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In the Faculty of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Mathematics, the Chair of “IT Security” has an open position for a

Research Assistant (f/m/d)
(salary is according to TV-L 13)

The position is available immediately. It is a full-time qualification position to support a PhD-project in the field of human-centered IT Security. The initial contract is for three years but limited to the duration of the PhD-project. An extension to finish the PhD is possible in accordance with the rules of the WissZeitVG.

The aim of our research group is to explore the design of security technologies that are easy to use, inclusive, and privacy-friendly. Our vision is that people should be able to live a secure digital life without having deep technical knowledge. Towards this end, we conduct research on a variety of topics, including password security and usability, behavioral implicit authentication, behavioral data privacy, privacy awareness, and transparency enhancing technologies. Within this broader context, the candidate in this position will contribute to advance the state of the art on transparency enhancing tools for improved users’ privacy.

Your duties and responsibilities:

- Conduct research in
  - User’s privacy perceptions/behaviors and the impact of transparency
  - Usable data transparency visualization tools and consent interfaces
- Take part in teaching at the chair of ‘IT Security’ (approx. 4h/week)

In return, we provide a relaxed and inspiring working atmosphere allowing you to address interesting and challenging research problems.

Your profile:

- Master degree in computer science or related field (other relevant social science disciplines could be considered). Education background on HCI and/or experience on research with human subjects is a plus.
- Analytical skills, teamwork, independent, enthusiastic about usable security
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English

Applications from women are particularly welcome and, in case of equal qualifications and experiences, will receive preferential treatment according to the North Rhine-Westphalian Equal Opportunities Act (LGG), unless there are substantial reasons to give preference to another applicant. Part-time employment is, in principle, possible. Applications from disabled people with appropriate suitability are explicitly welcome. This also applies to people with equal opportunities in accordance with the German social law SGB IX.

Interested applicants should send a research statement, a curriculum vitae, scanned transcripts and diplomas, and copies of relevant scientific papers (e.g., thesis). Please send your documents using the reference number 4894 should be send to Prof. Dr. Patricia Arias Cabarcos by 01.10.2021, preferably by email: eim-i-fg-its-leitung@lists.uni-paderborn.de.

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