



DEF CON 33 Call for Papers

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DEF CON 33, Aug. 7-10, 2025, LVCC West Hall, Las Vegas Nevada

Did you know we also have trainings? DEF CON Training, 8-12th, LVCC North & West Hall, Las Vegas Nevada <https://training.defcon.org/>

What: DEF CON 33 Call For Papers

When: August 7th- 10th, 2025

How: Complete this DEF CON 33 Call for Papers Form. Email additional files or supporting documents to [talks at defcon dot org](mailto:talks@defcon.org).

Deadline: Call for Papers will close on May 01, 2025

Speaking Formats are: 20 minutes, 45 minutes, 105 minutes (Two slots back to back).

The theme for DEF CON 33 is 'Access Everywhere':

- Services should be usable no matter who you are.
- Services should be accessible no matter where you are.

- Services should not violate user privacy or security.

Want to play? Hackers have always done well with limited resources, challenging legal frameworks, and restricted access to information. If you are thinking of giving a talk, build a demo or organize a workshop here are some ideas:

- How do we share information in a secure and anonymous fashion?
- How do we backup or preserve data that may disappear in the future, beyond sending it to archive.org?
- Create tools that help people migrate from large enshitified platforms to distributed Fediverse ones
- Help make alternative services more robust and secure - Fuzz them, reverse them, hunt for bugs, build stronger!
- Curate libraries of data and share how you design your management tools
- The laws around data are changing, where do we host our VMs and data for maximum personal freedom?

1. Submit anonymously?

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By default the review board will see your name, company you work at, and bio, unless you select otherwise. The review board is never given your contact information, email, or phone numbers regardless of anonymity.

You are responsible for stripping out any other personally identifiable information out of your supporting files, your outline, or additional responses. The review board will not be held responsible for figuring out who you are, if you leave your name(s) in the slide deck you send us.

☐ Yes, I prefer to be anonymous

☒ No, including my name is fine

2. Are you submitting for the DEF CON Policy Track? Is this a Policy themed talk?

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The DEF CON Policy dept wishes to invite those interested to submit policy talks via the CFP board. This means your talk will be considered for both main tracks and the DEF CON policy track in the Policy Village.

DEF CON welcomes policymakers and technology professionals to join Policy@DEF CON and participate with our community of knowledgeable experts. We need to work together.

Over the past 30 years the DEF CON community, has evolved and grown along with the cyber domain. We understand that creating a safer digital society requires collaboration between security and policy experts. DEF CON provides a space for representatives of all areas of security to come together to educate and engage each other.

Tech policy is being written as we speak and we believe including diverse expert voices will improve outcomes across the policy-technology spectrum by bridging the gap between technical and policy practitioners. Senior government officials, policy experts, nonprofit and the private sector, security researchers, hackers, academics and technologists from around the world all come together at Policy @ DEF CON.

A write up for this years policy CFP and talks FAQ can be found here: <https://defcon.org/policy/>

- ☒ Yes, this is a policy talk.
- ☐ No, I'm only interested in the main talk tracks.
- ☐ Other

DEF CON 33 CFP - Primary Speaker Data

3. Primary Speaker Name

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Pauk Charlton

4. Primary Speaker Pseudonym or Handle *

mysticknight

5. Name Publishing *

If selected to speak, which name should be published?

- ☐ Only Name
- ☐ Only Handle
- ☒ Both Name and Handle
- ☐ Other

6. Primary Speaker's preferred pronouns:

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- ☐ She/Her
- ☐ They/Them
- ☒ He/Him
- ☐ Other

7. Primary Speaker Affiliation

You may optionally provide a Title and Company with which you are affiliated. If you do so, please use format "Title at Company" if possible (rather than Company's Title or similar). You may also provide just a title, without a company.

Results ByIQ LLC

8. Primary Speaker Email Address: *

techguru@byiq.org

9. Backup Email or Contact method

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In case of communication failure (required). This is needed in case our confirmation emails hit your spam, or in rare cases, you made a typo in your email address.

paulc@ventere.com

10. Primary Speaker Phone Number: *

+18082787904

11. Primary Speaker's Social Media / Personal Site Links *

May be used to promote your talk, if selected. Accepted: LinkedIn, Mastodon (defcon.social and others), Bluesky, Discord, TikTok, and personal/company websites.

<https://techguru.byi.org>

<https://swiftboot.dev>

<https://forticom.co>

<https://iot.4a>

12. Primary Speaker Bio *

This text will be used for the website and printed materials and should be written in the third person. Cover any professional or hacker history that is relevant to you and the presentation, you may include past jobs, tools that you have written, etc. Let people know who you are and why you are qualified to speak on your topic. If you prefer, you may write your bio under a pseudonym.

Please do not consolidate biographies for multiple speakers into a single response.

(not to exceed 1337 characters)

This will be published online if your talk is accepted.

Veteran engineer, architect, and systems breaker. Built foundational tech at Apple, Chase, Intuit, and Sun Microsystems. Led cross-platform QuickTime, rewrote JavaFX's multimedia pipeline, rebuilt core financial systems, and refactored the guts of CXFS for distributed, concurrent, crash-proof storage.

Cut early teeth at RPI, white-hatting mainframes and early network stacks: exploiting cache bugs, stack overflows, starvation attacks, covert FEP channels — and physically walking VAX diskpacks across datacenter floors to outpace security policies.

Creator of the Unicode Truth Engine — a ground-up, verifiable Unicode parsing system where input trust is earned, not assumed.

Now building SwiftBoot and Popcorn™: radically minimal, cryptographically-signed compute substrates for CI/CD, cloud, and zero-trust workloads.

Specializes in immutable systems, kernel-level integrity, tamper-proof infra, and burning down trust assumptions wherever they hide.

13. Has the speaker spoken at a previous DEF CON? *

If Yes, what year(s), and which talk(s)?

no

14. ADA / Accessibility Accommodations *

Do you or any other speakers participating in this presentation require any ADA or accessibility accommodations? If you have any questions, please let us know; we would be happy to communicate with you directly.

no

Co-Speakers and Panel Members

For each additional co-speaker, list all of the previously requested items (name, handle, display name preference, pronouns, title and company if applicable, email address, phone number, social media / links, previous presentations and ADA accommodations). Please note: special consideration applies if your talk will involve more than 3 speakers in total.

15. Speaker 2 Information

Name, handle, name publishing preference, pronouns, title and company if applicable, email address, phone number, social media, previous presentations and ADA accommodations

Enter your answer

16. Speaker 2 Bio

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17. Speaker 3 Information

Name, handle, name publishing preference, pronouns, title and company if applicable, email address, phone number, social media, previous presentations and ADA accommodations

Enter your answer

18. Speaker 3 Bio

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19. Speaker 4 Information

Name, handle, name publishing preference, pronouns, title and company if applicable, email address, phone number, social media, previous presentations and ADA accommodations

Enter your answer

20. Speaker 4 Bio

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21. More Speakers

Are there any other panel members or co-speakers for this talk? Please list all information.

Enter your answer

22. Speaker Contribution Explanation

If there are more than 2 members in your presentation, please list out how you intend to divide the presentation so that all presenters are speaking equally and contributing to the talk.

Example: Primary Speaker 1 gets 15 mins on intro, co-speaker 2 gets 15 minutes on exploit, co-speaker 3 gets 15 minutes on disclosure.

Enter your answer

23. Basecamp Permission

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If your presentation is accepted, do you consent to inviting the primary & all other speakers to the official DEF CON Speaker's planning project on Basecamp (project management platform)? We will use the email addresses you included on your application (unless stated otherwise). DEF CON staff and other speakers will be able to contact you once you accept the invitation.



Yes



No



Other

24. Visa Requirement *

If your presentation is accepted, will you require a visa letter of invitation for you or any of your co-speakers?:

☐ Yes☒ No

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

25. Presentation Title *

B00t F4st, Tru5t Ru13s: Immutable CI Runners and mTLS Roles for Supply Chain

26. Duration

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What is the approximate length of the presentation? **Please note:** We accept few 105 minute talks; your submission will need to break-down the time requested within your content outline.

☐ 20 Minutes☒ 45 Minutes☐ 105 Minutes

27. Demonstration *

Is there a demonstration? Yes or No. If yes, please explain the demonstration:

sure

28. Live Demos *

In order to prevent potential time loss during your presentation due to technical difficulties, we require most talks to submit a demo video instead of performing a live demo. Sometimes a live demo is critical to the success of the talk, and exceptions are made.

- ☒ I understand I will need to create a demo video for my presentation.
- ☐ I will be requesting an exception to this rule, as it's detrimental to the success of my talk.

29. Audience Participation *

Is there audience participation? Yes or No. If yes, how?

short Q&A

30. New Tool *

Are you releasing a new tool as part of this presentation? Yes or No

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

31. Tool License *

If you are releasing a new tool, under which license will it be released? (Please indicate N/A if

you're not releasing a tool)

MIT

32. Tool Details *

Is it a full tool suite, a plugin, proof of concept exploit, update to existing tool, or something else?

- ☐ Full tool suite
- ☒ Plugin
- ☐ Proof of Concept Exploit
- ☐ Update to an existing tool
- ☐ This tool was presented at DEF CON Demo Labs previously.
- ☐ Other

33. Is the tool currently public?

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- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Applicable

34. What language is the tool written in?

bash

35. Tool Description

Please introduce your tool briefly and explain what it does

builds CI runners that Boot Fast, Trust No One: Immutable CI/CD with Signed mTLS Roles

36. Presentation is about Tool *

Is this talk's primary focus your tool? If Yes, please be advised some presentations make a better fit in our Demo Labs. You may want to also apply there for consideration.

☒ No, the tool is just one component of the talk

☐ Yes

☐ Yes, and I will also apply for Demo Labs

☐ Not Applicable

37. Are you releasing a new exploit/vulnerability?

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☐ Yes☒ No**38. Prior Submission ***

Have you submitted or do you plan on submitting this topic to any other conference held prior to DEF CON 33?

☐ Yes☒ No**39. Are you submitting this or any other topic to Black Hat USA? ***☐ Yes☒ No☐ Maybe**40. Other Submissions ***

Are you submitting this or any other topic to BSidesLV or any other "Hacker Summer Camp" event?

☐ Maybe☒ No☐ Yes

ABSTRACT

41. Presentation Abstract *

Your abstract will be used for the website and printed materials. Summarize what your presentation will cover. Attendees will read this to get an idea of what they should know before your presentation, and what they will learn after. Use this to inform attendees about how technical your talk is, what tools will be used, what materials to read in advance to get the most out of your presentation. This abstract is the primary way people will be drawn to your session, but should not give them the entire content of the talk. We request you keep your abstract well over 140 characters, but at or under the 1337 maximum.

(not to exceed 1337 characters)

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Today's CI/CD runners are built on dangerous assumptions: that containers clean themselves, that VMs forget their past, and that IP addresses prove trust. They don't.

In this talk, we introduce Popcorn™ Runners — radically minimal, cryptographically signed substrates for CI/CD workloads. Every runner boots an immutable signed (kernel and rootfs), binds to a signed mTLS role at power-on, and enforces trust without relying on IPs, mutable infra, or runtime patching.

Immutable by design. Artifact-free. Observability anchored outside the runner via role-bound mTLS.

Live demo: Cold-boot to payload execution under 1 second (plus disk transfer

REFERENCES

42. Publishable References

Please provide a simple bibliography and/or works cited. List sources you have used (whether referenced or not) in the process of finalizing your presentation. Please remember to credit prior works and acknowledge others. References will be posted online with your talk information. We want attendees interested in your talk to be able to research what has been helpful for you in developing this presentation.

This will be published online if your talk is accepted.

- NCC Group, Attacks on CI/CD Pipelines, 2022.
- CISA, Lessons from the SolarWinds Attack, 2021.
- OWASP SAMM, CI/CD Pipelines as Critical Attack Surfaces, 2022.
- Black Hat USA, Poisoned Pods: IP and DNS Reuse in Kubernetes, 2020.
- ThoughtWorks, Immutable Infrastructure and Zero-Drift Systems, 2021.
- Cloudflare, Mutual TLS Authentication for Distributed Systems, 2020.
- CNCF, SPIFFE/SPIRE: Secure Identity Framework for Enterprise, 2019.
- Google, BeyondCorp: A New Approach to Enterprise Security, 2014.
- GitLab Docs, GitLab Runner Executor Reference Guide, retrieved 2025.

43. Confidential References

If there are references that you would like to make available to the CFP board but would not like for them to be published, you may list them here.

Enter your answer

DETAILED OUTLINE

44. Detailed Outline: *

This is the most important section on the application. The minimum char count on an outline should be no less than 350. The max limitation in Microsoft forms is 4000 if your outline exceeds that please email it to talks@defcon.org with the title of your talk submission in the email.

You must provide a detailed outline containing the main points and navigation through your talk - show how you intend to begin, where you intend to lead the audience and how you plan to get there. Your outline should be in simple text. Please do not submit slides, Docs, or PDFs as an outline.

If you are submitting a panel, it's encouraged to list what each panel member will contribute to on the outline, as well as the estimated time budgeted for those bullet points. The review board likes submissions that include references to prior works and research you used in developing your presentation. The more detailed your outline then the better we are able to review your presentation against other submissions (and the higher chance you have of being accepted).

Good Outlines are discussed here:

<https://writingprocess.mit.edu/process/step-2-plan-and-organize/creating-detailed-outline>

<https://www.defcon.org/html/links/dc-speakerscorner.html#nikita-cfp>

<https://www.defcon.org/html/links/dc-speakerscorner.html#leah-cfp-process>

BAD outlines look like these:

- i. intro
- ii. something
- iii. something else
- iv. conclusion
- v. q&a

Please indicate below if you intend to email us your outline, we will not submit your application to the review board until your outline is received.

Introduction (~2 min)

- Frame the problem: Modern CI/CD infrastructure is built on dangerous trust assumptions: container resets, VM reboots, DHCP-assigned IPs.
- Quick examples of real-world CI/CD compromises due to drift, artifact residue, and IP spoofing attacks (e.g., Tesla Autopilot GitHub repo hack 2020; SolarWinds CI compromise references).
- Introduce Popcorn™ Runners: a new primitive based on immutable, signed boot layers and role-bound mTLS identity.

References:

- “Attacks on CI/CD Pipelines” — NCC Group, 2022
 - “Lessons from the SolarWinds Attack” — CISA Report, 2021
 - “CI/CD Pipelines as Critical Attack Surfaces” — OWASP SAMM, 2022
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Trust Assumptions in Traditional CI/CD (~5 min)

- Explain container/VM reuse and why resets are insufficient (residue, hidden state).
- Highlight DHCP/IP reuse attacks in Kubernetes and cloud CI (e.g., pod churn leakage).
- Explain why metadata services, ephemeral disk wipes, and dynamic network leases are not cryptographic trust anchors.

Reference:

- “Poisoned Pods: IP and DNS Reuse in Kubernetes” — Black Hat USA 2020
-

Immutable Boot: Signed Kernel + RootFS (~7 min)

- Define what “immutable signed (kernel and rootfs)” means.
- Walk through how Popcorn images are built and sealed before deployment (no mutable boot paths, no mutable runtime injection points).
- How every Popcorn runner starts clean: sealed boot, verified signature, runtime read-only lock.
- Comparison against ephemeral container images (OCI), ephemeral VMs (cloud-init), and why they still allow mutation at runtime.

Reference:

- “Immutable Infrastructure and Zero-Drift Systems” — ThoughtWorks Tech Radar, 2021
-

Identity: mTLS Roles at Boot (~7 min)

- Explain role-based mTLS: identity is baked at boot, cryptographically verified before the runner speaks to any external system.
- How this eliminates IP-based trust, metadata identity spoofing, and lateral movement attacks.
- Live flowchart: Runner boots → signs → presents mTLS cert → external systems audit and log role-bound connection.

References:

- "Mutual TLS Authentication for Distributed Systems" — Cloudflare Blog, 2020
 - "Spiffe/SPIRE: Secure Identity Framework for Enterprise" — CNCF Project, 2019
-

Observability Outside the Runner (~5 min)

- Discuss how mTLS certificates allow external systems to independently verify what identity performed which action.
- Runner compromise cannot falsify audit logs.
- Bonus: Potential for Merkle tree hashing of audit streams for tamper-proof logging.

Reference:

- "BeyondCorp: A New Approach to Enterprise Security" — Google Security Whitepaper, 2014
-

Live Demo (~8 min)

- Show cold boot of a Popcorn Runner:
- Boot an immutable signed kernel+rootfs
- Present mTLS role cert immediately at boot
- Complete CI job handshake in under 1 second (plus disk transfer time)

Hacker History and Why DEF CON?

Note: This is your opportunity to directly address the DEF CON review board as to why you think your talk is good for our hacker con. More and more we are seeing submissions that are well suited for cyber security industry conferences, developer conferences, or local meetups but may not align with the board's view of the DEF CON spirit. The bumper sticker **"Keep Infosec out of Hacking"** comes to mind.

We get many great submissions but they aren't always aimed at the 30,000 hackers at our con. This frequently results in the review board saying "Unfortunately, this is not a DEF CON talk". DEF CON is a hacking con, so how does your content fit in to that culture, spirit, and subject matter?

There is a minimum character count to encourage you to consider these questions seriously. If you absolutely cannot meet that number and it's discouraging you from submitting your application, don't fret; just enter the letter X until you meet the minimum.

45. Why DEF CON? *

Why DEF CON? Why is this a hacker talk? Why does it belong here?

This is a hacker talk because it attacks core trust assumptions built into modern CI/CD infrastructure — assumptions that leave pipelines vulnerable to artifact drift, supply chain injection, IP reuse, and impersonation attacks. Popcorn Runners are designed to eliminate these blind spots with immutable boot and mTLS role identity, returning control to the operator. DEF CON is about tearing

46. Speaker Perspectives *

What do you bring to the table, how will you or your presentation(s) contribute a new perspective to the content at DEF CON? (Please answer for each speaker and/or panel members.)

I've spent decades building, breaking, and hardening critical systems at every layer — from mainframes to mobile, from storage fabric to financial transaction security. My experience rewriting filesystem guts (CXFS), building verifiable Unicode parsers, and deploying immutable kernels gives me a deeply pragmatic view of how fragile real-world trust models are. This talk brings practical,

47. What else about you or this talk do you want us to know?

I'm bringing a working proof-of-concept and a real-world demo. Not a pitch, not a theory, but a system that boots, signs, runs, and tears itself down without drift or leftover attack surface. My goal is not just to impress but to arm the community with ideas and primitives they can steal, extend, and weaponize for

SCHEDULING AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

DEF CON 33 will be held August 7th- 10th, 2025, you may be asked to present Thursday - Sunday, please plan accordingly as requests to speak on specific days may not be possible.

48. Specific Availability *

Is there a specific day or time by which you must present?

No = I have no specific availability requirements

Yes = I have specific availability requirements

Maybe = I have submitted or plan to submit in response to a call for content from another DEF CON department or creator, and that might cause a conflict. My schedule may require coordination.



No



Yes



Maybe

49. Projector Feeds

Will you require more than 1 projector feed? Yes or No. If yes, please specify how many and why.

no

50. Special Equipment

Are there any other special equipment needs that you will require to successfully present your talk?

Please note: DEF CON requires presenters to deliver their slides and content via a DEF CON provided laptop on stage. Exceptions can be made with justification.

Request permission to use personal laptop for live demo. Demo involves signed kernel boot processes, immutable filesystems, and mTLS identity presentation not reproducible via DEFCON-provided Windows laptops. If personal hardware is not permitted, I will revert to a pre-recorded video backup and talk over the

Supporting Files

Additional supporting materials such as code, white papers, proof of concept, etc., can be sent along with your submission. **You can email them to talks@defcon.org when you're ready.**

Additional files that may help in the selection process should be included. We are not asking for a complete presentation for this initial submission. Full slides will only be required if your presentation is accepted.

It is the submitter's responsibility to remove any unwanted PII from any attached slides, white papers, or supporting materials, and to appropriately sanitize any metadata in the provided content.

Please include the title of your presentation as the subject line of your email. You should receive email confirmation within 3 business days. If you do not, please reach out again to inquire.

SUBMISSION AGREEMENTS

Please read and accept the terms in each of the following sections. Failure to do so will render your submission incomplete. Please read these carefully as some of the terms have changed.

Grant of Copyright Use & Terms of Speaking Requirements

I warrant that the above work has not been previously published elsewhere, or if it has, that I have obtained permission for its publication by DEF CON Communications, Inc. and that I will promptly supply DEF CON Communications, Inc. with wording for crediting the original publication and copyright owner.

If I am selected for presentation, I hereby give DEF CON Communications, Inc. permission to duplicate, record and redistribute this presentation, which includes, but is not limited to, the conference proceedings, conference CD, video, audio, and hand-outs to the conference attendees for educational, on-line, and all other purposes.

1) I will submit a completed presentation, a copy of the tool(s) and/or code(s), and a reference to all of the tool(s), law(s), Web sites and/or publications referenced to at the end of my talk and as described in this CFP submission for publication on the DEF CON media server by 12:00 noon Pacific time, July 15, 2025. The DEF CON media server will release content on the first day of the conference. IF you are presenting the same talk with Black Hat you will need to get approval from them to have your content hosted and released on Thursday.

2) I will submit a final Abstract and Biography for the DEF CON website and Printed Conference Materials by 12:00 noon Pacific time, June 15, 2025.

3) I understand if I fail to submit a completed PDF presentation by July 15, 2025, I may be replaced by an alternate presentation or may forfeit my honorarium. This decision will be made by DEF CON and I will be informed in writing of my status.

4) I will include a detailed bibliography as either a separate document or included within the presentation of all resources cited and/or used in my presentation.

5) I will complete my presentation within the time allocated to me - not running over, or excessively under the time allocation.

6) I understand that DEF CON will provide 1 projector feed, 2 screens, microphones, wired and/or wireless Internet and 1 presentation laptop. I understand that I am responsible for providing all other necessary equipment, to complete my presentation. (The standard setup will require you to present on DEF CON provided laptops, more information will be provided upon acceptance.)

7) If applicable, after the completion of the conference I will submit any updated, revised or additional presentation(s) or materials that were used in my presentation but not included on the conference media server or conference proceedings by August 18th, 2025.

51. As detailed above, I have read and agree to the Grant of Copyright Use & Terms of Speaking Requirements. *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Terms of Speaking Remuneration

Regardless of honorarium choice, each accepted speaker will receive a free badge for admission into DEF CON valid from Thursday August 7th to Sunday August 10th. In rare cases of large panels, free entry badges may be limited in number.

1) DEF CON will provide 4 nights hotel per accepted presentation for the primary speaker only. The hotel will be at the DEF CON Venue properties, and of DEF CON's choosing. I understand I will need to confirm my hotel nights and submit my preferences by the date listed in my official acceptance letter. I understand that I will be responsible for my own travel expenses, unless prior approval is made with special exception. Upon your talk acceptance you will get a separate email regarding your lodging arrangements.

2) I understand that DEF CON will issue one \$300 payment per presentation to the primary speaker only. Payment will be made in the form of company check. I may choose to waive my \$300 honorarium in exchange for 3 DEF CON Human badges, received at the start of the conference. I may also choose to donate my honorarium to charity. If you are the primary speaker on two or more talks, you are entitled to honorarium for each talk, but you will still receive only one "speaker's badge". Giving two talks? 1 speaker's badge, and you can select 6 human badges or \$600 honorarium, or 3 badges and \$300 honorarium.

3) I understand that I may receive payment on-site at the conference. If selecting the \$300 payment as my honorarium, I must provide a valid name and postal mail address so that the payment may be mailed. In some rare cases, I may be required to complete a W8 (Non-U.S. Citizen) or W9 (U.S. Citizen) before payment is issued.

4) I understand that I will be paid within 30 days from the end of the conference, after I have

completed my presentation. I understand that should my talk be determined to be unsuitable (e.g. a vendor or sales pitch, a talk on the keeping of goats, etc.) after I have presented, that I will not receive an honorarium.

52. As detailed above, I have read and agree to the Terms of Remuneration *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Community & Code of Conduct Commitment

DEF CON is a community event and your applications approval means we are endorsing you as the type of people we want to include, promote, and whom belong within the DEF CON community. When someone at DEF CON behaves poorly they should be held accountable, otherwise we both look bad.

When DEF CON pays for fines or property damages it harms the community by reducing what DEF CON can contribute in support of new ideas, events and activities. I understand that DEF CON reserves the right to invoice an itemized bill, when costs occur due (but not limited to) the following: Damage or destruction of property. Fines and fees billed to DEF CON for any non-compliance to the requests from the venue staff or contracted rules. Fees for bringing in outside food and drink, damages to the space or property you were assigned, etc.

I also understand that my presentation must not violate the required accountability within the DEF CON community as outlined in our Code of Conduct.

<https://defcon.org/html/links/dc-code-of-conduct.html>

53. As detailed above, I have read and agree to the Community & Code of Conduct Commitment. *

☒ Yes

☐ No

DEF CON Press Support

DEF CON's official Press Liaison may want to contact you because a reporter or agency is interested in interviewing you about your talk. You would only be contacted by a DEF CON press liaison, in order to arrange interviews with the media, your contact information will not be given to third parties without your consent. Sometimes, we may even recommend an interview due to the excitement of your talk, to promote you.

Our policies, including our privacy policy are located here: <https://www.defcon.org/html/links/dc-policy.html>

54. Press Support Response

- ☒ Yes, I consent to the DEF CON press team contacting me.
- ☐ No, I don't want to be contacted by DEF CON's press staff for any reason.

What and Where to post online, **Spoiler Alert! Don't ruin your chances...**

Important things to consider after your talk is submitted

Some things to note about sharing your content before and after acceptance: DEF CON has in the past, and will in the future, pull submissions after they've been accepted. We hate doing this, and I'm sure you would hate this as well. Things that could cause us to rescind your acceptance are:

1. **Finding out there was an important omission in your submission.** For example, if you already gave a version of your talk that is significantly the same, but failed to tell us about it.
2. **Submitting to a talk after you submit to DEF CON and then give the talk before DEF CON.** While you might have been honest when you said that you didn't submit to other conferences

when you filled out the CFP, the impact on the conference is the same - the material isn't new. Sometimes we do accept talks that have been given in some form or another, but generally we want original material.

3. Releasing the key content of your talk in other mediums before DEF CON; blog posts, interviews, etc. The end result is that people will potentially know that they already have the information you are going to give in your speech - so why would they go to it? So, please don't spill the beans...let the cat out of the bag...sink ships...ruin the surprise, etc. If you have any questions about those three issues, please ask.

DEF CON online:

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