Message from the
SOUPS 2023 Program Co-Chairs

Welcome to SOUPS 2023!

With the conference in its 19th year, our SOUPS community has collectively ensured an excellent and exciting conference program. With 33 papers accepted out of 147 submissions (22% acceptance rate), the technical program covers a wide range of topics within usable privacy and security. The conference also includes workshops, posters, lightning talks, mentorship activities, and a keynote.

In 2016, SOUPS became an independent conference body. For the last six years, we have partnered with USENIX for hosting and administrative support, a move that has enabled continued growth for the conference. We thank all the members of the USENIX staff for their work in organizing SOUPS and supporting our community. Their team has been fantastic at making the process seamless.

In 2018, we co-located with the USENIX Security Symposium for the first time, and we have continued that co-location for 2023. Co-locating the two conferences allows for interactions and shared ideas between SOUPS and USENIX Security attendees. We have found this beneficial for both conferences and look forward to the opportunity again this year. After years of disruption from the pandemic, we are back to an all in-person format this year. We hope returning to this format will help you find SOUPS 2023 engaging and meaningful.

SOUPS relies on a range of volunteers for all of its activities. Steering Committee members provide oversight and guidance and are elected for three-year terms. Organizing Committee members help determine the conference content for a particular year, often serving two-year terms to facilitate the transition of knowledge. Technical Papers Committee members are chosen by the Technical Papers Co-Chairs each year. SOUPS is a product of the hard work by many people, starting with researchers who decide to submit their work to SOUPS, and including all of the SOUPS Organizers, the SOUPS Steering Committee, the technical paper reviewers, the workshop organizers, the poster jury, and the USENIX staff. We are grateful and thank each and every one of you for your contributions to SOUPS 2023.

Apu Kapadia has served as General Chair of SOUPS and Chair of the Steering Committee for 2023. Patrick Gage Kelley was appointed as Vice Chair in 2023. If you are interested in helping with SOUPS 2024 in any way, please contact Patrick.

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