Message from the
SOUPS 2024 Program Co-Chairs

Welcome to SOUPS 2024!

This year we proudly celebrate two decades of SOUPS! For its 20th anniversary, our SOUPS community has collectively ensured another excellent and exciting conference program, this year with bonus celebratory activities. With 33 papers accepted out of 156 submissions (21.2% 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, networking, celebrations, and a 20th anniversary panel.

In 2016, SOUPS became an independent conference body. Since then, we have partnered with USENIX for hosting and administrative support, a move that has enabled continued growth and stability 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 of running a high-quality conference seamless.

In 2018, we co-located with the USENIX Security Symposium for the first time, and we have continued that co-location for 2024. Co-locating the two conferences in-person 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 as USENIX welcomes back other co-hosted events in parallel to SOUPS.

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 of 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 2024.

Apu Kapadia has served as General Co-Chair of SOUPS since 2022 and Chair of the Steering Committee since 2023. He is ending his term with this iteration of SOUPS (2024). Patrick Gage Kelley was appointed as Vice Chair in 2023 and is General Co-Chair for SOUPS in 2024. If you are interested in helping with SOUPS 2025 in Seattle (Aug 10–12, 2025), in any capacity, please contact General Chair Patrick Gage Kelley.

SOUPS would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors–thank you for supporting this community this year, and over the past two decades.

Please visit our website to view the recipients of the SOUPS 2024 awards. Congratulations to all recipients for their outstanding work.

And, once again, Happy Twentieth Anniversary to SOUPS!

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