



UK Research Institute on
Verified Trustworthy Software Systems

Annual Event 2024

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2023 Highlights

VeTSS-Aligned Projects (2023-26)

Making Memory Management More Secure (M4Secure)

Create an open-source framework for customisable memory management libraries that meet formal user requirements for security and performance.



Jeremy Singer



Zheng Wang



Alice Miller

SecuriTy SummaRies for SecUre SoftwarE Development (TRUSTED)

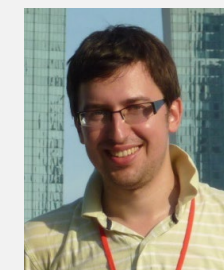
Provide provable security guarantees of systems that make use of third-party open-source software.



Narges Khakpour



Steven Schewe



Dominik Wojtczak

Safe And seCure REmote Direct Memory Access (SACRED-MA)

Develop a foundational approach to verifying safety and security for RDMA-based systems.



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Gregory Chockler

Events – Summer School 2023



Held at the University of Surrey, from Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th August 2023.

Five taught sessions and one student-led session:

- ***Algebraic Semantics and Verification***
Georg Struth, University of Sheffield
- ***Build your Own Scalable Static Analysis with the Infer Platform***
Jules Villard, Meta
- ***Neural Network Verification with Vehicle***
Ekaterina Komendantskaya, Southampton University
Luca Arnaboldi, University of Birmingham
- ***Inductive and Coinductive Theorem Proving in Isabelle***
Andrei Popescu, University of Sheffield
- ***C Bounded Model Checker (CBMC), Bounded Model Checking for Software***
Daniel Kroening, Amazon Web Services
- ***PhD Lightning Talks***

“Fantastic organisation with effective and informative communication. Expert speakers providing insights from range of tools and theory. Diverse cohort of attendees making for grounds for strong network and community.”



Community-Building Activities



Fun in the REPL

Programming Languages Research Group, Bristol

One-day joint meeting of the 'Fun in the Afternoon' and 'S-REPLS' communities, This meeting was held at the Engine Shed on Wednesday 1st November.

Organisers & Sponsors



This event is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the [UK Research Institute on Verified Trustworthy Software Systems](#).



The event is organised and part funded by the [Programming Languages Research Group](#) (PLRG) at the University of Bristol. For any queries, please contact: Alex Kavvos and Steven Ramsay on pl-rg@bristol.ac.uk.



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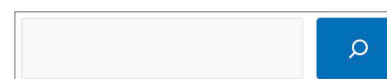


About Us

The Research Institute on Verified Trustworthy Software Systems (VeTSS) is an [UK Academic Research Institute in Cyber Security](#), jointly hosted by the University of Surrey and Imperial College London, with Prof [Brijesh Dongol](#) (Surrey) and Dr [Azalea Raad](#) (Imperial) as Directors.

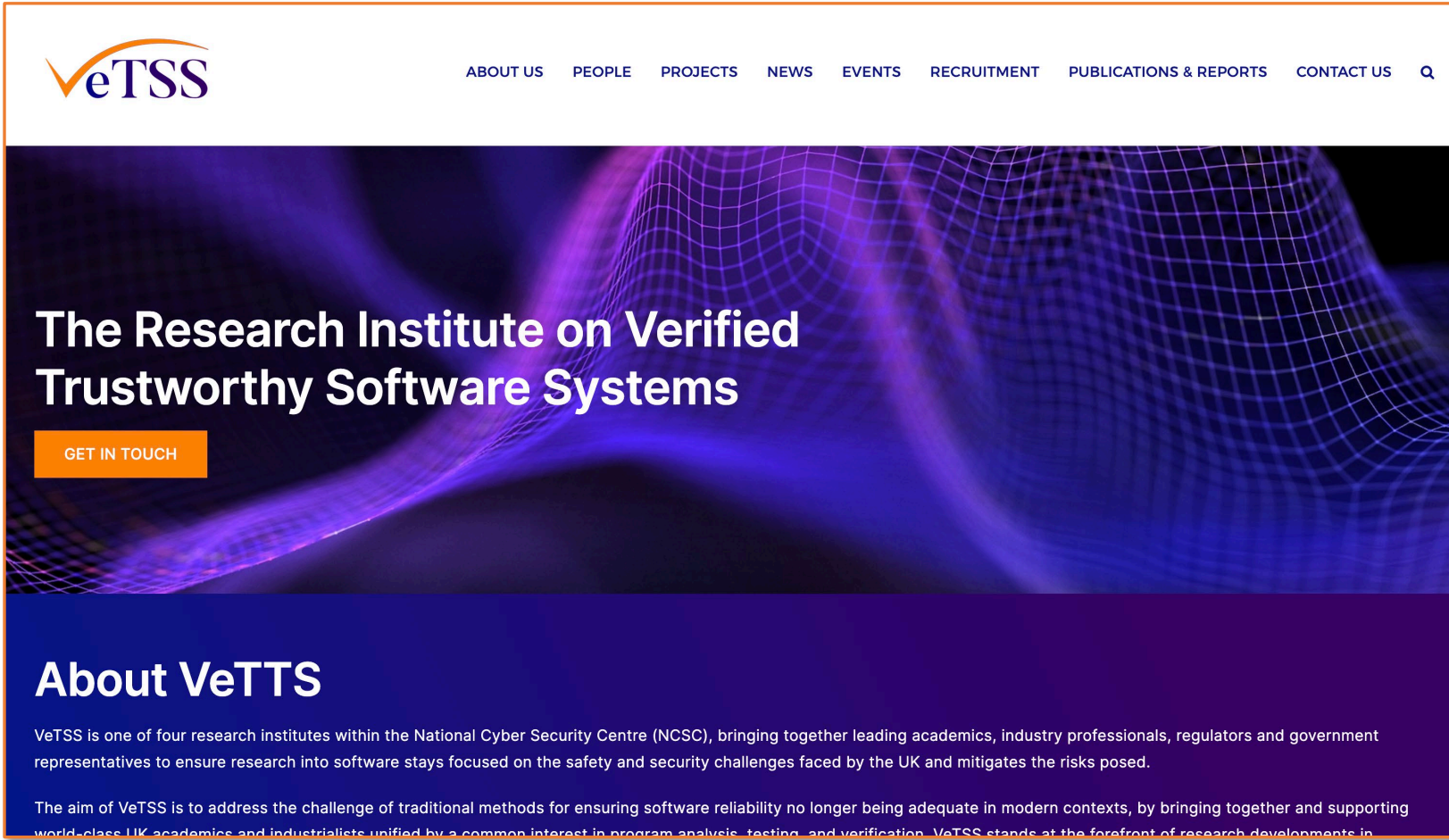
VeTSS is one of four research institutes within the [National Cyber Security Centre](#) (NCSC), bringing together leading academics, industry professionals, regulators and government representatives to ensure research into software stays focused on the safety and security challenges faced by the UK and mitigates the risks posed.

The aim of VeTSS is to address the challenge of traditional methods for ensuring software reliability no longer being adequate in modern contexts, by bringing together and supporting world-class UK academics and industrialists unified by a common interest in program analysis, testing, and verification. VeTSS stands at the forefront of research developments in fundamental theories and industrial-strength tools, targeting real-world applications.



- Main aspects are now up-to-date
 - List of projects and publications
 - Videos of talks
 - EDI statement
 - Annual reports
- X/Twitter feed and Zulip are also regularly updated and receiving some engagement

Webpage New Look (coming soon)



- Undergoing a **further professional re-design**
- **Searchable index of publications**
- **Videos**

Advisory Board: New Members



Industry

Sophia Guerra (Adelard)

Peter O'Hearn (Lacework)

Alastair Reid (Intel)

Greta Yorsh (Jane Street)

Jade Alglave (arm)

University

Ekaterina Komendantskaya
(University of Southampton)

Peter Sewell
(University of Cambridge)

Marta Kwiatkowska
(Oxford University)

Funders

Greg Smith (EPSRC)

Robert Ashmore (DSTL)

Brad Martin (DARPA)

Looking Ahead

Problem Book Details

- A (non-exhaustive) repository of key verification problems and challenges for VeTSS
- **Three Dimensions**
 1. Ease of Use vs Strength of Guarantees
 2. Compute Stack
 3. Verification Technology Readiness Levels
- **Six Themes**
 1. Specification
 2. Verified Resilience
 3. Verified Protocols
 4. Verified Software Systems
 5. Programmer and Language Support
 6. Proof Robustness and Maintainability



<https://tinyurl.com/VeTSS-ProblemBook2024>

Submit your feedback
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Looking Ahead

- VeTSS Summer School 2024 (Aug) -- **Propose your tutorials**



<https://tinyurl.com/VeTSS-SummerSchool24>

- SREPLS 15 / Kent Concurrency Workshop (July)
<https://cw-srepls-24.github.io/>
- INI Big Specification at the Newton Institute (Oct)
<https://www.newton.ac.uk/event/bspw01/>

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Today's Program



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Enjoy!