

# Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting

*November 14, 2024*



# The Confidential Computing Consortium

A community focused on open source licensed projects securing DATA IN USE & accelerating the adoption of Confidential Computing through open collaboration

Every member is welcome; every project meeting our criteria is welcome.  
We are a transparent, collaborative community.

We as members, contributors, and leaders pledge to make participation in our community a harassment-free experience for everyone.



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# Agenda

1. Welcome, roll call, introduce any first-time attendees
2. Old Business - Recap last meeting
3. Announcements
  - a. TAC New Chair & Vice Chair
  - b. Kubecon activities
  - c. Project Mentorship Opportunities
4. New Business
  - a. CC Summit Committee Rep needed
  - b. 2025 Planning - Each TAC Member
  - c. GRC SIG paper reviews - Mark Novak
  - d. Tech Talk - Islet - Piotr / Bokdeuk
5. Future Business
  - a. Next meeting agenda
    - 2025 Planning - Finalize
  - b. Backlog

# Roll Call

Quorum requires **5** or more voting reps:

\* TAC chair

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# Welcome New Community Members

New to the community?

Haven't introduced yourself at least twice?

Let us know

- your name, pronouns
- where you are joining from
- your main Confidential Computing interest



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# Old Business

Last meeting:

1. Announcements
  - a. Kubecon activities
  - b. TAC Chair Election
  - c. Face to face at FOSDEM
2. Business
  - a. CC Brand Repositioning WG Update
  - b. Budget Update and 2025 Budget

# Announcements

- TAC Committee 2025 Chair & Vice Chair
  - Congratulations, Dan & Yash !!! 🎉
- Kubecon activities
- Project mentorship Opportunities



# Announcements

## KubeCon Salt Lake City

CCC have a booth at Kubecon and a lot of incredible CC coverage this year.

([tentative full schedule available here](#)).

**Booth Coverage is complete!** [Direct link to view and edit available here.](#)

**CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTING CONSORTIUM**

Here's your own personal **CCC Power bingo card**—a great way to explore the forefront of Confidential Computing (CC) at KubeCon! Equipped with your special card listing all the multi-see mini sessions at our booth and talks at this conference, you can embark on a journey through cutting-edge discussions and hands-on demonstrations.

Whether you're navigating the complexities of data privacy in large-scale compute environments or delving into the nuances of serverless GPU cloud functions, this is your gateway to mastering the art of confidentiality in cloud-native computing. **Ready, set, discover.**

<b>CONFIDENTIAL CONTAINERS 101: A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP</b> MICROSOFT WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100 12-100, 12-101, 12-102	<b>CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTE: A USE CASE MINI SESSION</b> RED HAT WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102 12-100, 12-101, 12-102	<b>FROM SILICON TO SERVICE: ENSURING CONFIDENTIALITY IN SERVERLESS GPU CLOUD FUNCTIONS</b> NVIDIA WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102 12-100, 12-101, 12-102
<b>CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTE: CONFIDENTIAL COLLABORATIVE AI</b> ULTRAVIOLET WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102	<b>GPU</b>	<b>REMOTE ATTESTATION USING VERASION: LIVE TO MINUTE OPEN SOURCE PROJECT DEMO</b> LINARO WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102 12-100, 12-101, 12-102
<b>REMOTE ATTESTATION - THE KEY INGREDIENT FOR CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTING</b> ANJUNA SECURITY WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102	<b>PRIVACY IN THE AGE OF BIG COMPUTE</b> CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTING CONSORTIUM WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102	<b>PROTECTING LLMs WITH CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTING</b> ULTRAVIOLET WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102

Confidential Computing protects data in use by performing computation in a hardware-based, attested Trusted Execution Environment. These secure and isolated environments prevent unauthorized access or modification of applications and data while in use, increasing the security assurances for organizations that manage sensitive and regulated data. **Turn over to learn more!**

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You can complete your **CCC Power User** visit the Confidential Computing Consortium booth during KubeCrawl to engage directly with experts, participate in discussions, and pick up cool swag. Explore a wealth of resources on the CCC website to fulfill other bingo squares from the comfort of your own device, and **join us during KubeCrawl 2024 to win prizes!**

<b>VISIT THE BOOTH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT REMOTE ATTESTATION</b> CCC BOOTH Q35	<b>CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTE: A USE CASE MINI SESSION</b> RED HAT WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102	<b>PET JEOPARDY: THE PRIVACY ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY KNOWLEDGE GAME</b> WED, 12-100 - 12-101 12-100, 12-101, 12-102
<b>CCC STAFF AND MEMBER Q&amp;A WITH SWAG GIVEAWAY</b>	<b>LEARN MORE ABOUT CCC SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS</b>	<b>LEARN ABOUT CCC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS</b>

**TURN OVER FOR EVEN MORE WORKSHOPS, TALKS AND MINI SESSIONS ON CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTING AT KUBECON**

# Announcements

## KubeCon Asset Side 1: KubeCon Talks and Workshops on Confidential Computing

1. **From Silicon to Service: Ensuring Confidentiality in Serverless GPU Cloud Functions (NVIDIA)**
  - **Time:** Thu. 11:00 AM - 11:35 AM, **Location:** Salt Palace | Level 1 | 151 G
2. **Privacy in the Age of Big Compute (Confidential Computing Consortium)**
  - **Time:** Fri. 4:00 PM - 4:35 PM, **Location:** Salt Palace | Level 1 | Grand Ballroom A
3. **Confidential Containers 101: A Hands-on Workshop (Microsoft)**
  - **Time:** Wed. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM, **Location:** Salt Palace | Level 1 | Grand Ballroom G
4. **Remote Attestation Using Veraison: Live 10 Minute Open Source Project Demo (Linaro)**
  - **Time:** Wed. 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM, Thu. 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM, **Location:** CCC Booth Q25
5. **Confidential Compute: A Use Case Mini Session (Red Hat)**
  - **Time:** Wed. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM, Thu. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM, **Location:** CCC Booth Q25
6. **Confidential Collaborative AI (Ultraviolet), Time:** Wed. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM, **Location:** CCC Booth Q25
7. **Protecting LLMs with Confidential Computing (Ultraviolet)**
  - **Time:** Thu. 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM, **Location:** CCC Booth Q25
8. **Security Mini-Talk on Remote Attestation (Anjuna)**
  - **Time:** Wednesday, 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM, **Location:** CCC Booth Q25

# Islet: LF Mentorship Opportunity!

## Islet Mentorship: Strengthening Security through Fuzz Testing

Enhance **Islet's security** by identifying vulnerabilities early using **fuzz testing**. This project will integrate **Cargo Fuzz** tools with Islet's **CI pipeline**, focusing on testing **RMM interfaces** (RMI and RSI) based on ARM's RMM specification.

### Scope of Work:

- **Phase I:** Develop 12 fuzz test harnesses using **Miri-based tests** (2 weeks), followed by a **1-week testing campaign**.
  - [Miri Test Reference](#)
- **Phase II:** Build advanced tests using **ACS-Test suite** (4 weeks), with 2 additional weeks for testing.

### Outcome:

Deliver a set of **robust fuzz tests** integrated into Islet's CI, improving security and compliance with ARM standards.

**Skills Needed:** **Rust programming**, fuzz testing, and familiarity with **confidential computing, virtualization, and ARM architecture** is *extremely helpful* but not required.

# Veraison: LF Mentorship Opportunities!

## Veraison Mentorship #1: Enhancing CoRIM Support

This project will strengthen Veraison **CoRIM (Concise Reference Integrity Manifest) support** by integrating built-in object security and expanding signing capabilities. Participants will learn to generate and manage CoRIMs while building enhanced security into Veraison's services.

### Scope of Work:

- **Familiarize** with the RATS architecture and CoRIM specifications.
- **Setup Veraison services**, deploy, and explore the REST API.
- Use the **cocli tool** to generate and manage CoRIMs.
- **Add signed CoRIM support** to Veraison services, enhancing security.

**Stretch Goals:** Enable **multi-signer support** for CoRIMs, Update the **CCA scheme** to incorporate multi-signatures.

**Outcome:** Deliver **robust CoRIM security features**, integrated into Veraison's services, improving integrity verification through enhanced signing and object security.

**Skills Needed:** Knowledge of **RATS architecture**, CoRIM, and API interaction, Experience with **Go** or relevant languages will be helpful.



# Veraison: LF Mentorship Opportunities!

## Veraison Mentorship #2: Harmonizing Open-Source Verifiers with RATS Standards

This mentorship focuses on **harmonizing Verifiers** with the RATS model, proposing standards for media types, evidence, and attestation results. Participants will align open-source Verifiers and propose ways to integrate **Keylime** for seamless interoperability.

### Scope of Work:

- Define **media types for evidence** (e.g., TPM logs, incremental evidence).
- Standardize **attestation results** with EAT (Entity Attestation Token).
- Develop a **proposed adoption path** for integrating Keylime.

**Stretch Goals:** Create **CoRIM and policy formats** for runtime and UEFI boot attestation, Propose **policy primitives** for secure UEFI policies.

**Outcome:** Deliver **standardized evidence formats and adoption paths**, ensuring Verifiers across different open-source projects work seamlessly within the RATS model.

**Skills Needed:** Familiarity with **RATS architecture** and attestation workflows, Knowledge of **policy management** and TPM evidence formats.

# CC Summit - Program Committee

- Fritz
- Yash
- Mingshen ← Winner

# TAC 2025 Objectives

- Projects

- All - Project Liaisons
- Catherine
- Henry / Kevin

- Ecosystem

- Alec
- Nathaniel

- Community

- Yash
- Fritz
- Mingshen

TBD:

- Howard
- Henry / Kevin
- Paul

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pa6XrOUhkIEFIP1MILtn\\_84OjxV12L5hogch0shJkaA/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pa6XrOUhkIEFIP1MILtn_84OjxV12L5hogch0shJkaA/edit?tab=t.0)

# GRC Paper Reviews

## Which Papers?

- [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1EaXlm1jK3af\\_oUG7ITLYL9QcS9BRO5gy](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1EaXlm1jK3af_oUG7ITLYL9QcS9BRO5gy)

## How would you like feedback?

- Normal: Doc comments (specifics) and mail list (general / directional)



Tech Talk

Islet

Piotr Sawicki

# Projects

Project	Last Annual Review	Next Annual Review	Project Liason	Webinar	
Enarx	2024-04-04		Nick Vidal	Jan 2021	added to invite
OE SDK	2024-04-18		Alec Fernandez	Mar 2021	added to invite
Gramine	2023-02-09		Eric V	Feb 2022	
Keystone	2024-03-07		Lily Stuurman	Jun 2021	added to invite
ManaTEE	2024-07-25		Dayeol Lee		
Occlum	2024-03-21		Tate Tian	May 2021	requested
Veracruz	2023-01-12		Thomas Fossati	Apr 2021	
Veraison	2024-08-08		Howard Huang	Nov 2021	Invitation accepted
VirTEE	2024-01-17		Yash Mankad		
SPDM-RS	2024-01-17		Fritz Alder		
Certifier Framework	2024-01-17				
Islet	2024-03-01		Bokdeuk Jeong		

# SIGs

SIG / WG	Last Annual Review	Next Annual Review	Liason	Webinar
CCC-Attestation SIG	2022-04-21		Dan	21 June 2022
GRC SIG	Quarterly 2023-10-08		Mark Novak	

# Topic Schedule

2024-09-05		Yash Mankad / Ram Pai (Mentorship)	Super Tech Talk - Andrey Pogoreltsev - CTO of Super Protocol
2024-09-19	Linux Plumbers conflicts?	?	- Collaborative and Private Data Processing with TEE-enforced Sticky Policy (Zhiqiang Lin) - Research topic: Formal programming techniques for secure data processing by Patrick Eugster
2024-10-03	Rosh Hashanah conflicts?	?	- Chandra Nelogal: Extending Confidentiality to Data Storage - Caroline Perez-Vargas: Project presentation
2024-10-17		<del>David Kaplan (Plumbers recap)</del>	
2024-10-31		OKR Updates - ALL TAC MEMBERS	2025 Planning
2024-11-14		2025 Planning	Islet Tech Talk - Bokdeuk Jeong
2024-11-28	US Thanksgiving Conflicts	Cancel	Cancel
2024-12-12		Finalize OKRs	Tech Talk: UCLA Trustworthy AI Lab: <a href="mailto:guangcheng@g.ucla.edu">guangcheng@g.ucla.edu</a> - Guang Cheng Tech Talk: Lisbon Account Protocol and challenges by James Bourque

# Thank You



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