



Networks  
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# Das Institut für **Netzwerke und Sicherheit (INS)**

Unsere Mission ist die Absicherung von Computersystemen und Kommunikation – im Spektrum von akademischer Forschung und Lehre zu praktischer Umsetzung in Projekten und von lokalen Anwendungen bis zum globalen Internet und kritischer Infrastruktur.

# The Institute of **Networks and Security (INS)**

Our mission is to secure computer systems and communication – with a scope ranging from academic research and teaching to practical project implementation, and from local applications to the global Internet and critical infrastructure.

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# ÜBER UNS

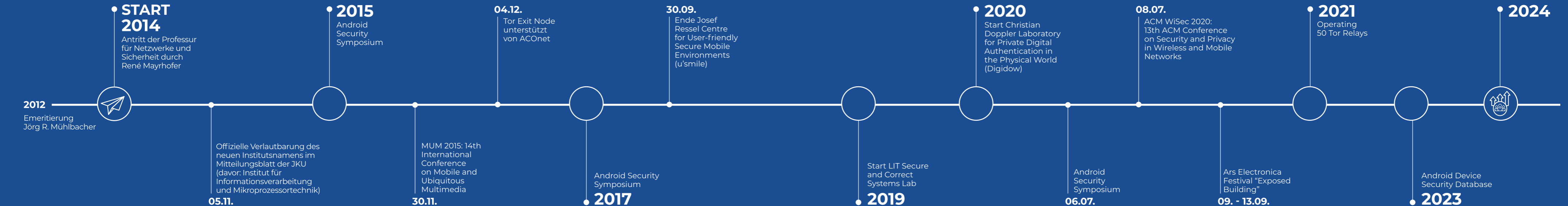
Wir streben danach, die Sicherheit und Netzwerkkonnektivität von Computersystemen sowohl in weltweiten als auch in lokalen Netzwerken durch Forschung, Bildung und spezifische Projektarbeit zu verbessern.

Neben der akademischen Forschung und Lehre sind wir der festen Überzeugung, dass es unsere gemeinsame Aufgabe ist, die praktische Sicherheit alltäglicher Computersysteme und -infrastrukturen zu verbessern, auf die unsere gegenwärtige Gesellschaft in zunehmendem Maße angewiesen ist. Computernetze und Sicherheit sind schnell bewegende Ziele. Forschung und Lehre am Institut für Netzwerke und Sicherheit umfasst daher das gesamte Spektrum von theoretischen bis hin zu sehr praktischen Fragestellungen

# ABOUT US

We strive to improve security and network connectivity of computer systems both in world-wide and in local networks through research, education, and specific project work.

In addition to academic research and teaching, we firmly believe that it is our shared responsibility to improve the practical security of everyday computer systems and infrastructure that our current society is increasingly dependent upon. Computer networks and security are fast-moving targets. Research and teaching at the Institute of Networks and Security therefore includes the full range from theoretical to highly practical issues.



# KEY FIGURES

**19 Mitarbeiter:innen**  
(Voll- oder Teilzeit)

**3+**  
Mio EUR  
akquirierte  
Mittel bisher

**22 Kooperationspartner**

**8 Konferenzen**  
organisierte internationale

**174 Publikationen**

**4**  
Keynote  
presentations

**1,2 PB**  
transportierter Tor Traffic

**42 Masterarbeiten**  
abgeschlossene

**22** | reguläre  
Lehrveranstaltungen

**20** | spezielle  
Lehrveranstaltungen

**5  
CVEs**

**9,5 KM** Ethernet-Kabel (3,5km im Labor) und **~5,8 KM** Glasfaser-Kabel

**9 Dissertationen**  
abgeschlossene



# TEAM

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Das Institut lebt alleine durch sein großartiges Team und die Erfolge entstehen nur durch die Zusammenarbeit. Wir sind zutiefst dankbar für das Engagement und die Initiative aller Mitarbeiter:innen.

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The institute really is the amazing people contributing to its success and all results are a team effort. We are deeply thankful for all their dedication and initiative.



## Mission Statement

We work in three areas of advancing the state-of-the-art:

- In research, we look at the full spectrum between **fundamental research** issues (with a horizon of up to 20 years until practical applicability) and **applied research** (with time-to-market of 1-2 years) and act as a bridge between academic research results and their practical applicability in industry-driven projects.
- In teaching, we interpret and organize textbook knowledge and new research results primarily in the form of courses for university students, including significant parts of the Master curriculum with the **Major in Networks and Security**. Additionally, we offer special courses on secure coding practices and cryptography to companies and other organizations on request.
- As a publicly funded institute, we offer free community services in the form of documentation and open-source software **for the general public**.

## Code of Ethics

In our research, we are regularly dealing with technologies and techniques that could potentially be misused to cause harm in all sorts of ways. We also demonstrate the application of those techniques and the necessary tools in class, in order to raise awareness and prepare our students for situations where they might be affected by said misuse. The team is committed to the ethical use of potentially harmful knowledge and technology and follows the codes of ethics of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). Additionally, we do not support any offensive use of physical force or other forms of abusive power against people or societies, weapons development, warfare, unwarranted mass surveillance, or other politically driven negative action against minorities.

# HEAD



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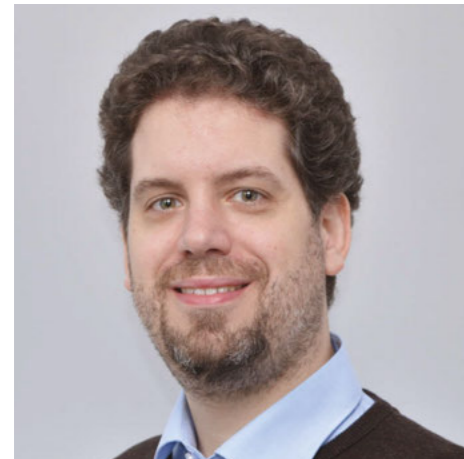
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Digital Identity, Smart Cards & NFC, Mobile Security, Network Security and Privacy

**2015**  
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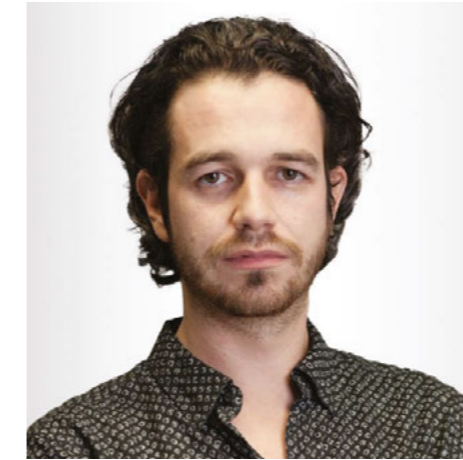
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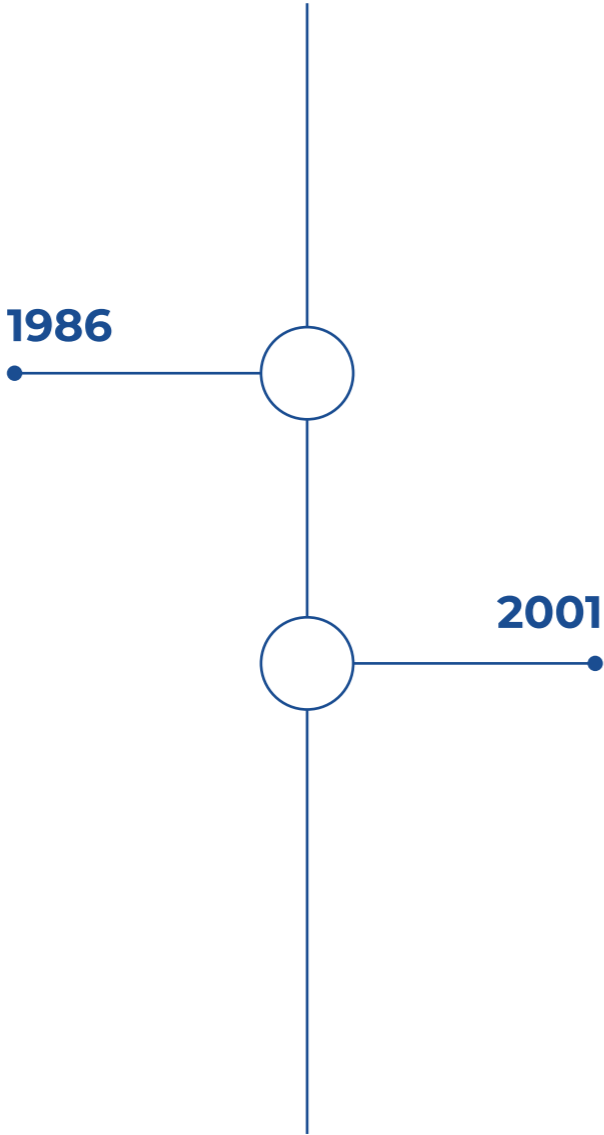
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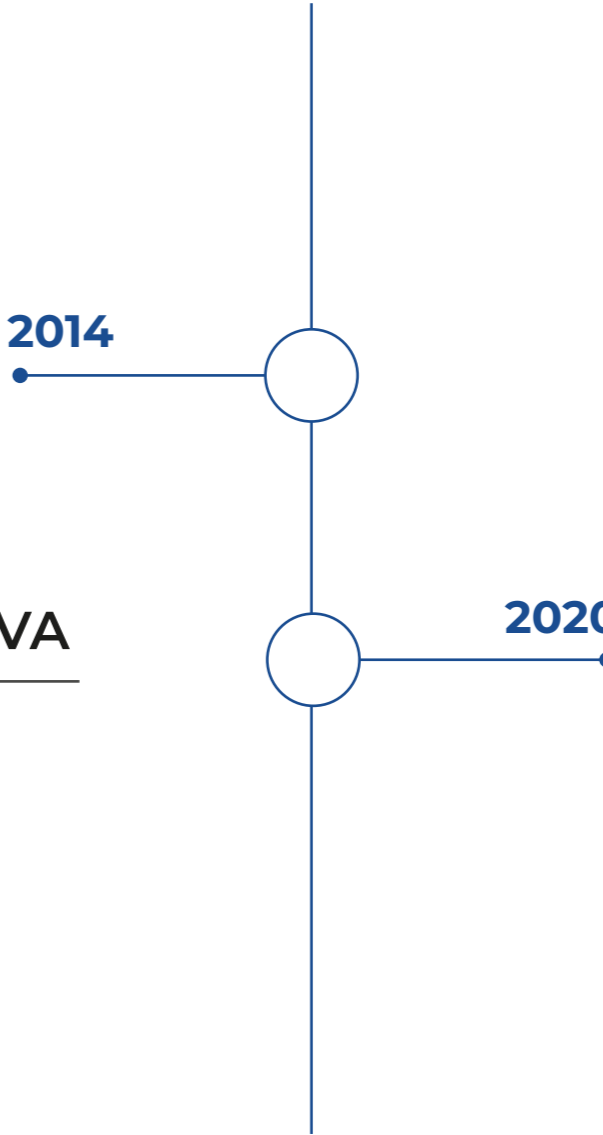
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Mayrhofer R., Sigg S.

03

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04

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05

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07

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Sonntag M.

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**Die e-Identifizierungs- und Vertrauensdienste-Verordnung der EU - Teil I**, in jusIT 1/2015, Lexis-Nexis, Article 2, pp. 3-8, 2015

**Sonntag M.:**

**Die e-Identifizierungs- und Vertrauensdienste-Verordnung der EU - Teil II**, in jusIT 2/2015, Lexis-Nexis, Article 17, pp. 45-50, 2015

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# INFRASTRUCTURE

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The Institute of Networks and Security has been hosting a network laboratory and associated infrastructure for teaching and research. This lab is being updated continuously to evolve with the changing network landscape, and in 2021 has been transformed into a hybrid lab integrating physical and virtualized network components.



## TOPICS AND SCENARIOS

### Hybrid Lab

with Integration of Physical and Virtualized components

### IPv4 & IPv6 Dual Stack

### Virtual Private Network

connection for work-from-home hybrid teaching

### Central Administration using SNMP & WMI; Monitoring

### Server Administration

Virtualization, CIFS/Samba, DFS, DHCP, DNS, NTP, HTTP + FTP, ADS, SMTP + IMAP

### Security

802.1X + RADIUS, WLAN-security, Firewall, VPNs, PKIs, IDS/IPS, Spam-, Virus- & Malware-detection, Security scanner, DHCP-Snooping, ARP protection

### PC Configuration

Error Analysis, Disk Analysis, BIOS & UEFI-Firmware, SecureBoot

### TCP Performance Tests

### Switching

VLANs, Q-in-Q, STP/RSTP/MSTP, ERP, LACP+FEC, LLD+CDP, PoE

### IPv4 & IPv6 Routing

Static, VRRP+HSRP, BFD, NAT/NAPT, RIP, OSPF, IS-IS, BGP, MPLS

### Load-Sharing, Clustering, QoS

ECMP, Web load-balancing, Firewall clustering, VLAN priorities, IP DSCP



## HARDWARE EQUIPMENT

### Teaching and Network Infrastructure

OPNsense firewall to JKU network, Proxmox virtualization nodes with 4x10 CPU cores and more than 2 TB RAM in total for hybrid lectures, central switches and patch panel, 8 x CAT6 connections to each PC, 8 IP KVMs, 2 display projectors, fileserver for manuals and white-papers

### 8 Exercise Groups with each

2 PCs (incl. swappable HDs, four Gigabit NICs per PC), Cisco router, HP Layer-2 switch, HP Layer-3 switch, Juniper Layer-3 switch, WLAN Access-Point, Sophos firewall, Foundry Load balancer

### Operating Infrastructure

Proxmox virtualization cluster with 3 nodes (each with 2x10 CPU cores, 256 GB RAM), 12 TB Ceph Storage, 44 TB NAS Storage

### Open Hardware Lab for Experiments

Cisco Layer-3 switches, Cisco PIX, Lantronix console server, LAN Splitters (100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-SX), Console management controller (Remote power, temperature, smoke, and contact detectors), hubs, cut-through switch, iSCSI storage, PC hardware and ESD environment for laboratory experiments, various OpenWRT (WLAN APs) embedded devices for embedded software development, smart phones, Software Defined Radio Kit (70 MHz-6GHz), security research hardware (MavicPro M1p drone, Crazyradio, ProxmarkPro, Flipper Zero...), Ultra-Wideband (UWB) Development Kit, single-board computers (Odroid, RaspberryPi, NVIDIA Jetson Nano)

# PROJECTS

## DIGIDOW



8 MASTER STUDENTS

8 PHD STUDENTS

2 (SENIOR) POSTDOCS

Christian Doppler Laboratory  
for Private Digital Authentication  
in the Physical World (Digidow)

**PROJECT LEAD**  
Prof. René Mayrhofer

**PROJECT TIMEFRAME**  
2020 — 2026

**PROJECT PARTNERS**  
3 Banken IT GmbH, ekey  
biometric systems GmbH,  
Kepler Universitätsklinikum  
GmbH, NXP  
Semiconductors  
Austria GmbH & Co KG,  
Österreichische  
Staatsdruckerei GmbH

**PROJECT FUNDING**  
2.278.000€

**FUNDING AGENCY**



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Arbeit und Wirtschaft

Christian Doppler  
Forschungsgesellschaft (aus  
Mitteln des Bundesministeriums  
für Arbeit und Wirtschaft)

**PROJECT WEBPAGE**  
<https://digidow.eu>

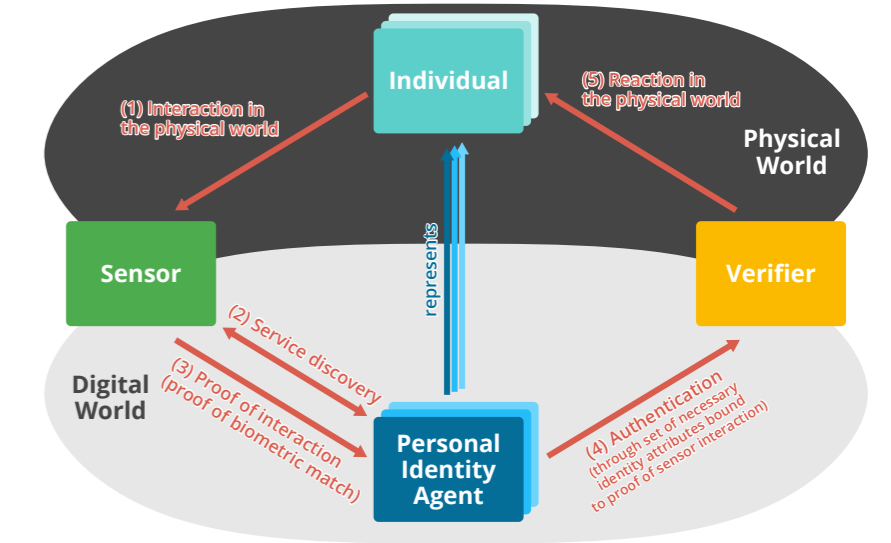


## DIGITAL SHADOW: PRIVATE DIGITAL AUTHENTICATION FOR THE PHYSICAL WORLD

### How can we use digital identity for authentication in the physical world without compromising user privacy?

This central question is an underlying concern for further groundbreaking developments in ubiquitous computing scenarios: enabling individuals to – for example – use public transport and other payment/ticketing applications, access computing resources on public terminals, or even cross country borders without carrying any form of physical identity document or trusted mobile device. Moving towards such a device-free infrastructure-based authentication could be easily facilitated by centralized databases with full biometric records of all individuals, authenticating and therefore tracking people in all their interactions in the digital and physical worlds. However, such centralized tracking is not compatible with fundamental human rights to data privacy. We therefore propose a **fully decentralized approach** to digital user authentication in the physical world, **giving each individual better control** over their digital and physical world interactions and data traces they leave.

In project Digidow, we associate each individual in the physical world with a personal agent in the digital world, facilitating their interactions with purely digital or digitally mediated services in both worlds. This proposal has two major issues to overcome. The first is a problem of massive scale, moving from current users of digital identity to the whole global population as the potential target group. The second is even more fundamental: by moving from trusted physical devices and centralized databases to a fully decentralized and infrastructure-based approach, we remove the currently essential elements of trust. We solve these issues based on private tracking of user location and behavior, implementing it in **personal identity agents (PIA) with a complete chain of trust over multiple parties**, and building yearly prototypes for benchmark use cases like physical door access.



## Within the scope of CDL Digidow, we aim to solve the particular combination of three aspects of digital identity as a focal point:

- **Usage of digital identity for physical world interactions** requires a strong binding between the physical world verifier (such as a door), the human being authenticated for this interaction (e.g., through a camera), and their digital identity representation. The derived objective is related to security:

**“How to create a secure binding across the physical/digital world divide based on a limited set of trust anchors?”**

- **Device-less authentication**, in the sense of allowing human users to interact with services without having to carry any form of physical identification document or device, requires storage of the digital identity representation in cloud systems as well as relying on biometric authentication with the implied objective related to availability:

**“How to store and process digital identity attributes and biometric templates in cloud environments and discover the associated network service and digital identity under (soft) real time constraints?”**

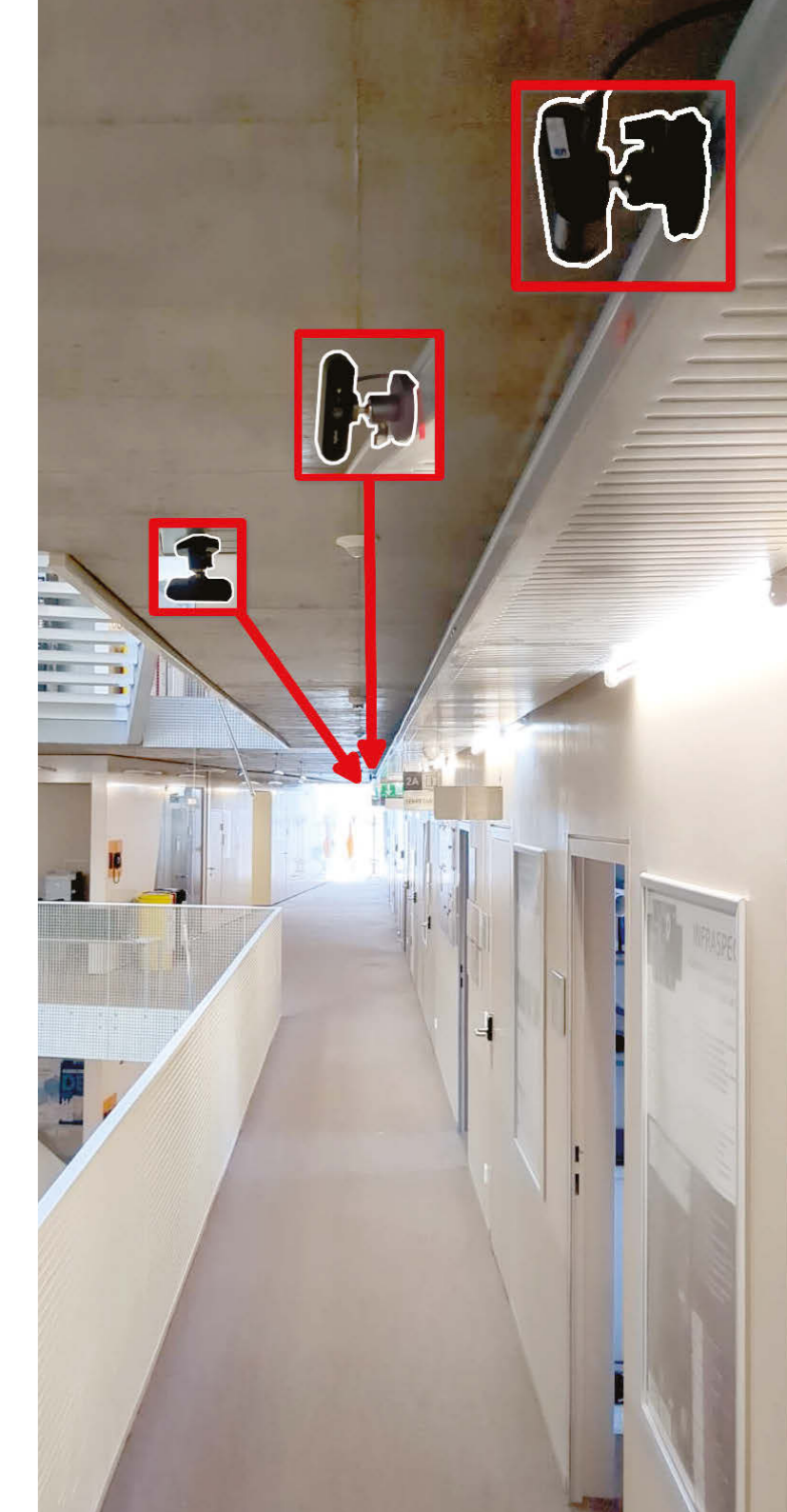
- **Sovereignty over personal data and interactions for all users of the system** requires technical measures of assigning control to the actual users if we do not want to rely only on organizational/legal/social measures (which can often change more quickly than technical standards and implementations). This implies an architecture (in the sense of a system design) that avoids single points of control and the main objective related to privacy:

**“How to effectively decentralize the digital identity system architecture to put individuals in control over their data and interactions?”**



## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1 We have completed a first version of our Digidow distributed system architecture and associated network protocols between the different main components.
- 2 The living lab prototype for physical access control of our own office doors implementing this architecture has been established and kept actively running throughout the last 2 years. All prototype code in this living lab is consistently written in memory-safe languages, and within the last 12–18 months has been extended to be built automatically and reproducibly with a continuous integration system maintained within the CDL. Some of the core components are also automatically updating in their live instances, prototyping how in-production deployments could be securely maintained. Moreover, a few of the core components—notably the PIA code—is also automatically logged in a binary transparency log to demonstrate future best practice for supply chain security of such critical components.
- 3 Scientific results dissemination includes 9 journal articles, 16 conference and workshop papers, 14 technical reports, 38 talks (excluding paper presentations), 2 finished PhD theses, and 15 associated bachelor and master theses. In addition, we presented the CDL Digidow and our living lab demonstrator at the Lange Nacht der Forschung 2022.



# LIT SECURE AND CORRECT SYSTEMS LAB

## Phase 1

**11** TEAM MEMBERS

**9** PHD STUDENTS

## Phase 2

**10** TEAM MEMBERS

**8** PHD STUDENTS

## PROJECT LEAD

Prof. Daniel Große, Prof. Josef Küng, Prof. René Mayrhofer, Prof. Stefan Rass (in **Phase 2**), Prof. Robert Wille (in **Phase 1**)

## PROJECT TIMEFRAME



## PROJECT FUNDING

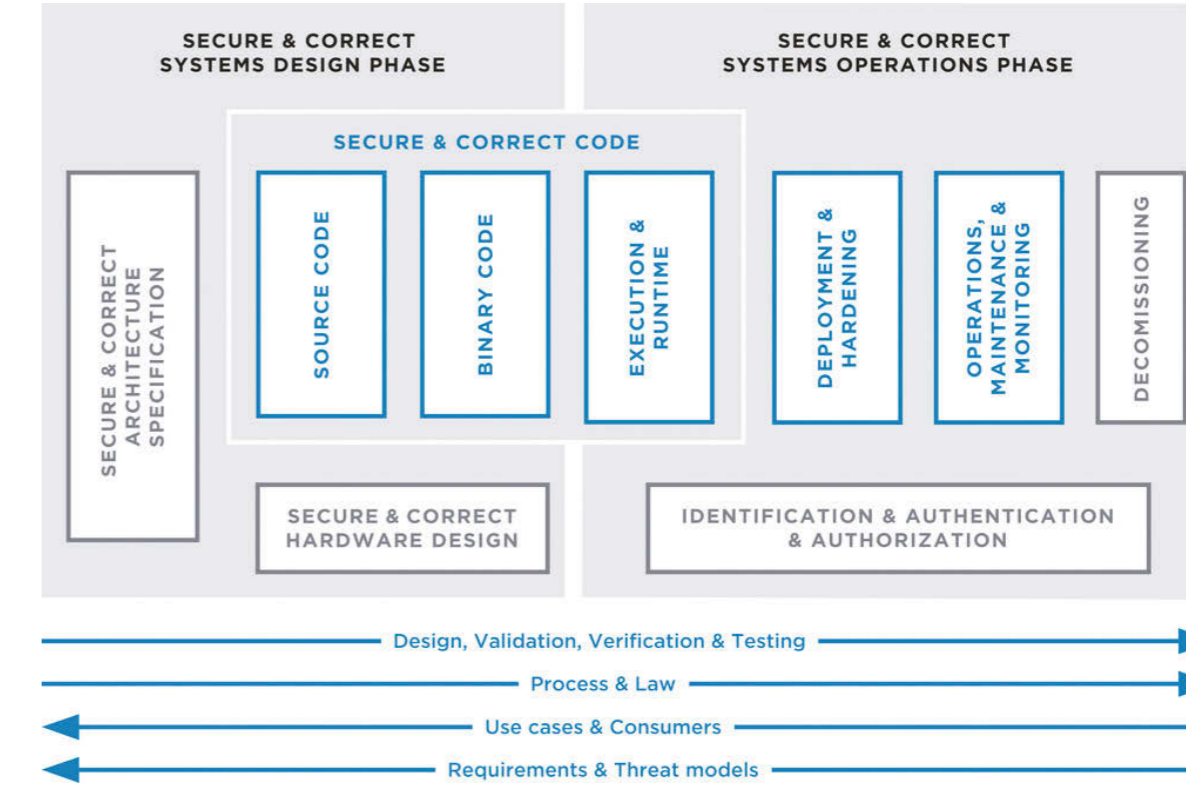
Phase 1	Phase 2
2.500.000€	1.995.000€

## FUNDING AGENCY

Land OÖ

## PROJECT WEBPAGE

<https://www.jku.at/en/lit-secure-and-correct-systems-lab/>



**Both in terms of supporting operational security and combating deliberate attacks,** secure IT systems are essential in today's heavily connected societies. At the same time, the ever-increasing complexity of circuits and systems makes it increasingly difficult to guarantee the correctness of the resulting systems. These developments will become even more decisive for future fields of application.

The **LIT Secure and Correct Systems Lab**, established in 2019, addresses these challenges by combining the expertise of several JKU institutes across different fields. The resulting synergies allow to not only concentrate on a single aspect, but to take the entire lifecycle of secure and correct IT systems into account – from specification to implementation, use and finally decommissioning. In addition to current problems, the focus is on the challenges of the coming years and decades.



## More precisely, the LIT Secure and Correct Systems Lab addresses challenges that arise:

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**1**

**During design & implementation (Secure and Correct Systems Design), i.e., we address**

secure and correct specification,

secure and correct software development, and

secure and correct hardware design.

**2**

**During operation (Secure and Correct Systems Operations) i.e., covering**

techniques for the operation of secure and correct systems, e.g., in the areas of execution and runtime as well as deployment and hardening,

identification, authentication and authorisation, and

decommissioning – often neglected, but indispensable for a holistic procedure, operation, maintenance and monitoring also with regard to newly emerging threats.

**3**

**With an interdisciplinary focus that goes beyond the previous topics**

validation, verification and testing,

processes and legal questions (law),

case studies / use cases and users / consumers, and

corresponding requirements and threat models.

## In an effort to pool expertise, expand on existing competencies, and support junior scholars and researchers, the LIT Secure and Correct Systems Lab created two main pillars:

- The Graduate School for Secure and Correct Systems. i.e., a JKU PhD program at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (TNF) focusing especially on secure and correct systems.
- Fundamental and applied research conducted together with partners in the industry/business community and in academia.

# U'SMILE



21 TEAM MEMBERS

6 PHD STUDENTS

11 MASTER STUDENTS

4 POSTDOCS

**Josef Ressel Center for User-friendly Secure Mobile Environments (u'smile)**

**PROJECT LEAD**  
Prof. René Mayrhofer

### PROJECT TIMEFRAME



**PROJECT PARTNERS**  
AI Telekom Austria AG, 3 Banken EDV GmbH, LG Nexera, NXP Semiconductors Austria GmbH, Österreichische Staatsdruckerei GmbH, SBA Research

**PROJECT FUNDING**  
1.430.000€ über  
FH Hagenberg



Christian Doppler  
Forschungsgesellschaft

**PROJECT WEBPAGE**  
<https://usmile.at>



## MISSION

The mission of this Josef Ressel Center for User-friendly Secure Mobile Environments (u'smile) was the analysis of security issues in current and future mobile applications; the design, development, and evaluation of concepts, methods, protocols, and prototypical implementations for addressing them; and communication and co-ordination with industry partners and standardization organizations towards establishing globally accepted standards for secure, interoperable, mobile services.

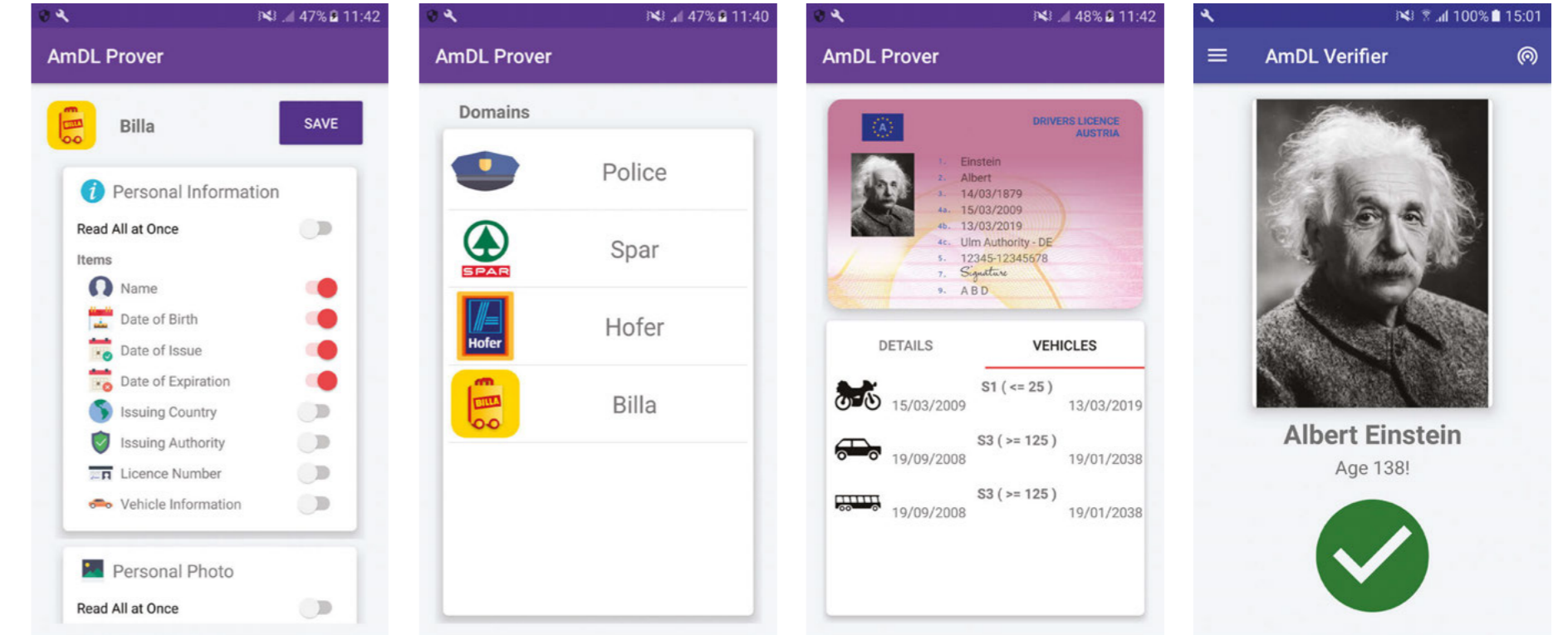
## VISION

The motivating vision of the JRC u'smile was to – globally, securely, and intuitively usably – substitute current wallets and key chains by suitable services and applications on mobile phones without weakening their security and privacy guarantees. This includes typical credit, debit, and store card functionality, secure and anonymous cash transactions, locking and unlocking doors and other resources, as well as passports, identity cards, licenses, and insurance cards. This vision promises improvements in terms of usability and security: instead of taking care of all these physical identity tokens, users only need to take care of their (single) smartphone. In addition, the smartphone is fully aware of its user and owner and can actively mitigate abuse.

## RESULTS

The JRC u'smile succeeded with many specific contributions towards this vision, and in producing a final prototype of the Austrian mobile driving license on Android smartphones, which brings together the lines of research pursued within the 5 years of the research lab. The demonstrator allows to store and display a driving license on a smartphone (the so-called "prover") and to present and verify the license document to a second smartphone (the so-called "verifier") via NFC and WiFi. Both prover and verifier may be offline during verification, and the driving license fully supports selective disclosure of identity attributes and unlinkability of interactions to maintain high privacy guarantees. This project result led to direct participation in international standardization of mobile driving licenses and mobile identity documents in ISO (particularly ISO/IEC 18013-5). It has also helped define the generic Identity Credentials framework released in Android 11.

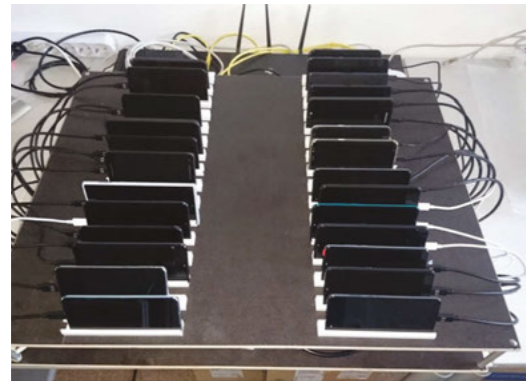
Within the duration of the lab, we published 18 journal articles, 61 papers in conference proceedings, 5 PhD theses, 2 books, and 22 technical reports and specification documents. Further, a total number of 24 master's and 14 bachelor's theses have been completed within the scope of the JRC u'smile.



# ANDROID DEVICE SECURITY DATABASE

## 1 TEAM MEMBERS

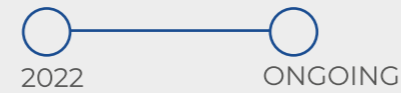
## 1 PHD STUDENTS



### PROJECT PARTNERS

University of Cambridge (United Kingdom), Fraunhofer AISEC (Germany), Secure Systems Engineering GmbH (Germany), University of Strathclyde (United Kingdom), and TU Darmstadt (Germany)

### PROJECT TIMEFRAME



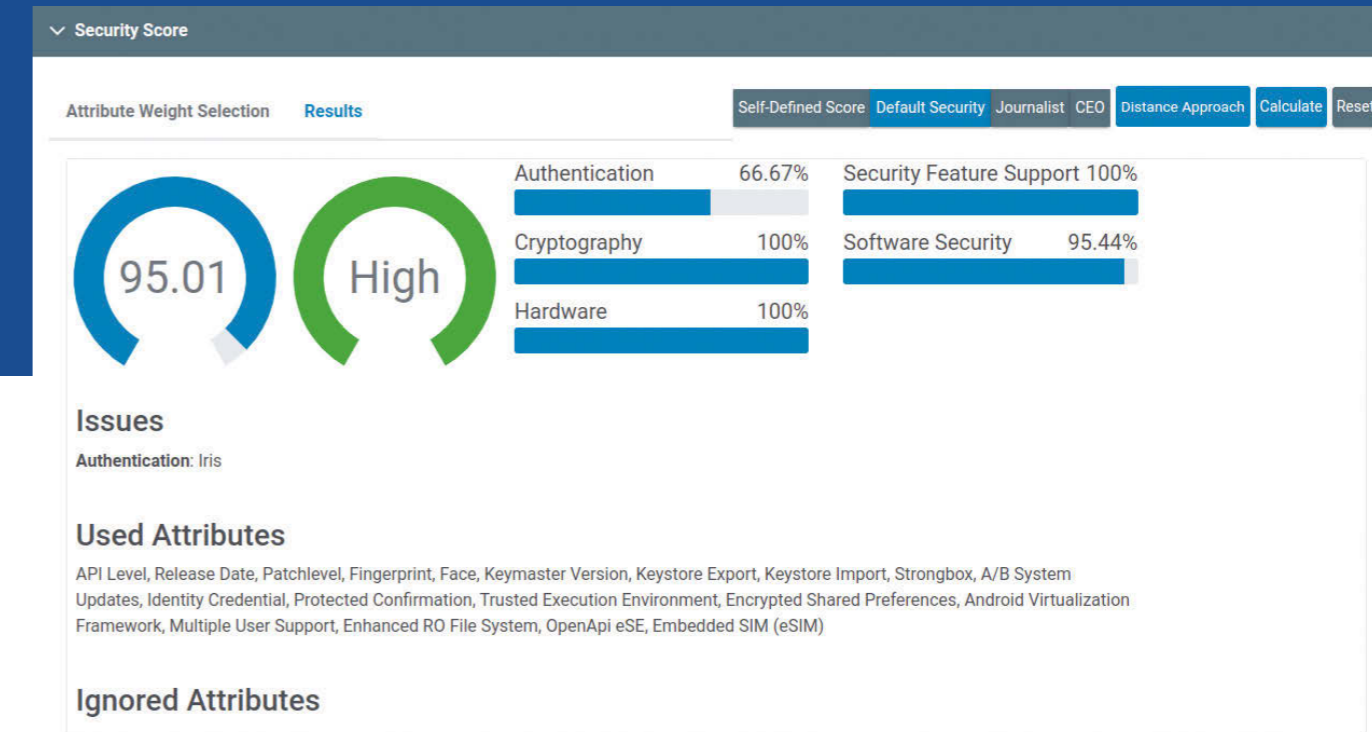
### PROJECT WEBPAGE

<https://www.android-device-security.org>



### ESTABLISHED AS AN OUTPUT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT ONCE

(funded within the program “IKT der Zukunft” by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK)), the Android Device Security Database evolved into a joint research project to gather and publish relevant data about the security posture of off-the-shelf Android devices.





3 TEAM MEMBERS

1 PHD STUDENTS

1 MASTER STUDENTS

## ONCE - Online einfach anmelden

### PROJECT LEAD

Dr. Michael Roland


### PROJECT TIMEFRAME



### PROJECT FUNDING

224.500€

### FUNDING AGENCY

 **Bundesministerium**  
Klimaschutz, Umwelt,  
Energie, Mobilität,  
Innovation und Technologie



Bundesministerium für Klimaschutz, Umwelt,  
Energie, Mobilität, Innovation und Technologie

### FUNDING PROGRAM

FFG IKT der Zukunft

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Schaufenster "Sichere Digitale Identitäten"  
Projektkonsortium ONCE (Deutschland)

## BACKGROUND

The larger ONCE project consortium aimed to build decentralized, human-centric, open ID wallets to unify and manage multiple different identities of an individual and to use them to securely authenticate to online services. While the use of digital services with identities issued by trusted governmental entities is the main focus, the evolving ecosystem should remain open to other (potentially less trusted) issuers and users/verifiers of such identities (also called relying parties) in the sense of self-sovereign identity (SSI). The CDL Digidow, a project running in parallel, primarily focuses on the use of digital identities in the physical world, e.g. to open doors or travel on public transport. While ONCE and Digidow share all of the most important core principles – particularly an explicit, self-sovereign, data minimization driven approach to digital identity with-out massive, centralized instances of data collection – and put privacy and individual control in their focus, they are orthogonal in their respective research focus areas.

# ONCE

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## GOALS

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Our main goal is to bridge these two projects to enable optimal and obvious synergies in the creation, management, and use of digital identities for a broad population. We research methods to combine the distributed, decentralized “Personal Identity Agents” developed in the CDL Digidow with the ONCE wallet approach, in order to unify the goals and usability of both projects. Besides merging two novel mobile ID concepts with diverging requirements, a resulting essential research question is how to securely store and use digital identities on current smartphone platforms, in particular when a wallet should be able to host various identities with different protection profiles covering the whole ID ecosystem without always enforcing the highest protection requirements (and thus, opening the ID wallet ecosystem to a broader set of devices and users).

This results in the requirement to quantitatively measure and evaluate security properties of (Android) smartphones, in order to estimate if the security features of a device qualify for specific ID use-cases. At the same time, such metrics offer a basis for a transparent longitudinal presentation of security aspects of smartphones and their continuous maintenance by manufacturers (e.g. in the form of security updates). This novel opportunity to transparently assess and compare smartphone security aspects may even incentivize continued and sustainable maintenance of smartphone products.

## RESULTS

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As a main outcome, the project resulted in the launch of the Android Device Security Database (<https://www.android-device-security.org/>), as a public, freely accessible database for quantifying security properties of Android smartphones. The database collects security-relevant properties of Android devices from various sources (dedicated device farms for long-term data collection from a small sample of devices under controlled conditions; web scraping of various other public sources; and in future planned to be extended towards crowd sourcing from a broad range of devices). A graphical representation of security updates over time permits variance comparison of actual software updates with vendor-promised update guarantees. Besides searching for devices with specific properties, a novel method for security scoring allows for benchmarking and comparison of devices based on user-defined criteria.

# EXPOSED BUILDING

## Exposed Building: Verwundbarkeit intelligenter Gebäude

**Project lead:** Dr. Michael Roland

**Project timeframe:** 2020

**Project partners:** Michael Mayr (3D / Animation / Sound Design)

**Project funding:** 23.816€

**Funding agency:** Land Oberösterreich

**Funding program:** LIT Ars Electronica

**Team members:** 4

**Master students:** 2

**Postdocs:** 1

By opening a maintenance hatch and hacking into the network infrastructure behind it, we acquire access to the electronic locking system. By controlling the buzzers built into the office door locks, we transform the Science Park 2 building at Johannes Kepler University into an orchestra and it resounds like a huge walk-in instrument. The installation playfully provokes thought about the vulnerability of modern technology and its growing risks for society.

In this project, we created an art installation for the Ars Electronica Festival 2020 that turned JKU Science Park 2 into one giant sound sculpture for the duration of the festival (9.-13. September 2020).

## CONCEPT:

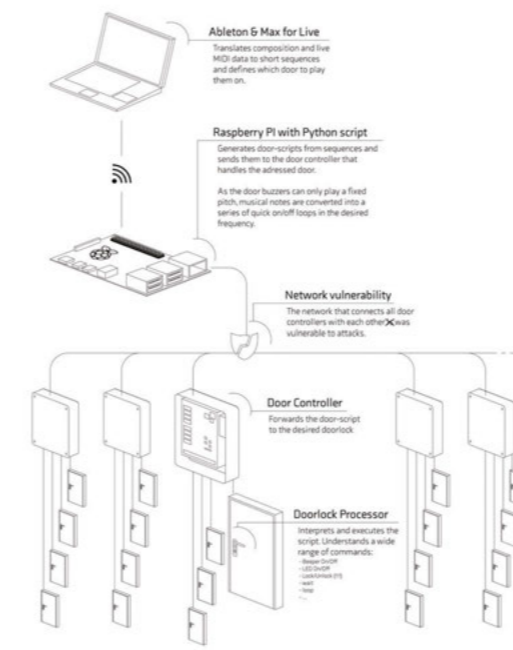
Initially, we expected the door lock system to be rather limited in what sounds we could play. Each door lock is equipped with a 2 kHz constant-frequency buzzer. Thus, we expected to play patterns distributed across the building but we did not expect to be able to play (complex) melodies. However, after initial technical experiments, we found that we could modulate tones over the buzzer base-frequency by pulse-width modulation in very fine-granular steps. This allowed us to play complex sounds consisting of several different tones with each door. After negotiations with Johannes Kepler University Linz (which provided the venue for the Ars Electronica Festival) and the artistic lead of the festival, we got the offer to use a whole building as a standalone art installation without disturbance from other parts of the exhibition. Therefore, we designed the artistic concept to turn all door locks of the Science Park 2 building into one giant musical instrument that played a complex musical composition throughout the festival.

With this concept we were even able to attract the team of Sounding Linz (Linzer Klangwolke 2020) for our project. This led to our sound sculpture being recorded and integrated into the live stream of Sounding Linz on 12. September 2020.

## IMPLEMENTATION:

We developed software that allows us to automatically hack into the physical access control system of the building (abusing vulnerabilities discovered in our previous research). Our software implements the Open Sound Control (OSC) protocol to allow attaching standard music composition software (as used by our artistic partner) to our new musical instrument. The software then turns these commands (essentially consisting of instructions which sub-instrument, i.e. door lock, should play which tone) into commands that can be injected into the electronic locking system to let the buzzers of specific locks play a tone.

Besides the actual instrumentation of the electronic locking system, we also created a 3D visualization of the building showing which door locks currently play a tone. Michael Mayr leveraged this OSC interface to create a composition played during the festival.



# JKU NETWORK SCANS

**Project lead:** Dr. Tobias Höller and Dr. Michael Roland

**Project timeframe:** 2022-ongoing

**Team members:** 6

Employees of the INS along with colleagues from the LIT Lab for Secure and Correct Systems conduct (in tight cooperation with the JKU IT-Department) scans of the JKU network infrastructure. The JKU network (AS1205) exists since the 90's and includes a public B-class network with more than 65.000 IP addresses along with several smaller networks. To encourage research on IT across different fields, all IP departments were provided with publicly reachable IP ranges. This distributed nature requires strong segmentation of different organizational units, institutes and research projects which are all assigned individual network segments with unique permissions.

The project analyzes the network both on a logical and a physical level and raises questions regarding the security of publicly (or just internally) reachable services, maintenance of project infrastructure after funding has ended or physical accessibility of restricted network segments due to infrastructure changes on a university campus.

A sideline of this research resulted in the public disclosure of several serious vulnerabilities in an Austrian cash registry software (CVE-2023-3654, CVE-2023-3655, CVE-2023-3656).

## TOR



**Project lead:** Prof. Michael Sonntag

**Project timeframe:** 2015-2018

**Project funding:** Bereitstellung der Bandbreite durch ACONet

**Team members:** 1

This project has been realized in cooperation with the **Information Management (IM)** department of the Johannes Kepler University Linz and the **ACONet**, the Austrian academic network.

INS runs a so-called “Exit Node” within the Tor anonymization network. This network service is used by many whistleblowers (including Edward Snowden), journalists, critical NGOs, dissidents and just plain normal people from stringent state regimes to safeguard their Internet communication from snooping by Internet service providers (ISPs), application providers (such as Facebook, Google, and many others) and countries, and we believe that the right to and possibility for free, unmonitored exchange of information and opinion (sometimes referred to as freedom of speech) is a cornerstone of open, democratic societies. Therefore, we support this anonymization network with an exit node that transports any traffic to and from the Tor network and with the open Internet in an unfiltered manner with up to 200 MBit/s over the Johannes Kepler University network as connected to the Austrian ACONet.

On the 4.12.2015 the project was publicly unveiled during the event **“Privatsphäre im Internet - Der TOR Exit-Node an der JKU, opens an external URL in a new window”**. Technical as well as legal questions were presented and discussed.

## EMENTIO

**Innovatives Tool zur Prüfung von Unterschriften mittels Künstlicher Intelligenz (EMENTIO)**

**Project lead:** Prof. Stefan Rass (partner, coordinator: Albatross Consulting)

**Project timeframe:** 2023-2024

**Project partners:** Albatross Consulting e.U.

**Project funding:** 15.000€ (Project total 148.413€)

**Funding agency:** FFG Basisprogramm, Grant Nr. FO999900071

**Project webpage:** <https://www.jku.at/lit-secure-and-correct-systems-lab/secure-systems-group/projekte/>

**Master students:** 1

The main aim of the project is to develop a toolset for the fast, secure and automated verification of handwritten signatures. Statistical methods and artificial intelligence processes are to be evaluated and utilised for this purpose. Recognition involves recognising duplicates (the same signature on behalf of different people without their consent) as well as assigning people to unknown handwriting based on handwriting characteristics.

## INFRASPEC

**Project lead:** Prof. Michael Sonntag

**Project timeframe:** 2022-2024

**Project funding:** 53.500€ (Project total 759.908€, funding 403.573€)

**Project partners:** AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, CBRN Protection GmbH, Disaster Competence Network Austria - Kompetenznetzwerk für Katastrophenprävention, Flughafen Wien Aktiengesellschaft, Rosenbauer International AG, WIENER NETZE GmbH, Republik Österreich (Bund) vertreten durch das Bundesministerium für Inneres/Bundeskriminalamt sowie Bundesministerium für Landesverteidigung/Abteilung Wissenschaft, Forschung und Entwicklung

**Funding agency:** FFG-KIRAS

**Team members:** 2

**Master students:** 1

Critical infrastructures such as power plants or public transport (airport, subway, etc.) form the basis for supplying the population with vital services and goods such as transport, energy, water and data.

A failure or impairment can lead to significant disruptions to public safety. These structures include extensive and complex networks of supply shafts (so-called collector passages) extending up to several hundred kilometers. These offer a high risk of incidents, but can also be targets for deliberate manipulation or actions with criminal intent.

The difficult environmental conditions, such as long corridors with small dimensions or limited accessibility, pose particular challenges for the responsible personnel in the prescribed, regular checks of the technical operating conditions (tightness, heat loss, etc.) and the structural substance. In addition, the vulnerability of critical pipe and cable ducts is also of central importance with regard to the terrorist threat.

Attacks on such infrastructures can have fatal consequences. For example, large-scale and long-lasting failures in the power or water supply inevitably lead to enormous costs and even health-damaging consequences for the affected population.

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The KIRAS project INFRASPEC is researching new methods to inspect critical infrastructure with the help of robots by subjecting them to a 3D scan.

On the one hand, this is used for automated evaluation and visualization for the operating personnel, on the other hand, it enables a comparison with previous checks. In addition to manipulations, damage to the building structure, leaks, both removed (e.g. safety elements such as fire extinguishers) and added (e.g. forgotten tool boxes, but also potential explosive devices) should be automatically recognized and highlighted in the display.

This supports and relieves security personnel in the prescribed, regular checks.

It also includes the remote-controlled detailed examination using a robotic arm with additional sensors, e.g. on the back of pipes or in the case of unexpected objects, as well as the measurement of any hazardous substances (gas/liquid leaks from pipes, CO2 concentration, etc.).



## DURCHBLICK



**Project lead:** Prof. Michael Sonntag

**Project timeframe:** 2017-2018

**Project funding:** 32.000€ (Project total 960.177€, funding 796.967€)

**Project partners:** AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, VICESSE-Vienna Centre for Societal Security, IQSOFT-Gesellschaft für Informationstechnologie, Ionicon-Analytik Gesellschaft m.b.H., Stancon - DI Dr. Heinz Stanek, CBRN Protection GmbH; BMLVS (Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports)

**Funding agency:** FFG KIRAS

**Team members:** 1

**Master students:** 1

In this project, various sensor technologies are investigated and combined for robotic analysis of suspicious objects (e.g., luggage, trash cans) in public spaces and their forensic examination. The primary focus is on developing methods for sensor data fusion and visualization within minutes to better assess the potential risks and damage. This additional information can also contribute significantly to determining the procedure for eliminating the hazard source. At the end of the project, results will be demonstrated using a robot prototype based on the scenarios defined in the project.

The specific task of INS is to ensure secure communication between the mobile platform and the evaluation station, as well as to examine the implications for data protection and data security.

The project DURCHBLICK is funded under the Austrian security research program KIRAS by the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK).

### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- **Optimized sensor data fusion and rapid visualization:** Methods for combining sensor data to enable comprehensive and precise analysis of suspicious objects. A system for quick visualization of sensor data within minutes, allowing for immediate assessment of potential hazards and damage.
- **Enhanced Forensic Investigation:** Detailed forensic analysis of suspicious objects to help authorities better understand the nature and origin of objects. Secure recording of data for potential legal proceedings.
- **Secure Communication and Data Privacy:** Implementation and validation of secure communication protocols between the mobile platform and the evaluation station to ensure data integrity and confidentiality. Examination of privacy and security implications and implementation of measures to protect personal data.

## SOPHIE

**reSilienz vOn supPly cHalns gegenüber kaskadEneffekten aus dem digitalen Raum (SOPHIE)**

**Project lead:** Prof. Stefan Rass (partner; coordinator: Austrian Institute of Technology)

**Project timeframe:** 2023-2025

**Project partners:** AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH (lead), Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, Institut für Produktionswirtschaft und Logistik, Bundesministerium für Finanzen, Bundesministerium für Inneres (BMI), Bundesministerium für Landesverteidigung, Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Digital Factory Vorarlberg GmbH, Gebrüder Weiss Gesellschaft m.b.H., h2 projekt. beratung KG, Institut für empirische Sozialforschung (IFES) Gesellschaft mbH, FH OÖ Forschungs & Entwicklungs GmbH, Wiener Lokalbahnen Cargo GmbH

**Project funding:** 111.559€ (Project total 1.094.000€, funding 929.900€)

**Funding agency:** FFG/KIRAS, Kooperative F&E-Projekte, KIRAS Kooperative CS F&E Projekte, Grant Nr. FO999905291

**Project webpage:** <https://www.kiras.at/gefoerderte-projekte/detail/sophie-resilienz-von-supply-chains-gegenueber-kaskadeneffekten-aus-dem-digitalen-raum/>

**Master students:** 1

The resilience of ICT infrastructures is fundamental to the functioning of supply chains. The more reliable these infrastructures are, the greater the predictability for production and supply chains, and consequently for buyers and customers. Securing such systems against threats from cyberspace is central to the functioning of a “smart economy”, which is based on the principle of “just in time” and must optimise transport routes with as little intermediate storage as possible. In the event of a cyber attack, it is essential to be able to rely on proven structures and processes, sufficient early detection and appropriate decision-making models in order to avoid or minimise disruption to ICT systems.

The SOPHIE project therefore aims to raise awareness of cyber security issues in the supply chain and incident response, particularly for key technical and non-technical personnel in the supply chain, and to support and improve relevant processes with suitable tools and reference processes in terms of resilience.

## CAVE-PNP

**Project lead:** Prof. Stefan Rass

**Project timeframe:** 2020-2023

**Project funding:** 113.313€

**Funding agency:** Fond zur Förderung wissenschaftlicher Forschung (FWF)

**Project webpage:** <https://www.jku.at/lit-secure-and-correct-systems-lab/secure-systems-group/projekte/>

**Master students:** 1

The famous P/NP question is one of the most challenging open problems in computer science and is one of the Clay Institute's remaining six unsolved millennium problems. Despite the progress that has been made in the decades since the problem was posed, the question remains unsolved. Intuitively, it is easy to describe: Consider only problems whose answer is simply "yes" or "no". Among them are also those for which a yes/no answer can be calculated in "reasonable" time, depending on the size of the problem. We call the class of all these problems P. Suppose we do not ask for the solution, since a solution is already given. Then the task is to check whether the given solution is correct or incorrect. Many problems allow such a check in an efficient way. These problems form the class NP. The P/NP question is: is  $P = NP$ ,  $P \neq NP$ , or (as a third possibility), is this provable at all?

The apparent simplicity of the problem has led many researchers to tackle the question, from professional scientists to amateur mathematicians, who have proposed a variety of solutions, none of which have yet been recognised by the scientific community. A few barriers and "dead ends" on the way to an answer are known, but the sheer number of published proofs is growing faster than the scientific community can verify them. In the long term, this could lead to the correct answer being found but remaining unrecognised amid many failed attempts. To date, there are around 120 attempts at proof, of which a small majority claim inequality, a minority claim equality, and a small remainder claim the unprovability of any answer.

In view of the fact that today's scientific quality management is heavily dependent on peer reviews, which are often carried out voluntarily and without payment, the project aims to help researchers obtain an independent and objective review of their work by computer. Specifically, the project will select papers from all three categories (equality/inequality/unprovability), convert them into a machine-readable representation and subject them to automated verification by computers. Such proof assistants make it possible to objectively check complex mathematical/logical arguments without the need for voluntary reviewers.

Regardless of its importance for science, the study of P/NP is a fruitful field of research that has provided many new concepts and ideas that have been applied elsewhere. The machine verifiability of P/NP evidence (analogous to the nature of the NP class itself) may not only be a step towards an answer to the question, but in any case also contributes to the importance of proof assistants as powerful tools for research.

## ODYSSEUS

**Simulation und Analyse kritischer Netzwerk-Infrastrukturen in Städten (ODYSSEUS)**

**Project lead:** Prof. Stefan Rass (partner; coordinator: Austrian Institute of Technology)

**Project timeframe:** 2019-2021

**Project partners:** Austrian Institute of Technology (lead), cubido business solutions GmbH, IFES Institut für Empirische Sozialforschung, Bundesministerium für Inneres, Bundesministerium für Landesverteidigung und Sport, Magistratsdirektion der Stadt Wien, Universität Wien

**Project funding:** 121.454€ (Project total 813.282€; funding 691.289€)

**Funding agency:** FFG/KIRAS, Kooperative F&E-Projekte, KIRAS Kooperative CS F&E Projekte, Grant Nr. 873539

**Project website:** <https://www.ait.ac.at/themen/cyber-security/projects/odysseus>

**Master students:** 2

Cities and their urban agglomerations are home to a large number of critical infrastructures (CI) that provide essential services in a geographically confined space and are therefore physically and logically dependent on each other. This results in a sensitive network of organisations and connections in which incidents within a single infrastructure can have an impact on the entire system. In particular, critical infrastructures in the areas of supply (electricity, gas, water, etc.), communication (ICT), goods distribution (food, fuel, etc.) and transport (road, rail, etc.) operate extensive networks that have special requirements in terms of security measures. Against the background of the Network and Information System Security Act (NISG), a detailed risk analysis with a strong focus on the interaction of these networks and potential cascading effects for the population is therefore a central aspect of protecting these critical supply infrastructures. However, the increasing focus on so-called "soft targets", i.e. targets in public space that are attractive for terrorist attacks, would also have an impact on the above-mentioned networks in the event of an attack.

The aim of the ODYSSEUS project is to create a simulation-based, cross-domain risk model using the example of the city of Vienna, which describes the networks of the central supply infrastructures (electricity, gas, water, food and telecommunications including ICT) as well as the transport networks (road and rail) up to a sufficient level of abstraction. This level of abstraction should be kept as low as possible in order to achieve a representation that is as close to reality as possible (depending on the available data quantity and quality). Potential threats (both natural disasters and man-made incidents) are simulated on the basis of this model. In contrast to existing solutions from literature and practice, ODYSSEUS focusses on the dynamic relationships between the networks and mathematical models from stochastics (e.g. Markov chains, probabilistic automata) are developed for a realistic representation.

The central output of ODYSSEUS is a framework that enables a detailed assessment of both the impact of threats on individual critical infrastructures and the possible cascading effects within the entire network of critical supply infrastructures, taking into account the urban population. The simulations describe which potential compensation and displacement mechanisms can be expected within the multi-layered network of supply infrastructures or on public spaces in the event of an incident (intentional, technical or natural hazard). From this knowledge, targeted preventive security measures can be derived, presented and evaluated, the implementation of which minimises the effects in the event of an incident.

# COMPAC

## Computing Partitions by Analog Circuits (COMPAC)

**Project lead:** Prof. Stefan Rass

**Project timeframe:** 2024-2026

**Project partners:** Institute for Integrated Circuits (JKU)

**Project funding:** 184.332€

**Funding agency:** Linz Institute of Technology / Land Oberösterreich

**Master students:** 4

In spite of remarkable achievements in computational power, the notorious class of NP-complete problems has escaped all attempts to find efficient algorithms for the worst-case instances. The vast majority of work relies on Turing machines or equivalent models, all of which relate to digital computing. This raises the question of whether a (partially) non-digital computer could provide a new door to an efficient solution. Indeed, the partition problem, as one NP-complete sibling of the famous Boolean satisfiability problem, could be open to efficient solutions via analogue computing. This seed project shall explore the (physical) limits of computing set partitions by analogue computing. This shall help to get a better understanding of computational intractability (and the physical Church Turing hypothesis), by studying physical barriers, to which logical/digital counterparts may exist (e.g., such as pseudopolynomial complexity bounds, which, based on precursor results of the project, seem to exist in the physical and the digital realm). As such, the COMPAC project is a feasibility study to pave the way towards subsequent deeper studies of analog computing to possibly solve instances of problems that are intractable on digital computing architectures.

# TAHITI

## Trends in Current Challenges in IT Security

**Project lead:** Prof. Michael Sonntag

**Project timeframe:** 2021

**Project partners:** Limes Security GmbH, Software Competence Center, Business Upper Austria - OÖ

**Project funding:** 50.000€

**Funding agency:** FFG

**Team members:** 7

## TAHITI QUALIFICATION SEMINAR: “TRENDS AND CURRENT CHALLENGES IN IT SECURITY” – A FIVE-DAY QUALIFICATION SEMINAR

### OVERVIEW:

IT security in companies that develop or operate their own software and digital products is a highly dynamic field. Companies must constantly prepare for new challenges. IT security experts are also hard to come by, as skilled professionals in this area are scarce. Therefore, it is crucial to retain and upskill existing staff.

The new five-day qualification seminar “Trends and Current Challenges in IT Security” has been developed by Johannes Kepler University Linz, the Software Competence Center Hagenberg, and Limes Security in collaboration with the IT-Cluster of Business Upper Austria and numerous Upper Austrian companies. The seminar offers a comprehensive training format that is precisely tailored to the needs of businesses.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR:

The seminar aims to address current IT security topics. The practical content is introduced through lectures and then deepened through practical exercises. This approach not only enhances understanding but also improves the implementation of the learned concepts in the company context.

The development of the seminar is funded by the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs (BMDW) under the “Research Competencies for the Economy” program.

The seminar was repeated in updated form in cooperation with Business Upper Austria as a commercial offering in 2023.

## CONTENTS OVERVIEW:

- **IT Security Overview:** Basics of IT security, attacker classification, threat models, classical cryptography, user authentication (biometrics, secure tokens), Single Sign-On, security management, network security (firewalls, IDS, etc.), VPNs
- **Web Security:** Security of web applications and frameworks; types of attacks and their defenses; security features in modern browsers and how to configure them; specific types of attacks and their countermeasures: injection, XSS, CSRF, misconfiguration, etc.
- **Cloud Security:** Challenges, threats, and countermeasures; virtualization security; container technologies; Secure Enclave (SGX) Software Analysis/Secure Coding: Coding practices, static dependency analysis, software/dependency management
- **Mobile Device Security:** Smartphone security compared to desktop systems; Android Security, especially its security concepts; secure use of mobile devices
- **Equality:** Equality in IT security and software development

## PRACTICAL EXERCISES:

- Creating a threat model, configuring firewalls, setting up VPNs
- Web Security: “Hacking” a test server, fixing security issues, and verifying success
- Penetration Testing: What constitutes a good penetration test, proper preparation, and reporting, typical tests and findings
- Cloud Security: Securing containers and their management/orchestration
- Quantum Cryptography: Principles of quantum encryption, main protocols, experimental demonstrations
- Software Analysis/Secure Coding: Static code analysis

## QUALIFICATION GOALS:

- Training IT-experienced individuals, e.g., software developers, on new challenges in IT security
- Providing an overview of current development and research topics
- Assessing the relevance of potential future developments for one’s own company

# JOINT INTERNATIONAL PHD-PROGRAM IN INFORMATICS

**Project lead:** Prof. René Mayrhofer  
**Project timeframe:** 2016-2018  
**Project partners:** FH OÖ Hagenberg  
**Project funding:** 204.000€  
**Funding agency:** Land OÖ  
**Team members:** 2  
**PhD students:** 3

The Joint International PhD program in Informatics was a collaboration between JKU and FH Hagenberg to provide research opportunities specifically for incoming international students. By providing a full scholarship to aspiring young researchers, the program was successful in attracting 4 PhD students from outside the European Union to relocate to Austria and pursue their research in collaboration between JKU und FH Hagenberg.

# LIT ARTIFACT: JKU SOUNDWAVE - ACOUSTIC DATA TRANSMISSION VIA APP

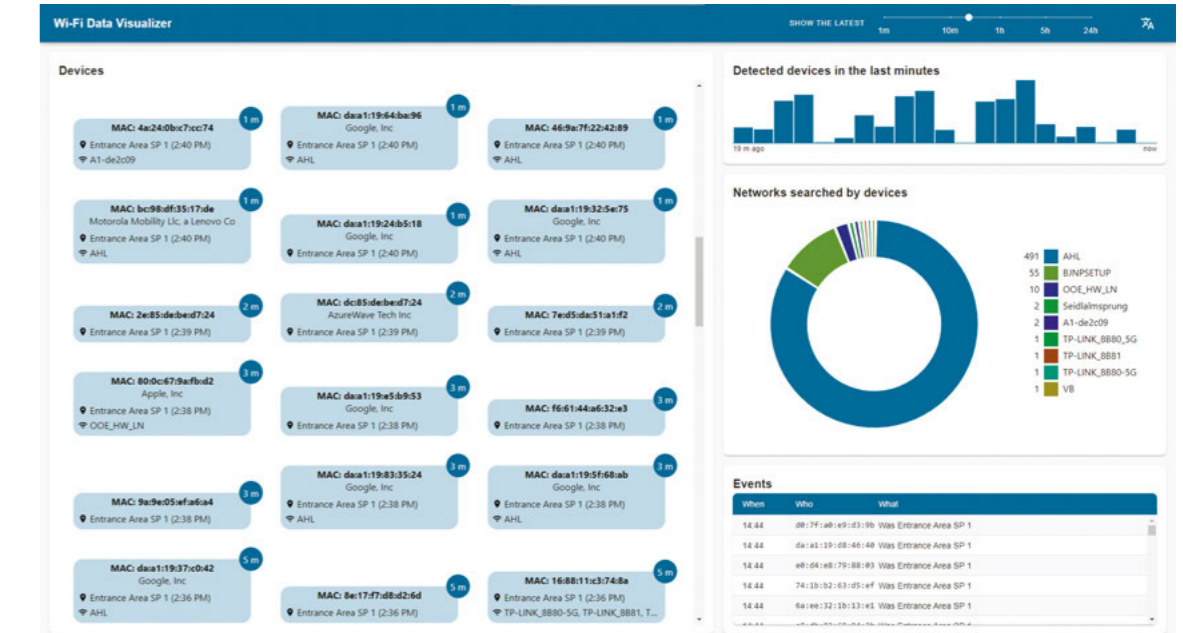
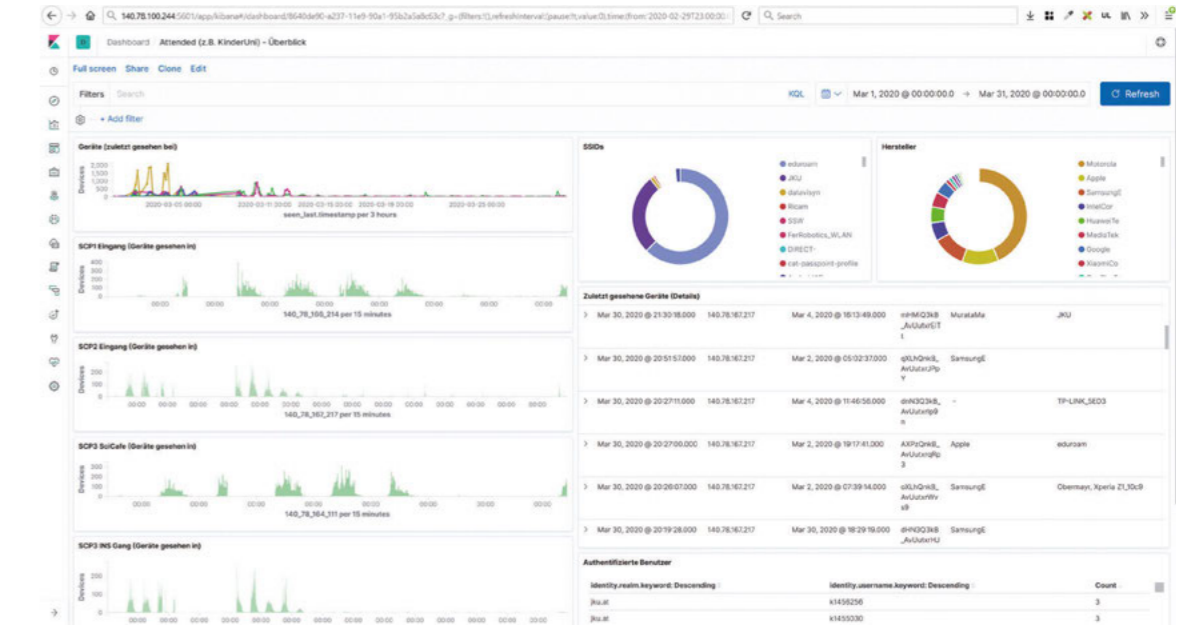
**Project lead:** Prof. Michael Sonntag  
**Project timeframe:** 2019-2020  
**Project funding:** 9.500€  
**Funding agency:** Land Oberösterreich  
**Funding program:** LIT Artifact Call 2019  
**Team members:** 1  
**Master students:** 1

The artifact is an App for Android devices that allows to transfer data (short texts) via audible tones. This is done at the transmitter by encoding the data, converting it into sounds and outputting it. The receiver records the sounds via the built-in microphone, converts them back into data and displays them. Two coding methods and several “security variants” can be selected by the user. Encoding is performed via the volume (amplitude modulation) or via frequency shift keying (FSK), which is significantly less sensitive to interference. The transmission can be secured using parity bits (1 - detection only, 3 - correction of 1-bit errors) or a checksum (CRC32 or SHA256). Encryption (simple only: Caesar cipher) is available too. Obfuscation is possible using steganography (additional permanent background noise).

# LIT ARTIFACT: YOUR DIGITAL TRACES

**Your Digital Traces: The potential of tracking individuals carrying smart phones**  
**Project lead:** Dr. Michael Roland  
**Project timeframe:** 2019-2020  
**Project funding:** 14.660€  
**Funding agency:** Land Oberösterreich  
**Funding program:** LIT Artifact Call 2019  
**Team members:** 1  
**Master students:** 1

The artifact “Your Digital Traces” visualizes how persons (or rather their mobile devices) can be tracked by passively observing data that mobile devices continuously broadcast in order to discover and maintain Wi-Fi access. Such leaked data may include unique device information, names of Wi-Fi networks a device had been connected to in the past, etc. Based on pre-existing research in the area of Wi-Fi security and privacy, this project developed an environment to collect, analyze, and visualize data obtained through data leaks in current Wi-Fi technology. The visualization should raise awareness about such hidden data leaks. The artifact “Your Digital Traces” primarily aims at integration into mini-lectures such as KinderUni and FIT-Infotage.



# EVENTS



## ACM WiSec 2020

The 13th ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (ACM WiSec 2020) was held as virtual event (hosted from Linz, Austria) from July 8 to July 10, 2020. ACM WiSec is the leading ACM and SIGSAC conference dedicated to all aspects of security and privacy in wireless and mobile networks and their applications, mobile software platforms, Internet of Things, cyber-physical systems, usable security and privacy, biometrics, and cryptography. ACM WiSec is a very competitive, high quality conference, and is very-well attended by industry, government, and academia to share information, network, explore ideas, and learn about emerging trends and today's hottest and most provocative cybersecurity topics.



## Android Security Symposium

The Android Security Symposium brings together people from different backgrounds (academic, industry, rooting/exploiting community) who are interested in and actively working on Android device security. The event features exciting expert talks on various topics around Android and mobile device security and privacy. The symposium is an ideal platform to discuss current and upcoming security developments in Android and provides various networking opportunities.

In collaboration between JKU, University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria at Hagenberg and SBA Research, we organized the Android Security Symposium in 2015, 2017 (both in Vienna) and 2020 (as virtual event) as an event series bringing expert talks to a broad audience (attendance free of charge). We started the event series in 2015 with 14 invited talks by international speakers and 3 talks by PhD students, and were able to attract more than 150 participants. In 2017, we reached over 240 participants listening to the talks by our 17 international speakers. The virtual edition in 2020 peaked at roughly 200-250 concurrent live participants listening to the 9 expert talks.

**General Chairs:** Dr. Michael Roland, Prof. René Mayrhofer, Dr. Edgar Weippl (2015 and 2017)



## MUM 2015

The 14th International Conference on Mobile and Ubiquitous Multimedia (MUM 2015) was held in Linz, Austria from November 30th and December 2nd, 2015. It was organized by the Department of Mobile Computing of the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria and the Institute of Networks and Security in cooperation with ACM SIGCHI. The International Conference on Mobile and Ubiquitous Multimedia (MUM) is a leading annual international conference, which provides a forum for presenting the latest research results on mobile and ubiquitous multimedia. The conference brings together experts from both academia and industry for a fruitful exchange of ideas and discussion on future challenges, in a comfortable and effective single-track conference format.

## TEDx TALK on future Digital Identities

**A Digital Revolution of Identity by René Mayrhofer**

### How can we leverage digital identity authentication while protecting our privacy?

René Mayrhofer leads the Institute of Networks and Security (INS) at Johannes Kepler University in Linz and the Josef Ressel Center for User-friendly Secure Mobile Environments (u'smile). His research encompasses computer security, mobile devices, network communication, and machine learning technologies. René combines all these elements to secure spontaneous, mobile interactions.

**The Idea?** A vision for a new identity system where individuals can preserve and protect their identity, even in today's world. An identity that remains intact without needing to carry a physical ID or mobile device. Such a revolution could also assist and protect people on the run, without contributing to mass surveillance in a totalitarian regime.

**And his talk?** ... How can we travel, check into hotels, or make payments without presenting an ID—while still safeguarding our privacy?

# COURSES



## BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

We offer courses in the standard Bachelor of Computer Science to introduce fundamental methods and principles common to all modern operating systems, to convey basic network concepts using the ISO/OSI and Internet models with particular focus on practical protocols like TCP/IP and Ethernet, as well as important aspects in distributed systems and to introduce students to basic legal rules regarding computer programs and the Internet.

### INS compulsory courses in the Bachelor's degree in Computer Science

- Betriebssysteme VO + UE
- Computernetzwerke VO + UE
- Rechtsgrundlagen der Informatik VO
- Projektpraktikum PR



# MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE - NETWORKS AND SECURITY

The protection of IT systems against internal or external attacks is a strategically important task for planning and operating such systems. Industry depends on security experts with a profound knowledge in computer science and especially computer networks. Graduates of this specialization towards **Networks and Security** as part of the Master curriculum Computer Science area have broad job opportunities ranging from the design, implementation, and administration of security strategies, the administration of systems, networks, and security policies, the application of cryptography as well as knowledge of the legal environment in the security area.

## INS compulsory courses in the Master's program

- Computer Forensics and IT Law VO
- Introduction to IT Security VO
- Network Management KV
- Network Security KV
- Secure Code KV
- System Administration KV
- Systems Security KV
- Projects in Networks and Security PR
- Master's Thesis Seminar SE

# CTF TEAM SIGFLAG



SIGFLAG is a CTF (capture the flag) team organized by students of JKU Linz. The team regularly participates in CTF security competitions and organizes IT security workshops. The Institute of Networks and Security supports the CTF team with infrastructure and several current and past employees participate in and help to organize SIGFLAG activities such as the Become A Hacker workshop.



# AWARDS



## Kepler Award 2022 for Excellence in Digital Teaching

**Preisträger:** Dr. Michael Roland

**Lehrveranstaltung:** Special Topics: Smart Cards & NFC

Die abrupte Umstellung von Präsenzbetrieb auf Distance-Learning im Sommersemester 2020 führte insbesondere bei Übungen und kombinierten Lehrveranstaltungen zu teils erheblichen Qualitätseinbußen – nicht zuletzt durch das (notgedrungene) hineinpressen von Präsenzformaten in ungeeignete Onlineangebote. Nachdem die Strategie für das darauffolgende Wintersemester einen erneuten Start im Präsenzbetrieb (jedoch mit absehbarer Umstellung auf Distanzbetrieb) vorsah, galt es die Fehler des vergangenen Semesters nicht zu wiederholen. Gleichzeitig bot sich dadurch die Chance, neuartige Lehrkonzepte zu erproben und die eigenen Kompetenzen im Bereich innovativer Lehrmethoden zu erweitern.

Ziel war es, ein Lehrkonzept für eine kombinierte Lehrveranstaltung mit Vortrags- und Übungsteilen zu erstellen, das sowohl in Form von Präsenzunterricht, als auch in reinem Online-Distanzbetrieb funktioniert, einen flexiblen Wechsel sowie Hybridformen zwischen diesen Unterrichtsmodi zulässt, und sowohl auf kleine als auch auf große Lehrveranstaltungen (also egal ob 15 oder 150 Studierende) anwendbar ist. Darüber hinaus sollte das Konzept durch Blended-Learning-Methoden die zeitliche Flexibilität der Studierenden steigern, um das Lehrveranstaltungsangebot auch für berufstätige Studierende attraktiver zu machen. Die Kombination aus zeitlicher Flexibilität und (soweit möglich und zulässig) Präsenzelementen, deckt zwei wesentliche Studierendenwünsche ab, die sich aus Studierendenfeedback des ersten Pandemiesemesters ergaben.

Das erarbeitete Konzept sollte zunächst an der Lehrveranstaltung "Special Topics: Smart Cards & NFC" (kleine Wahllehrveranstaltung mit ca. 10-25 Studierenden) erprobt und anschließend in weiteren Lehrveranstaltungen zur Anwendung kommen. Diese Lehrveranstaltung wurde in der Vergangenheit vorwiegend in Form eines Frontalvortrags abgehalten. Mittels Flipped-Classroom und



Blended-Learning-Angeboten, bestehend aus eigens erarbeiteten, kurzen Lehrvideos, Moodle-Aufgaben (wie Minitests über Verständnis der Lehrinhalte, praxisorientierte Übungsbeispiele und Foren zur reflektierten Vorbereitung auf Diskussionsrunden) und Live-Diskussionsrunden wird diese Lehrveranstaltung in einen Mix aus asynchronen und synchronen Elementen überführt. Die Beurteilung erfolgt in drei Säulen (Wissenserwerb, praktische Anwendung, Diskussionskompetenz) und ermöglicht Studierenden damit Defizite einer Säule durch Exzellenz in anderen Säulen auszugleichen (z.B. auch mangelnde Teilnahme an Live-Diskussionen aufgrund beruflicher Terminkollisionen). Nach der erfolgreichen Umsetzung im Rahmen dieser Lehrveranstaltung wurde das Konzept für die Lehrveranstaltung "Einführung in Linux" übernommen, welche dadurch erfolgreich von einer Gruppengröße von ca. 30 Studierenden auf über 150 Studierende ausgedehnt werden konnte, ohne ihren interaktiven Charakter zu verlieren.



## WISSENSCHAFTSPREIS 2017

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**Preisträger:** Muhammad Muaaz

**Dissertation:** Implicit Biometric Authentication for Smartphones

Smartphones bieten eine Reihe von Services, die sensible Daten beinhalten, beispielsweise Online-Banking, Fotodatenbanken oder Online-Handel. Aus diesem Grund werden neue biometrische Authentifizierungen für Smartphones entwickelt - diese beeinträchtigen aber oft die Benutzerfreundlichkeit und lassen durch das Einbetten von neuer Sensortechnologie die Preise für Smartphones nach oben schnellen. Die Dissertation von Muhammad Muaaz präsentiert eine Lösung für dieses Problem. In der Arbeit werden Methoden zur Authentifizierung vorgestellt, die auf kontinuierliche biometrische Daten zurückgreifen, basierend auf alltäglichen Aktivitäten der Benutzer:in. Der Begriff der fortlaufenden impliziten biometrischen Authentifizierung wird hier definiert als die Fähigkeit, Smartphone-Benutzer:innen unauffällig und kontinuierlich anhand der Aktivitäten authentifizieren zu können, die die Benutzer:innen ohnehin in ihrem Alltagsleben ausführen würden. In dieser Arbeit wurden biometrische Authentifizierungsmethoden für den Gang und die Sprache untersucht, die die Identität einer Person überprüfen können, ohne dass zum Zeitpunkt der Authentifizierung explizite Benutzerinteraktionen erforderlich sind.

## ADOLF-ADAM-INFORMATIKPREIS 2016

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**Preisträger:** Martin Hengstberger

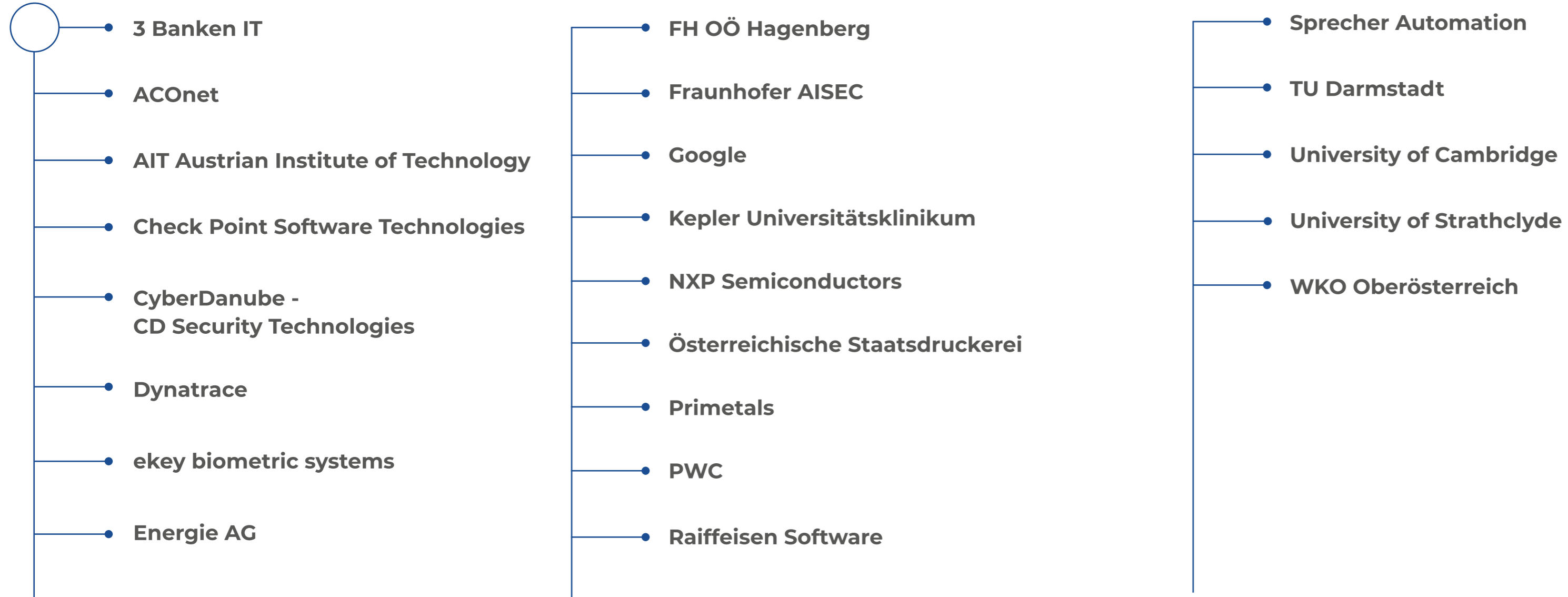
**Masterarbeit:** Wie entkommt man der NSA? - Daten am Handy verstecken

Der Adolf-Adam-Informatikpreis wird jährlich von der JKU für die beste Informatik-Masterarbeit des vergangenen Studienjahres vergeben. Studierende stellen in allgemein verständlicher Form ihre Arbeit vor. Die Präsentationen vermitteln etwas von der Faszination der Informatik und zeigen, womit sich unsere Studierenden beschäftigen.

Bei einem Flug in die USA kann es passieren, dass die Einreisebehörden Reisende Handy und Laptop abnehmen, um sämtliche Daten, die sich darauf befinden, zu kopieren und an die Nationale Sicherheitsbehörde (NSA), den Auslandsgeheimdienst der USA, zuzuspielen. Der Frage, wie man sich vor einem derartigen Eindringen in die Privatsphäre schützen kann, hat der studierte Informatiker seine Masterarbeit an der JKU gewidmet. "Zusammengefasst geht es darum, dass die Daten, die sich auf den Geräten befinden, mithilfe eines Systems so versteckt werden, dass sie von den Behörden gar nicht erst gefunden werden", erklärt Hengstberger seine Arbeit.

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