-2022>

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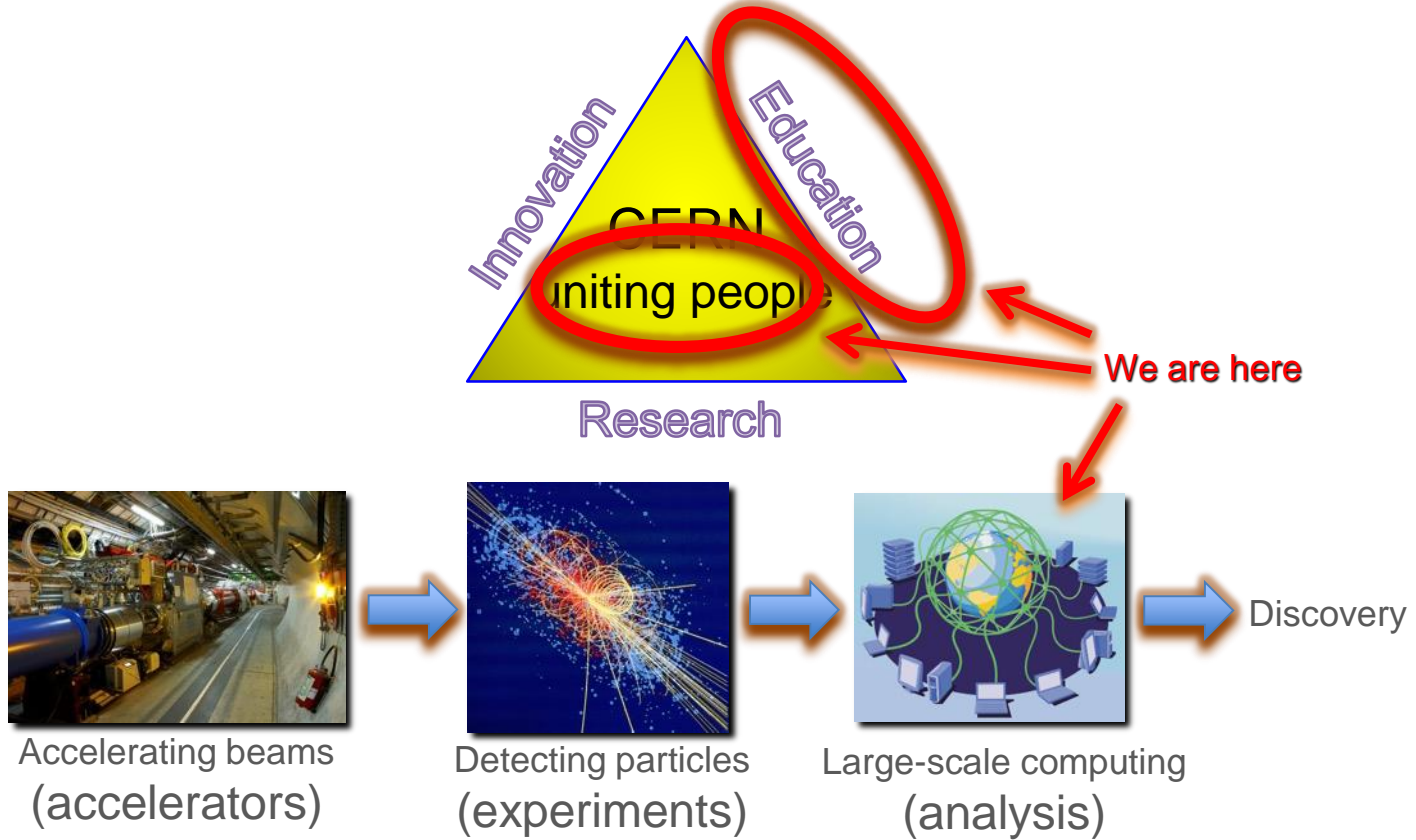
*CERN School of Computing director*

**GDB meeting, 13 July 2022**

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1096032/>

# Introduction to CERN School of Computing

# CERN's mission



# A school with a long history

- The school was created in **1970**
  - 43<sup>rd</sup> edition in 2022
- **2900** students of ~80 different nationalities have followed the school
  - usually 60-80 per year
  - alumni web site: <https://cern.ch/CSC/history/alumni/>
- The school has visited 22 countries
  - <https://cern.ch/CSC/history/past-schools/>
  - recent: France, Romania, Croatia, Israel, Spain, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Cyprus



# Bridging science and computing

- Technological evolution in computing empowers science
  - especially in data-intensive domains such as High Energy Physics
  - **computing is the main strategy** for many scientific fields to do research efficiently on a large scale
- It is nowadays essential that:
  - **scientists master computing technologies** as a main tool for their research
  - **computer engineers understand the scientific needs** in order to deliver computing services to research projects

# Academic dimension

## CERN School of Computing...

- is **not a conference**
  - lecturers do not present their work or promote their projects
- is **not a training session**
  - not a replication of training courses available at home institutes or online
  - focus on persistent knowledge, less on know-how



# Three CERN Schools of Computing



## tCSC 2022

Thematic School 10th edition, will take place at Cargèse, Corse-du-Sud (FR), from 1 to 7 May 2022 – Applications are now closed



## tCSC security 2022

Thematic School on Security, will take place in Split, Croatia (HR), from 19 to 25 June 2022 – Applications are now closed



## CSC 2022

Main School 2022 43rd edition will take place in Krakow (PL), from 4 to 17 September 2022 – Apply!

# Thematic CSC on Security 2022



# Security CSC 2022

- **Applications → student selection**
- **June 19-25, 2022** (Sunday to Saturday) at [MEDILS institute](#), **Split, Croatia**
  - **Sunday afternoon:** arrival and informal welcome, visit of Split city
  - **Monday to Friday:** official opening, lectures and exercises
  - **Wednesday afternoon:** excursion / outdoor activity
  - **Saturday morning:** departure
- **Lectures and hands-on exercises:** ~30 hours in total
  - including a guest lecture, student lightning talks etc.
- **Exam → diploma**
- **Optional social and sport activities**
- **Registration fee:** 550-750 EUR (covers accommodation, meals, tuition, activities)
  - depending on the accommodation (twin vs. single rooms, place)

# Programme committee

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1106023/page/24209-programme-committee>

- Ian Collier UKRI-STFC
- David Crooks UKRI-STFC / EGI CSIRT / IRIS CSIRT
- Sven Gabriel Nikhef / EGI CSIRT
- David Groep Nikhef
- David Kelsey UKRI-STFC
- Sebastian Lopienski CERN / CSC
- Hannah Short CERN / GÉANT GN4-3
- Romain Wartel CERN / WLCG

# Topic and target audience

CERN School of Computing “**Security of research computing infrastructures**”

The programme of this school is targeted at **people working in academia and research institutes**, who as part of their job need to **ensure security and resilience of computing resources** they manage, and want to be prepared to **detect and handle possible security incidents**:

- **service managers and service providers** of distributed scientific computing infrastructures, both from IT departments and from experiments,
- **people in charge of deploying cloud services** used by scientists,
- **security professionals**, who would like to expand their knowledge in a more holistic fashion.

# Lecturers

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1106023/page/23919-lecturers>



Stefan Lüders  
CERN



Sebastian Łopieński  
CERN



Sven Gabriel  
Nikhef, the Netherlands



Hannah Short  
CERN



Barbara Krašovec  
ISJ, Slovenia



Daniel Kouřil  
CESNET, Czech Republic



David Crooks  
UKRI-STFC, UK



Romain Wartel  
CERN

# Programme

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1106023/program>

## Introduction

Security in research and scientific computing  
Security operations

## Track 1: Protection and prevention

Identity, authentication, authorisation  
Security architecture  
Vulnerability management  
Application security and penetration testing

## Track 2: Detection

Logging and traceability  
Intrusion detection with SOC

## Track 3: Response

Introduction to forensics  
Incident response  
Coordination of security incidents

30 class  
hours

Lectures and exercises,  
but also  
group discussions  
and role-playing

Monday, 20 June 2022	Tuesday, 21 June 2022	Wednesday, 22 June 2022	Thursday, 23 June 2022	Friday, 24 June 2022
08:45 <b>Opening Session</b> - Sebastian Lopienski	08:45 <b>Vulnerability management</b> - Sven Gabriel	08:45 <b>Container security</b> - Daniel Kouřil	08:45 <b>Introduction to forensics - lecture 1</b> - Daniel Kouřil	08:45 <b>Introduction to forensics - exercises</b> - Daniel Kouřil
09:45 <b>Security in research and scientific computing</b> - Stefan Lueders	09:45 <b>Virtualization security</b> - Barbara Krašovec	09:45 <b>Container security - exercises</b> - Daniel Kouřil	09:45 <b>Incident response - lecture 1</b> - Romain Wartel	10:15 <b>Coffee break</b>
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11:15 <b>Announcements</b>	11:15 <b>Announcements</b>	11:15 <b>Announcements</b>	11:15 <b>Announcements</b>	11:45 <b>Announcements</b>
11:30 <b>Security operations - lecture 1</b> - Sven Gabriel	11:30 <b>Logging and traceability</b> - David Crooks	11:30 <b>Intrusion detection with SOC - lecture 2</b> - David Crooks	11:30 <b>Introduction to forensics - lecture 2</b> - Daniel Kouřil	12:00 <b>Penetration testing - ex...</b>
12:45 <b>Lunch</b>	12:45 <b>Lunch</b>	12:45 <b>Lunch</b>	12:45 <b>Lunch</b>	12:45 <b>Lunch</b>
13:30 <b>Study time and/or daily sports</b>	13:30 <b>Study time and/or daily sports</b>	13:30 <b>Outdoor excursion</b>	13:30 <b>Study time and/or daily sports</b>	13:30 <b>Study time</b>
14:45 <b>Security operations - lecture 2</b> - Sven Gabriel	14:45 <b>School photo</b>		14:45 <b>Incident response - lecture 2</b> - Romain Wartel	14:15 <b>Exam</b>
	14:50 <b>Student lightning talks</b>			15:00 <b>Coffee break</b>
15:45 <b>Coffee break</b>	15:45 <b>Coffee break</b>		15:45 <b>Coffee break</b>	15:15 <b>Incident response - exercise</b> - Romain Wartel
16:00 <b>Identity, authentication, authorisation</b> - Hannah Short	16:00 <b>Intrusion detection with SOC - lecture 1</b> - David Crooks		16:00 <b>Intrusion detection with SOC - exercises</b> - David Crooks	
17:00 <b>Security architecture</b> - Barbara Krašovec	17:00 <b>Application security an...</b>			18:30 <b>Closing Session</b> - Sebastian Lopienski
18:00 <b>Security architecture - exercise</b> - Barbara Krašovec	17:30 <b>Penetration testing - exercises</b> - Sebastian Lopienski			19:45 <b>Outside Closing Dinner</b>
19:15 <b>Dinner at MEDILS</b>	19:15 <b>Dinner at MEDILS</b>	19:15 <b>Outside dinner</b>	19:15 <b>Dinner at MEDILS</b>	
			20:00 <b>Special evening talk: Ransomware - and much more!</b>	



# Computer Security: Past, Present & Future



European Organization for Particle Physics  
Exploring the frontiers of knowledge

Dr. Sebastian Lopienski@cern.ch  
CERN Thematic School of Computing on Security  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 2022, 15:00 (UTC)







# Intrusion detection with SOCs: Part 1

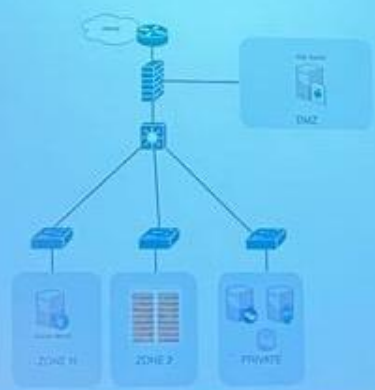
threat intelligence,  
monitoring,  
integration and  
processes

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## Network topology example









# Participants

<https://indico.cern.ch/e/1106023/page/23920-participants>

 Applications **61**



**36 students** selected and invited  
(minus 3 late withdrawal)

- 27 different nationalities
- 9 female applicants
- 32 different institutes from 20 countries

- 18 different nationalities
- 5 female participants
- 20 different institutes from 14 countries

**Diverse, talented, passionate about science and technology**



Nikhef

UTA  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AT ARLINGTON

 **Technion**  
Israel Institute of Technology

  
CERN  
School of Computing

 **Stony Brook University**

 ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

 University of  
Zagreb



HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT  
ZU BERLIN



 **KIT**  
Karlsruher Institut für Technologie

 **IGFAE**  
Instituto Galego de Física de Altas Enerxías

 **UCA**  
UNIVERSITÉ  
Clermont  
Auvergne

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI  
DI MILANO  
**BICOCCA**

Lancaster  
University 

 **IFAE**  
Institut de Física d'Altes Energies



 **Fermilab**

UNIVERSITÄTSMEDIZIN  
GÖTTINGEN **UMG**

  
UNIVERSITY OF  
COPENHAGEN

**SWITCH**

 **LIP**  
LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO  
E FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTÍCULAS



# Self-presentation session



# Security tCSC 2022 participants



# tCSC on security 2022: Student lightning talks

- **Björn Leder** (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany)  
*"Why to hack your vacuum cleaner?"*
- **Jack Henschel** (CERN)  
*"Pulumi: Infrastrucutre-As-Actual-Code"*
- **Jeny Teheran** (Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, US)  
*"Compute node scanning tool for Open Science Grid"*
- **Brice Copy** (CERN)  
*"Software supply chain security"*
- **Luca Giommi** (University of Bologna and INFN, Italy)  
*"Machine Learning as a Service for High Energy Physics"*
- **Pau Cutrina Vilalta** (CERN)  
*"Cyber threat vectors in the space industry"*
- **Andrei Dumitru** (CERN)  
*"Dark Patterns"*

OSG-SEC-2022-03-31 CRITICAL Expat XML parser arbitrary code execution via

# OSG-SEC-2022-03-31 CRITICAL Expat XML parser arbitrary code execution vulnerability

OSG Security Contacts

Dear OSG Security Contacts,

Vulnerabilities have been found concerning the expat XML parser, including two which may lead to arbitrary code execution. The expat parser is a library, written in C, which is a dependency for various other software, including VOMS server.

## IMPACTED VERSIONS

expat, impl\_c in Expat (aka libexpat) before 2.4.5

## WHAT ARE THE VULNERABILITIES

expat, impl\_c in Expat (aka libexpat) before 2.4.5 lacks certain validation of encoding, such as checks for well-formedness. xmlparse.c in Expat (aka libexpat) before 2.4.5 allows attackers to insert namespace-separator characters in XML documents, leading to arbitrary code execution.

Of principal concern are VOMS client and server packages, as well as HTCondor which also utilizes the VOMS client.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Sites running software which is dependent on expat should update urgently, including those running a VOMS updated service (483506)

## REFERENCES

- [1] <https://access.redhat.com/errata/RHSA-2022-1969>
- [2] <https://access.redhat.com/security/cve/cve-2022-25235>
- [3] <https://access.redhat.com/security/cve/cve-2022-25235>
- [4] [https://mirrors.centos.org/infocenter/updates/86\\_64/packages/](https://mirrors.centos.org/infocenter/updates/86_64/packages/)
- [5] <https://security-tracker.debian.org/tracker/CVE-2022-25235>
- [6] <https://www.cisecurity.com/vulnerability-security/2022/03/31/2022-25235>

Please contact the OSG security team at [security@opensciencegrid.org](mailto:security@opensciencegrid.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

OSG Security Team

WHAT AND WHY?

WHAT TO DO?

HOW URGENT?

Does that mean our sites patch according to urgency?

No ☹️



## How does it work ?

- querystring vs query-string

The screenshot shows the npm package page for 'querystring'. At the top, it says 'querystring' with a version '4.2.1' and 'Published 7 months ago'. Below this are buttons for 'Readme', 'Explore', 'Dependencies', '3,740 Dependents' (circled in red), and '3 Versions'. A warning box states 'This package has been deprecated' with a 'Reason' link. Below the warning, it says 'node's querystring module for all engines.' and 'If you want to help with evolution of this package, please see https://github.com/GoogleChrome/querystring/issues/207#issuecomment-101111111'. There is an 'Install' button.

### Install

```
$ npm install query-string
```

Not `npm install querystring !!!!!`

This module targets Node.js 6 or later and the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, and Safari



6/21/22

Brice Copy | Supply chain attacks



4T (TSCC table tennis tournament)

1. Mikaelos	3 vs 7 → 7
2. Sokratos	5 vs 8 → 5
3. JUANREZ	2 vs 4 → 4
4. Gualdo	1 vs 6 → 6
5. Björn	
6. LUCA	
7. GIAMMARIA	
8. JACOPO	













# Summary

- The first **Thematic CSC on Security**
- An ambitious and exciting academic programme
- Lots of interest from the community (HEP and outside)
  - 2 x more applications than places available
- Lots of interactions, discussions and networking
  - between the students and with lecturers
- Very good feedback (programme, format etc.)
  
- **The plan is to organize this school regularly**
  - every year, or every two years (depending on the resources)

