

2026 IEEE CSR Workshop on Human Factors in Cybersecurity (HFACS)

Call for Papers

Important dates

Paper submission deadline:

April 13, 2026

Authors' notification:

May 4, 2026

Camera-ready submission:

May 25, 2026

Registration deadline (authors):

May 25, 2026

Workshop dates:

August 3–5, 2026

Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience are topics of utmost importance these days, as we live in an increasingly connected world with growing dependence on computing systems for everything. In principle, there are many foundational security mechanisms that can be utilized to achieve strong security properties while designing secure systems. However, despite the widespread availability and continuous advancement of cybersecurity technologies, still a lot of cyber security incidents happen. It is important to note, though, that these incidents are sometimes not caused by flaws in the available technologies but rather come from using them wrongly or not at all. If we want to establish basic security measures, e.g. digital signatures or multi-factor authentication, as cornerstones of modern digital systems, we need to find out what reasons are behind not using them. Is it a lack of awareness, are systems too complicated to use, or is there another reason? With this workshop we want to put a special focus on the human factor for Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience, because even the best technology will not work according to plan if it is not or not correctly used.

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|  | Adoption of Security Measures |  | Human-centered Design of Secure Systems |
|  | Security-related Mental Models |  | Usable Security |
|  | Organizational Culture |  | Technology Refusal |
|  | Adoption Barriers for Security Measures |  | User Friction |
|  | Increasing Awareness for Security Issues |  | User Compliance |

The workshop will be held in conjunction with the IEEE CSR 2026 conference as a **physical event**, during August 3–5, 2026. Prospective authors are encouraged to submit previously unpublished contributions from a broad range of topics, which include but are not limited to the following:

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The HFACS workshop will accept high-quality research papers presenting strong theoretical contributions, applied research and innovation results obtained from funded cyber-security and resilience projects, and industrial papers that promote contributions on technology development and contemporary implementations.

Submitted manuscripts should not exceed 6 pages (plus 2 extra pages, being subject to overlength page charges) and should be of sufficient detail to be evaluated by expert reviewers in the field. Accepted papers will be submitted for inclusion into IEEE Xplore subject to meeting IEEE Xplore's scope and quality requirements. Detailed information about paper submission and guidelines for authors can be found at the workshop's website <https://www.ieee-csr.org/hfacs>.