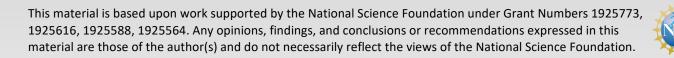


# IEEE S&P BoF: Sharing Cybersecurity Research Artifacts To Accelerate Progress

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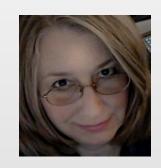






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# Our Community's Challenges & Needs



- Sharing of repeatable, reproducible, and reusable artifacts in cybersecurity experimentation
  - Can greatly enhance one's ability to build upon the work of others
  - Helps in comparing solutions.
- Sharing artifacts can be difficult and timeconsuming
- Finding relevant experiments and artifacts can be challenging and time-consuming
- We need:
  - ✓ Broad sharing of experiment artifacts
  - ✓ Solution that facilitates rapid and open community sharing and reuse



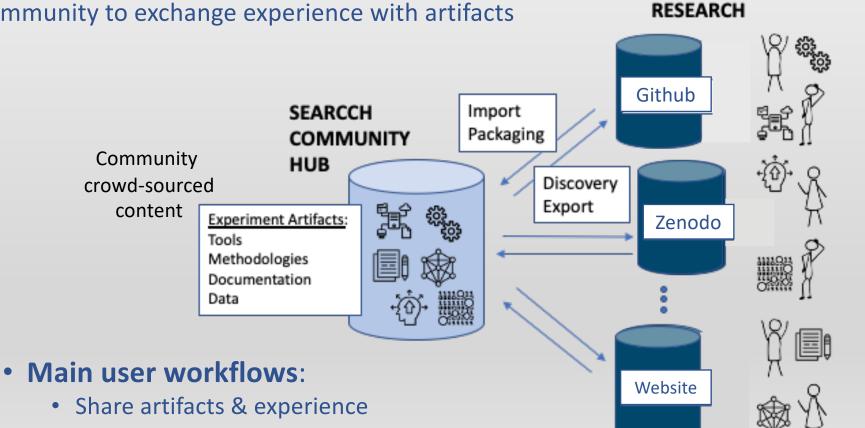
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## **Artifacts-sharing Hub Concept of Operations**



#### Collaborative, community-driven platform that lowers barrier to sharing and reuse

- ✓ Assisted sharing through packaging and importing tools
- Smart search feature using rich domain-specific semantics
- Enable community to exchange experience with artifacts





EXPERIMENTAL CYBERSECURITY







CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGIES SOLVING **REAL-WORLD** CHALLENGES









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Consume artifacts & experience

# Consume Artifacts & Experience Workflows



- Find artifacts potentially relevant to one's research (search mechanism)
- Initially vet artifact is it worth pursuing?
  - Understand what artifact is about at high level (view artifact description mechanism)
  - Determine quality of artifact (rating mechanism)
  - Understand how others have used artifact and their experience with it (community discussion mechanism)
  - Understand details of artifact (view metadata mechanism)
- Bookmark artifact for later use (favorites or collection or notebook mechanism)
- Save artifact copy locally (download mechanism)
- Strawman workflow mockup demonstration
  - Finding and determining if artifact is worth pursuing to help with my research

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### Strawman "Find & Vet" Workflow

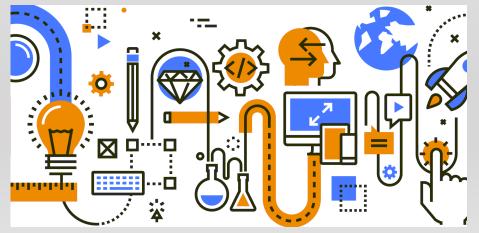


- 1. Open hub (no login)
- 2. Enter KEYWORD in search bar
  - Results displayed: name, brief description, community rating
- 3. Open one result
  - View: artifact name
  - View artifact long description
  - View artifact owner/publisher
  - View artifact community rating
  - View latest 3 community comments
- 4. Click on artifact link to go to artifact site
  - Displays "Leaving SEARCCH Hub"
  - Loads externally hosted artifact page

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How would YOU want to interact with an artifact hub to facilitate your research?

- How do you find artifacts now, vs.
- What the ideal hub do that would make this process easier for you?
- NOT focusing on aesthetics right now!

# **SEARCCH Ongoing Work & Next Steps**



- Using YOUR inputs, actively working on (in parallel)
  - Implement base hub framework (ongoing)
  - Consume artifacts workflows
    - Provide semantically rich, knowledge-based searching
    - Curate artifact collections and seed the hub
  - Share artifacts workflows
    - Provide automated tools to assist with packaging and importing artifacts
      - Metadata extraction and insertion
  - Community consume/share experience workflows
    - Enable ratings and discussions around artifacts

Planning future engagement events

#### Continue Your Involvement!



- We need YOUR input
  - Got workflows/use cases?
  - Requirements/needs
  - Other thoughts and comments?
- Got artifacts? Talk to us
- Join our future engagement events
- Follow us on Twitter: @SEARCCH\_Hub
- Visit us on the web: <a href="https://searcch.cyberexperimentation.org">https://searcch.cyberexperimentation.org</a>
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