

Andreas Happe

Curriculum Vitae

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Currently Ongoing

- since 2025 **Auditor**, ISO 27001, TÜV Süd.
- since 2025 **offensive.one GmbH**, *Founder*.
Helping companies improve their security posture and secure software development practise, "left-shifting" security, focus on the intersection between AI and Security.
- since 2022 **PhD in Science**, *Security Impact of Machine Learning*, TU Wien.

Experience

- 2021–2025 **Security Freelancer**, *Supporting Application Security*.
Helping companies improve their security posture and secure software development practise, "left-shifting" security.
- 2024 **GitHub AI Accelerator**, *Shaping the Future of OpenSource AI*, GitHub.
Participating Project: *hackingBuddyGPT*
- 2019–2022 **Lecturer**, FH TECHNIKUM WIEN, VIENNA.
Web Security, Secure Operating Systems, Web Application Security
Supervised ~10 master student theses, most completed with distinction.
- 2012–2022 **Senior Security Consultant**, CORETEC GMBH, VIENNA.
Security-Assessments, Penetration-Tests and Secure Software Development Training
- 2015–2018 **Engineer**, AUSTRIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
Design, Implementation and Maintenance of privacy-preserving multi-cloud storage, identity management and data-sharing systems.
Projects: Credential (Horizon 2020), Prismacloud (Horizon 2020).
- 2006–2015 **Software Engineering Contractor**, AUSTRIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
2012–2015: Design and of secure multi-cloud storage systems
2006–2012: Design and Development of a Quantum Key-Distribution system (SECOQC).
- 2009–2015 **Ruby on Rails Freelancer**.
Design, Development and Maintenance of Ruby on Rails-based web applications.
- 2007–2009 **CTO**, BLACKWHALE GMBH.
Startup working on web-based work-flow solutions.
- 2001–2007 **System Administrator**, INFOTECH GMBH.
Linux and Microsoft Windows systems.

Reference Projects

- 2023–2024 **datapot. gmbh.**
Verbesserung der Security Posture, Begleitung zur ISO 27001 Zertifizierung
- 2022, 2023 **TTTech Industrial Automation AG.**
Cybersecurity Schulung für Entwickler

Technical Skills

- Security Design, Execution and Documentation of Penetration-Tests.
- Engineering Primary Focus upon Web-Applications as well as Android/iOS Mobile Applications.
Design and Execution of training events in the Security Area.
- Secure Assessment, Design and Implementation of secure IT-Systems.
- Software Review and Improvement of Secure Software Development Lifecycles.
- Engineering Support with automated tooling in the CI/CD/SAST area.
Software Development in Compliance with ÖNORM A77.00, ISO27001 and CMMC.
- Software Procedural, Object-Oriented and Functional Programming Paradigms.
- Development Expert level in RUBY ON RAILS, PYTHON, C, GO, JAVA
Proficient in SCALA, JAVASCRIPT, RUST.

Languages

- German **Native language**
- English **Full professional proficiency**

Certifications

- 2025 GitHub Advanced Security Certified Practitioner
- 2024 ISMS-Manager & -Auditor nach ISO 27001 TÜV
- 2024 Amazon: AWS Certified Developer — Associate
- 2024 Amazon: AWS Certified Solutions Architect — Associate
- 2024 Limes Security: Certified OT Security Practitioner (COSP)
- 2024 Altered Security: Certified Azure Red Team Professional (CARTP)
- 2024 Altered Security: Certified Red Team Expert (CRTE)
- 2023 13Cubed: Investigating Windows Endpoints (Gold)
- 2023 TCM Security: Practical Network Penetration Tester (PNPT)
- 2020–2022 NIS-G Auditor für Kritische Infrastruktur
- 2015 Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP)

Additional Security Involvement

- since 2024 **OWASP Leader**, OWASP OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (OT) TOP 10.
- since 2024 **OWASP Leader**, CHAPTER KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA.
- since 2023 **OWASP Leader**, OWASP PROACTIVE SECURITY CONTROLS.
- 2019–2023 **OWASP Leader**, CHAPTER VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

- 2019 Author Einführung in die Web Application Security
- 2019 We Are Developers – Sounding Board Security
- 2019 NATO Locked Shields, Partner Event (2nd place)
Teamlead Web-Security, Team FH/Technikum Wien
- 2017 OWASP MSTG – “Mobile Security Testing Guide”, Top Contributor

Standardization Work

- since 2024 ISO 42001
Austrian Standards Institute, AG001.42, Mirror-Group ISO/CEN 42001
- 2016–2019 ÖNorm A77.00 – “Sichere Webapplikationen”
Austrian Standard on Development and Maintenance of Secure Web Applications

Formal Education

- 2006–2009 **DI/Master of Science**, *Software Engineering & Internet Computing*, TU Wien.
- 2002–2006 **Bakk. techn.**, *Software & Information Engineering*, TU Wien.
- 1996–2001 **Matura**, *EDV und Organisation*, HTBLVA Villach.

Masters Thesis

- Title *Agile Provenance*
- Supervisors S. Dustdar, L. Juszczak, H.-L. Truong
- Description Automated transparent provenance gathering and analysis within Ruby on Rails.

Selection of Noteworthy Research Projects

- since 2023 HACKINGBUDDYGPT
Original author of HackingBuddyGPT. We help security researchers use LLMs to discover new attack vectors and save the world (or earn bug bounties) in 50 lines of code or less. In the long run, we hope to make the world a safer place by empowering security professionals to get more hacking done by using AI.
- 2015–2018 PRISMACLOUD
Design, development and maintenance of the PrismaCloud privacy-preserving multi-cloud storage prototype. One of seven projects accepted for the European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research Programme.
- 2015–2018 CREDENTIAL
Development of Trust Solutions for untrusted multi-cloud architectures. Another one of the seven projects accepted for the European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research Programme.
- 2012–2015 ARCHISTAR
Design and Development of a Multi-Cloud Storage System utilizing BFT (Byzantine Fault Tolerance) and Secret-Sharing techniques.

2006–2012 SECOQC

Implementation of the first inter-company quantum key distribution network. I was deeply involved in design and implementation of the networking components (which were written using Linux, Python, C). After the presentation of the prototype during the SECOQC-Conference of 2009 responsible for maintenance and further feature-work.

Publications – Security and Machine Learning

- 2025 Can LLMs Hack Enterprise Networks?
Andreas Happe, Jürgen Cito
Published in TOSEM Journal
- 2023 Getting pwn'd by AI: Penetration Testing with Large Language Models
Andreas Happe, Jürgen Cito
Presented at FSE 2023 IVR in San Fransisco, USA
- 2023 Understanding Hackers' Work: An Empirical Study of Offensive Security Practitioners
Andreas Happe, Jürgen Cito
Presented at FSE 2023 Industrial Track in San Fransisco, USA

Publications – Unikernel

- 2017 Unikernels for Cloud Architectures: How Single Responsibility can Reduce Complexity, Thus Improving Enterprise Cloud Security
Andreas Happe, Bob Duncan, Alfred Bratterud
Presented at Complexis 2017 in Porto, Portugal
- 2016 Enterprise IoT Security and Scalability: How Unikernels can Improve the Status Quo
Bob Duncan, Andreas Happe, Alfred Bratterud
IEEE/ACM 9th International Conference on Utility and Cloud Computing
2016 in Shanghai, China
- 2016 Enhancing Cloud Security and Privacy: Time for a New Approach?
Bob Duncan, Alfred Bratterud, Andreas Happe
INTECH 2016 in Dublin, Ireland

Publications — Cloud Storage

- 2017 The Archistar Secret-Sharing Backup Proxy
Andreas Happe, Florian Wohner, Thomas Loruenser
SECPID/ARES 2017 in Calabria, Italy
- 2016 Exchanging Database Writes with modern Crypto
Andreas Happe, Thomas Loruenser
Presented at IARIA Cyber 2016 in Venice, Italy
- 2016 Malicious Clients in Distributed Secret Sharing Based Storage Networks
Andreas Happe, Stephan Krenn, Thomas Loruenser
Presented at Secure Protocol Workshop 2016 in Brno, Czech Republic
- 2015 ARCHISTAR: Towards Secure and Robust Cloud Based Data Sharing
Thomas Loruenser, Andreas Happe, Daniel Slamanig
Presented at IEEE CloudCon 2015 in Vancouver, Canada

Publications — Quantum Key Distribution

- 2013 New release of an open source QKD software: design and implementation of new algorithms, modularization and integration with IPSec
O Maurhart, C Pacher, A Happe, T Lor, C Tamas, A Poppe, M Peev
- 2012 QKD software architecture and system integration with classical communication infrastructure
Oliver Maurhart, Christoph Pacher, Andreas Happe, Thomas Loruenser, Cristina Tamas, Andreas Poppe, Momtchil Peev
- 2009 The SECOQC quantum key distribution network in Vienna
M Peev, C Pacher, R Alléaume, C Barreiro, J Bouda, W Boxleitner, et al.