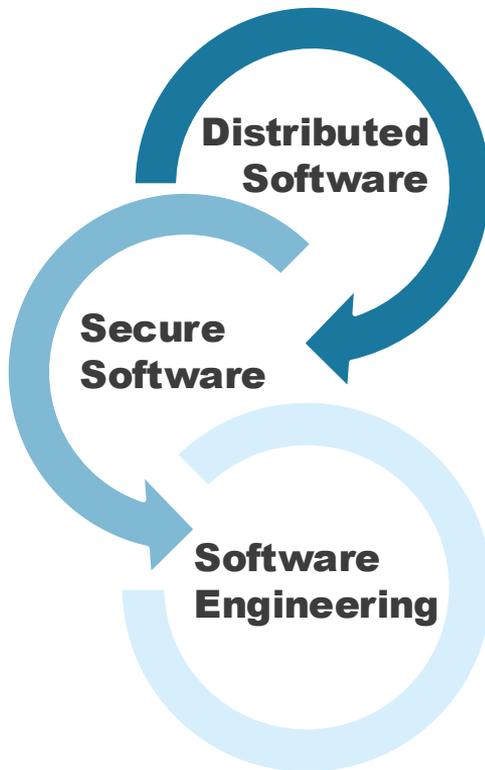


DistriNet@Ghent

DistriNet in a Nutshell

120+ people

16 professors
9 research managers
3 business office
11 postdocs
85+ PhD students



30+ research projects



100 + industry collaborations

DistriNet Presence in Flanders



Domains of Expertise



Secure Software

Programming languages

System level languages

Architecture

Middleware

Network and mobile security

Specific requirements: Privacy,...



Distributed Software

Adaptability in middleware

Service Customization

Awareness

Integration

Deployment

Decentralization

Autonomic systems



Software Engineering

Research activities in Ghent

- Embedded Security

- detection, mitigation, handling, compliance, legislation...

- Privacy Enhancing Technologies

- anonymization, controlled release and retention of sensitive data...

- System security

- multi-variant execution, memory vulnerability mitigations...

Former Tech Transfer Projects

■ VELCRO:

→ VLAIO/TeTra project

»» KU Leuven, Gent (J. Lapon, V. Naessens)

»» VUB, Indi (A. Braeken, K. Steenhaut)

→ Securing Embedded Devices

→ Hands-on Tutorial for embedded software c

»» Awareness

»» Expertise

»» Tools

IoT Security Seminar

About the Seminar

This hands-on session goes through the basics of pentesting via a concrete case study, namely a custom made IoT ecosystem consisting of an embedded device running on Linux that is communicating with an Android app. Both static and dynamic analysis tools as well as manual testing are applied to discover vulnerabilities in IoT ecosystems. Moreover, the tutorial provides pointers to prevent common vulnerabilities, and introduces a number of feasible tools to support the pentesting process. The core goal consists of giving a sneak peak into hacker/pentester tools and strategies, and convince the reader about the importance of embracing security when developing novel IoT ecosystems.

Key Topics

- Introduction to IoT and its Security Challenges
- Planning & Reconnaissance
- Vulnerability identification
- Exploiting the device
- Exploiting the ecosystem
- Reflection

Target audience

This seminar is ideal for developers, researchers, and enthusiasts interested in IoT development. Whether you're an IoT developer, or simply curious about the security challenges posed by IoT, this seminar will provide valuable insights and knowledge.

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Feel free to use the open source resources to follow the Walkthrough yourself.

Interested to learn more about this Seminar?

The seminar and the thought process behind the development of this seminar was published in the ARES ETACS 2023 conference ([Paper](#)). For more information about the design decisions behind the seminar, you can read the paper. The project is [open source](#)

Former Tech Transfer Projects

- CoAssurance:
 - VLAIO/TeTra project
 - »» DistriNet@Gent
 - »» M-group (J. Boyce)
 - Safety and security
 - Discussed:
 - »» Regulation: CRA
 - »» Standards: IEC 60950-1
 - »» Now: harmonized

The screenshot shows a webpage from CENELEC with the following content:

- Header: cen CENELEC, EUROPEAN STANDARDIZATION, GET INVOLVED, AREAS OF WORK, NEWS AND EVENTS
- Post date: POSTED: 2025-02-15
- Title: **New Cybersecurity Standards Support Compliance with RED Directive**
- Tags: Newsletter, CEN-CENELEC
- Text: "We are thrilled to announce that the European Commission has officially cited three long-awaited cybersecurity standards in the Official Journal of the European Union. These standards, developed by the CEN and CENELEC Joint Technical Committee CEN-CLC/JTC 13 on 'Cybersecurity and Data Protection', address key cybersecurity requirements outlined in the Radio Equipment Directive (RED)."
- Text: "In January 2022, the European Commission published Delegated Regulation 2022/30/EU, activating three essential cybersecurity requirements under RED. CEN and CENELEC were tasked with developing standards to cover these requirements."
- Section: **The Newly Cited Standards**
- Text: "The following standards provide technical specifications for cybersecurity in internet-connected radio equipment:"
- List of standards:
 - **EN 18031-1:2024:** Defines common security requirements for internet-connected radio equipment.
 - **EN 18031-2:2024:** Specifies technical requirements for radio equipment that processes personal, traffic or location data. This includes devices such as internet-connected radio equipment, childcare radio equipment, toy radio equipment, and wearable radio equipment.
 - **EN 18031-3:2024:** Outlines cybersecurity requirements for radio equipment that processes virtual money or monetary value and is capable of internet communication.
- Image: A hand interacting with a futuristic digital interface showing a padlock and various icons.
- Tags: TAGS: Newsletter | On the spot | Cybersecurity

OF
REGULATION
STANDARDS
DEVELOPMENT OF
SYSTEMS,
PLAY WITH
CONCERNS

guidelines

Former Research Projects

- TRUSTI:

- VLAIO/ICON project

- »» QuickSand, Televic GSP, Hydroko

- »» KU Leuven:

- »»» DistriNet@Gent (V. Naessens, J. Lapon)

- »»» DistriNet (D. Hughes, S. Michiels)

- »»» COSIC (D. Singelee, B. Preneel)

- Research project on Secure Updates

- »» Multi-party

- »» Battery powered

Ongoing Tech Transfer Projects

- SSB: Secure Smart Buildings

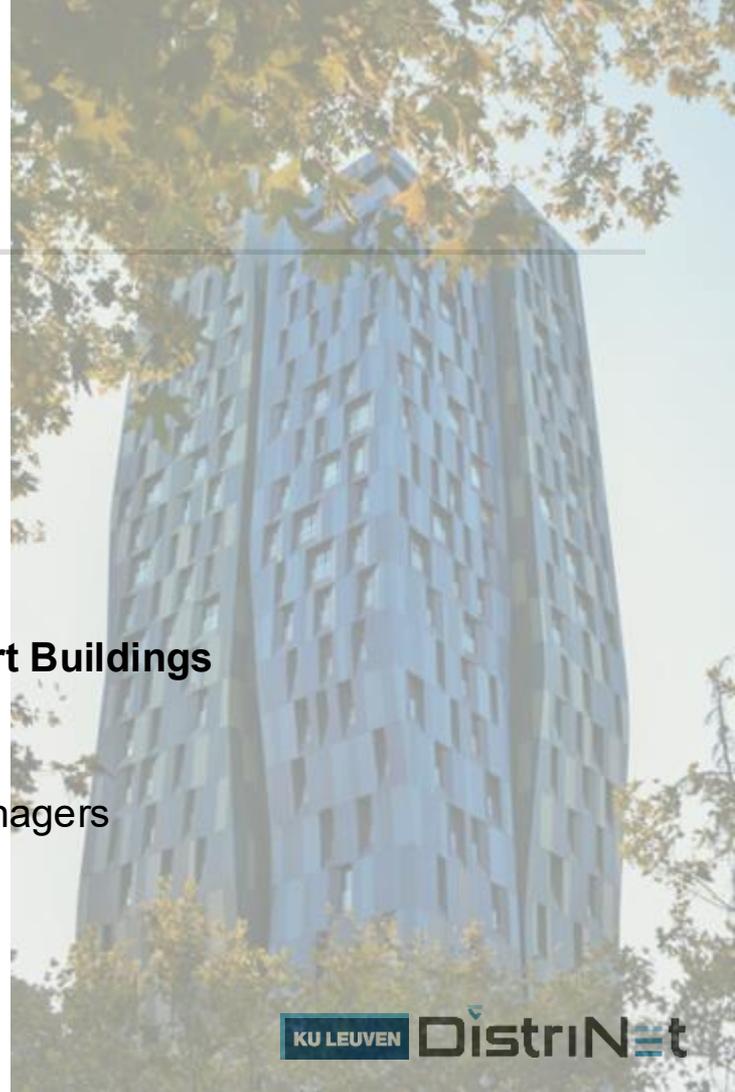
- VLAIO/TeTra project

- »» DistriNet@Gent (T. Cordemans, V. Naessens)

- »» UCLL, Diepenbeek (J. Huybrichs)

- Best practices and tools to increase **Resilience of Smart Buildings**

- Target: vendors, integrators, operators, and building managers



Protocol Testing (prof. M. Vanhoef)

VPN: TunnelCrack (2023)

4 Million VPN tunneling hosts insecure and easily exploited.

- Hide identity
- Access private networks
- DoS attacks

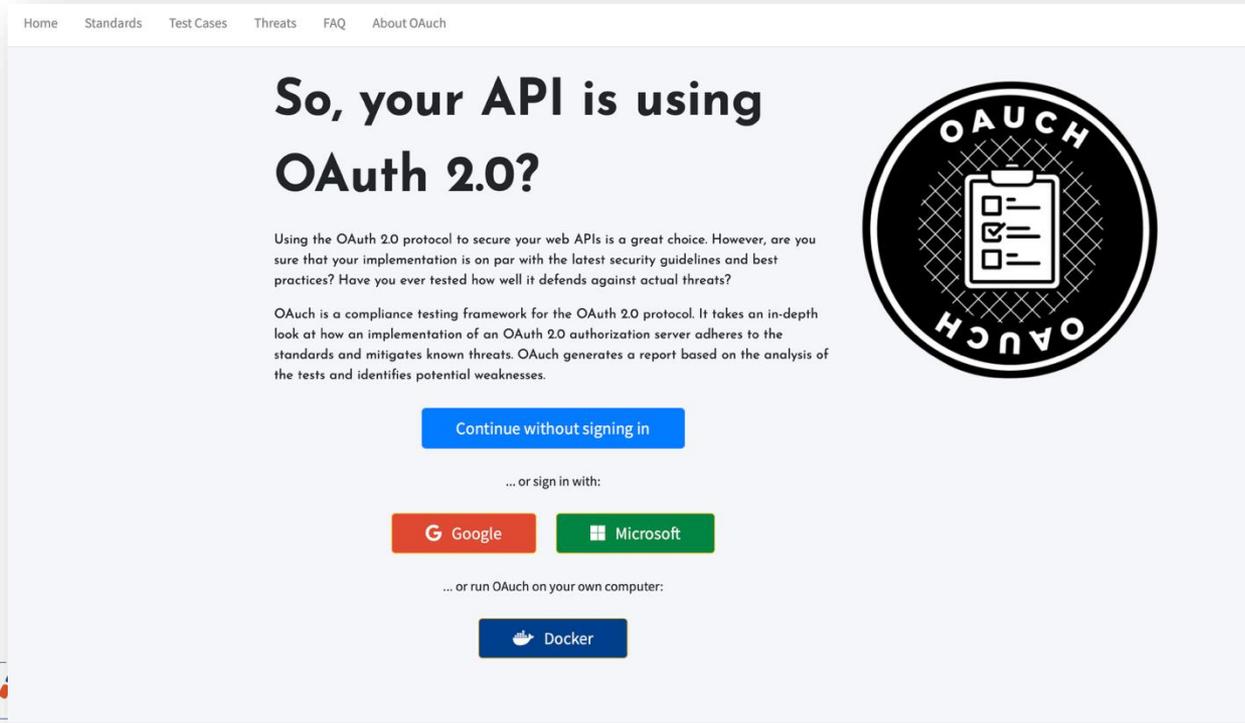
WiFi:



API Testing (dr. P. Philippaerts, prof. W. Joosen)

OAuth 2.0 - API Testing

Compliance with security guidelines and best practices



The screenshot shows the homepage of the OAuch website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Standards, Test Cases, Threats, FAQ, and About OAuch. The main heading reads "So, your API is using OAuth 2.0?". Below this, there is a paragraph of introductory text and a circular logo for OAuch featuring a clipboard with a checklist. The text explains that OAuch is a compliance testing framework for the OAuth 2.0 protocol. Below the text, there are three main options for using the tool: "Continue without signing in" (a blue button), "... or sign in with:" followed by "Google" (a red button) and "Microsoft" (a green button), and "... or run OAuch on your own computer:" followed by "Docker" (a blue button).

<https://oauch.io>