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News: SEI Makes KD-Cloudlet Software Freely Available

As part of the SEI's mission to transition the technologies it develops to the larger software engineering community, the SEI has made its implementation of tactical cloudlets, KD-Cloudlet, freely available in its open-source code repository on GitHub. Using KD-Cloudlet, developers can turn any computational node running Linux-from a laptop to a more powerful server-into a discoverable node that can be used by nearby mobile devices for computation offload and data staging.

Read More.

Also in the news:

- CERT Division Hosts High School Cybersecurity Competition
- SEI Contract Renewed by Department of Defense for $1.73 Billion
- SEI Hosts Crisis Simulation Exercise for Cyber Intelligence Research Consortium
- SEI Improves Access to Open-Source Tools and Establishes Home on GitHub
- 2014 SEI Year in Review Available for Download

SEI Podcast Series: Designing Security Into Software-Reliant Systems

As organizations become more dependent on software, security-related risks to their organizational missions are also increasing. Traditional security-engineering approaches rely on addressing security risks during the operation
and maintenance of software-reliant systems. However, the costs required to control security risks increase significantly when organizations wait until systems are deployed to address those risks. It is more cost effective to address software security risks as early in the lifecycle as possible. To address this issue, researchers from the CERT Division of the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) have started investigating early lifecycle security risk analysis. In this podcast, CERT researcher Christopher Alberts introduces the Security Engineering Risk Analysis (SERA) Framework, a systematic approach for analyzing complex security risks in software-reliant systems and systems of systems early in the lifecycle. The framework integrates system and software engineering with operational security by requiring engineers to analyze operational security risks as software-reliant systems are acquired and developed. Initial research activities have focused on specifying security requirements for these systems.

Listen to the podcast.

SEI Blog: 10 Recommended Practices for Achieving Agile at Scale

This is the second installment of two blog posts highlighting recommended practices for achieving Agile at Scale that was originally published on the Cyber Security and Information Systems Information Analysis Center (CSIAC) website. The first post in the series by Ipek Ozkaya and Robert Nord explored challenges to achieving Agile at Scale and presented the first five recommended practices:

1. Team coordination
2. Architectural runway
3. Align development and decomposition
4. Quality-attribute scenarios
5. Test-driven development

This post presents the remaining five technical best practices, as well as three conditions that will help organizations achieve the most value from these recommended practices. This post was originally published in its entirety on the SPRUCE website.

Read the post.

Events: Software Solutions Conference, November 16 - 18, 2015

On November 16-18, 2015, the Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute (SEI) will host its first Software Solutions Conference (SSC) in Crystal City, Va. The conference is designed to increase attendees' awareness of emerging technologies and technical strategies for assuring quality, timeliness, trust, and affordability in current and future software-reliant systems.

In addition to talks by leading experts in the field of software engineering, the conference will provide a forum for networking and participation outside of formal sessions and for influencing the SEI research agenda. The SEI is a federally funded
Watts Humphrey research and development center at Carnegie Mellon University dedicated to helping government and industry organizations acquire, develop, operate, and sustain software systems that are affordable, enduring, and trustworthy.

Learn more and register.

Events: Nominations Sought for 2016 IEEE/SEI Watts S. Humphrey Award

Nominations are now open for the 2016 IEEE Computer Society/SEI Watts S. Humphrey Software Process Award (SPA). Since 1994, the SEI and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Computer Society have cosponsored the award, which recognizes outstanding achievements in improving an organization's ability to create and evolve high-quality software-dependent systems.

Nominations must be submitted by October 15, 2015.

Achievements recognized by the Watts S. Humphrey Award can be the result of any type of process-improvement activity. They need not have been based on a specific framework, model, or body of software engineering principles, practices, techniques, or methods.

Read more and learn how to submit your nomination.

SEI Jobs

The SEI is a great place to pursue your passion. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., the SEI also has offices in the Washington, DC, and Los Angeles, Calif., metropolitan areas.

Interested in working for the SEI? Below are a few recent employment opportunities. For more job listings and full position descriptions, check out the SEI Careers page.

Cyber Security Engineer - Exercise Developer

Research Scientist

More job listings...

Training

Upcoming Classes:

September 24-25, 2015 (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
Software Architecture Design and Analysis

September 29 - October 1, 2015 (Arlington, Va.)
Assessing Information Security Risk Using the OCTAVE Approach
New SEI eLearning Course:
Big Data Architectures and Technologies

Registration Portal
SEI Training has a robust registration portal that provides simple and secure online access to course registration payments, a purchase history, confirmation letters, and receipts.

To view a video demo of the SEI Registration Portal, please visit http://www.sei.cmu.edu/training/registration/

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