



CAE Tech Talk



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Understanding How People with Upper Extremity Impairment Authenticate on their Personal Computing Devices (1:00 – 1:50 pm EST)

A User-Oriented Approach and Tool for Security and Privacy Protection on the Web (2:00 – 2:50 pm EST)

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PRESENTATION #1

Topic: Understanding How People with Upper Extremity Impairment Authenticate on their Personal Computing Devices

Time: 1:00pm – 1:50 pm EST

Location: <https://captechu.zoom.us/j/664120328>

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Presenter(s): Brittany Lewis, University of Rhode Island

Description: Authentication has become increasingly ubiquitous for controlling access to personal computing devices (e.g., laptops, tablets, and smartphones). However, current ways of authenticating to these devices often require users to perform complex actions with their arms, hands or fingers (e.g., typing complex passwords or positioning a camera for facial recognition). This can create barriers for people with upper extremity impairment (UEI). A person with UEI

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lacks range of motion, strength, endurance, speed, and/or accuracy associated with arms, hands, or fingers. My research focuses on creating more accessible personal computing device authentication for people with UEI. In this talk, I will be discussing my work which explores the experiences people with UEI have when authenticating to their personal computing devices, what future research is necessary to make authentication accessible to them, and what impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on their computing device use.

PRESENTATION #2

Topic: A User-Oriented Approach and Tool for Security and Privacy Protection on the Web

Time: 2:00pm – 2:50 pm EST

Location: <https://captechu.zoom.us/j/664120328>

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Presenter(s): Dr. Phu Phung, University of Dayton

Description: We introduce a novel approach to protecting the privacy of web users. We propose to monitor the behaviors of JavaScript code within a web origin based on the source of the code, i.e., code origin, to detect and prevent malicious actions that would compromise users’ privacy. Our code-origin policy enforcement approach not only advances the conventional same-origin policy standard but also goes beyond the “all-or-nothing” contemporary ad-blockers and tracker-blockers. In particular, our monitoring mechanism does not rely on browsers’ network request interception and blocking as in existing blockers. In contrast, we monitor the code that reads or sends user data sent out of the browser to enforce fine-grained and context-aware policies based on the origin of the code. We implement a proof-of-concept prototype and perform practical evaluations to demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach. Our experimental results evidence that the proposed method can detect and prevent data leakage channels not captured by the leading tools such as Ghostery and uBlock Origin. We show that our prototype is compatible with major browsers and popular real-world websites with promising runtime performance. Although implemented as a browser extension, our approach is browser-agnostic and can be integrated into the core of a browser as it is based on standard JavaScript.

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