



2023 Vulnerability Forecasting Technical Colloquium

September 28-29, 2023
Tramshed Tech | Cardiff, Wales

About FIRST

FIRST is an international confederation of trusted computer incident response teams who cooperatively handle computer security incidents and promote incident prevention programs.

Established in 1990, the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams, Inc. (FIRST) is an international non-profit association of Computer Security and Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs), Product Security and Incident Response Teams (PSIRTs), and independent security researchers from the public, private, and academic sectors. FIRST aims to foster cooperation and coordination in incident prevention, to stimulate rapid reaction to incidents, and to promote information sharing between members and the community at large. Membership comprises of over 600 teams with representation from over 100 nations.

Program Chairs

- Éireann Leverett
- Art Manion
- Matilda Rhode

The Vulnerability Forecasting Technical Colloquium (Vuln4Cast TC) is an effort by FIRST to promote the measuring and forecasting of vulnerabilities, exploits, and exploitation. We believe that such efforts have a high chance of being of more benefit for defense than offense. We believe that it can make significant impacts to patch management and prioritization. We believe that can help make efficient risk management easier.

The website is here: <https://www.first.org/events/colloquia/cardiff2023/>

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Your sponsorship helps establish a place for the free exchange of ideas and promote the idea that vulnerabilities can be foreseen. Our goal is to make this accessible to students and practitioners, and promote a workshopping atmosphere. Open source code has already been published and can be workshopped further, and we hope other attendees will follow with their own variations and contributions (<https://github.com/FIRSTdotorg/Vuln4Cast>).

Our goal is to produce more academic work and code that is open source in this area.

Our sponsorship tiers can be found below, and we can be contacted here with respect to sponsorship. The email is shared between the programme chairs: vulnforecastingtc@proton.me

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- Logo placement on the conference website.
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- One complimentary conference registration.

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- Enhanced logo visibility on the conference website, including a hyperlink to the sponsor's website.
- Enhanced acknowledgment in the conference program, including a brief description of the sponsor's organization.
- Two complimentary conference registrations.
- Opportunity to display a booth or poster at the conference venue.

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- Three complimentary conference registrations.
- Dedicated space for a larger booth or exhibit at the conference venue.
- Opportunity for 30 minute talk to attendees during conference.

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