# Call for Papers

**DCDS 2023**

5th International Workshop on Data-Centric Dependability and Security

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## Important Dates

- **Workshop Submission:** March 28, 2023  
- **Notification of Acceptance:** April 21, 2023  
- **Camera Ready:** May 2, 2023  
- **Workshop:** June 27, 2023  
- **Conference:** June 27 - June 30, 2023

## Submission Site

[https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=dcds23](https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=dcds23)

## Publication

Authors of accepted regular papers will have 30 minutes for presentation and discussion during the workshop, while authors of position papers will have 15 minutes.

At least one author of an accepted paper must register at the workshop.

Accepted papers (regular and position) will be published in the DSN supplemental volume and available in IEEE Xplore.

## Workshop Description

Today’s computing systems are increasingly networked, complex and diverse, integrating multiple distinct components with different configurations and various software for different purposes. They operate under increasing scales and in dynamic operating environments, generating more and more functional and non-functional data and processing a myriad of data received from other systems. Along with vulnerability assessment information and open-source intelligence (e.g., cyber threat intelligence (CTI)), these data can be fused and exploited to improve the security and dependability of systems, making them more resilient to cyberattacks, like 0-day attacks, accident faults, and unexpected operating conditions. Additionally, as systems grow in complexity and size, they become harder to manage and report on. This calls for solutions combining the latest advances in large-scale data processing, data science, visualisation, and machine and statistical learning.

DCDS’23 aims to provide researchers with a forum to exchange and discuss scientific contributions and open theoretical and practical challenges related to the use of data-centric approaches that promote the dependability and cybersecurity of computing systems. We want to foster joint work and knowledge exchange between the dependability and security communities, researchers and practitioners from machine and statistical learning, and data science and visualisation. The workshop provides a forum for discussing novel trends in data-centric processing technologies and the role of such technologies in the development of resilient systems. It aims to discuss novel approaches for processing and analysing data generated by the systems as well as information gathered from open sources, leveraging data science, machine and statistical learning techniques, and visualisation. The workshop shall contribute to identifying new application areas and open and future research problems for data-centric approaches to system dependability and security.

## Topics of Interest

The list of DCDS thematic areas includes, but is not limited to, the following areas where authors are invited to submit original papers:

- Data-driven dependability and security  
- Machine/statistical learning for dependability and security  
- Informal machine learning for security  
- Data modelling and Visualisation  
- Threat detection and prevention  
- Fault/Vulnerability detection  
- Open source intelligence (OSINT) based threat awareness  
- Data-driven improvements for SIEM’s  
- Risk modelling and assessment  
- Fault tolerance  

## Paper Submission

DCDS welcomes both research papers reporting results from mature work, as well as more speculative papers describing new ideas or preliminary exploratory work. Papers reporting industry experiences and case studies will also be encouraged. Research papers should be work that is not previously published or concurrently submitted elsewhere and will be published in the proceedings. Submissions are accepted in two formats conforming to the IEEE two-column conference style:

- **Regular** research papers of at most 8 pages, including references.  
- **Position** research statements of at most 4 pages, including references. Position papers may summarise ongoing research elsewhere or outline new emerging ideas.

All submissions should be made in PDF and must adhere to the IEEE Computer Society 8.5”x11” two-column camera-ready format (using 10-point font on 12-point single-spaced leading). Templates are available here: [https://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/publishing/templates.html](https://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/publishing/templates.html)

Reviewing is single-blind. The names and affiliations of authors must appear in the submitted papers. Submissions not respecting format requirements may be rejected without review.