Message from the USENIX Security '11 Program Chair

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 20th USENIX Security Symposium, where we have an outstanding program of papers, talks, and other events.

The conference received 206 submissions. Two of the submissions were withdrawn, and the remaining 204 were reviewed by the program committee. The authors of each paper were not revealed to reviewers. The committee used a multi-round reviewing process. Every paper was reviewed by at least two reviewers; papers that received a positive recommendation in the first round were reviewed by a third and, usually, a fourth reviewer, and many papers received five or more reviews. The committee, assisted by many external reviewers, produced a total of 682 reviews. Reviewers then discussed these papers electronically, producing 826 comments in all. Finally, the program committee met during a two-day in-person meeting in Berkeley, California, to discuss the 67 top papers. Niels Provos generously served as alternate program chair for ten submissions where I had a conflict of interest, and Tadayoshi Kohno handled two more such submissions.

After careful deliberation, the program committee selected 35 papers for presentation—a record high for USENIX Security. The quality of the papers is impressive, a tribute to the high quality of research being produced in our field.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of USENIX Security '11. I am particularly grateful to the program committee for their hard work, enthusiasm, and conscientious efforts to ensure that each paper received a thorough and fair review. Thanks also to the external reviewers, listed on p. ii, for contributing their time and expertise. It has been an honor to work with such a dedicated and thoughtful group. The program committee members devoted countless hours to their work; I encourage you to thank them for their service to the community.

Beyond the refereed papers track, we also have a strong lineup of invited talks, posters, and other events. Sandy Clark, Dan Geer, Dan Wallach, and Ellie Young served on the invited talks committee, and they have done an excellent job of assembling a slate of interesting invited talks. Patrick Traynor is the chair of this year's Poster Session, and Matt Blaze is chairing the Rump Session. Dan Klein is organizing the training program. Thanks to Sandy, Dan, Dan, Ellie, Patrick, Matt, and Dan for their important contributions to what promises to be an interesting and fun USENIX Security program.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the USENIX organization for their phenomenal support. I am especially grateful to Ellie Young, Anne Dickison, Casey Henderson, Jessica Horst, Jane-Ellen Long, Jennifer Peterson, Tony Del Porto, board liaison Matt Blaze, and the rest of the USENIX crew. Working with USENIX is a true joy. Their dedication to the task of running the conference is inspiring. Please join me in thanking them for making the conference such a success.

Finally, I would like to thank all the authors who submitted papers to USENIX Security '11 for submitting their best research.

Welcome to San Francisco, California, and the 20th USENIX Security Symposium. I hope you enjoy the conference.

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