

# Research Results: Better, Faster, Sooner through Artifacts Sharing

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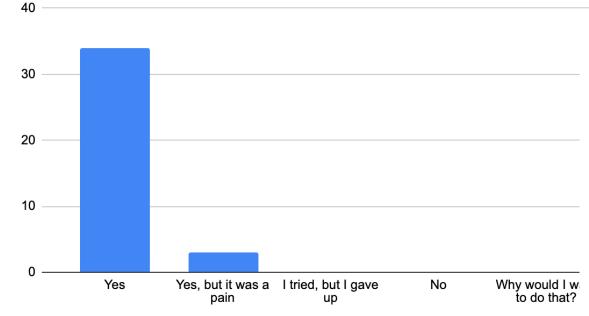
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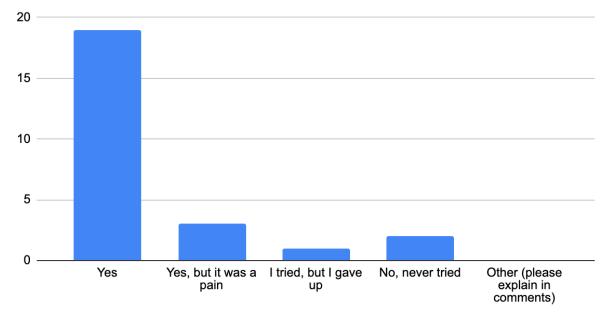




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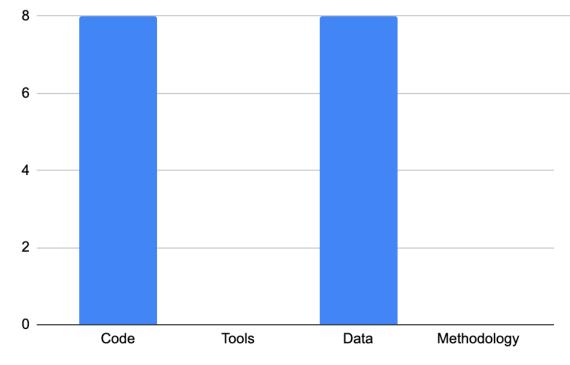
Have you ever shared an experiment artifact (code, tools, data, methodologies, etc) with the community?



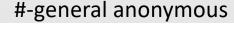
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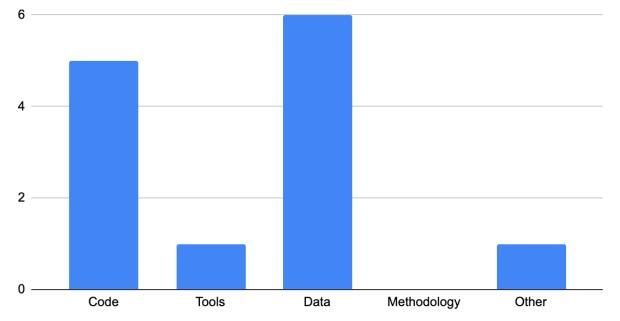




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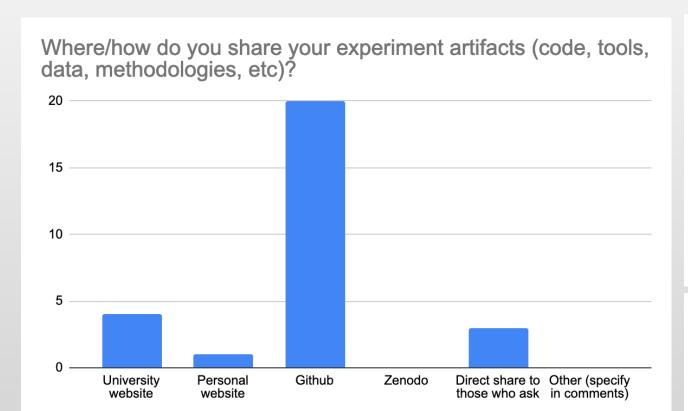
What kind of experiment artifacts do you most need but are difficult to find or acquire?

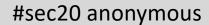


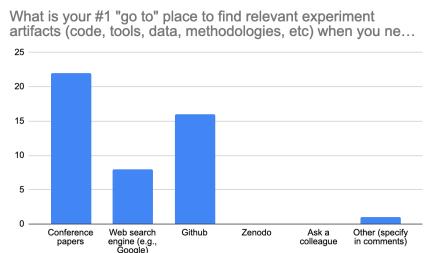
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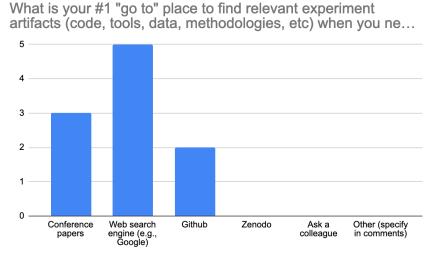
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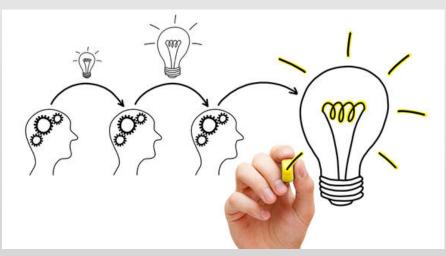




#### Our Community's Challenges & Needs



- 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



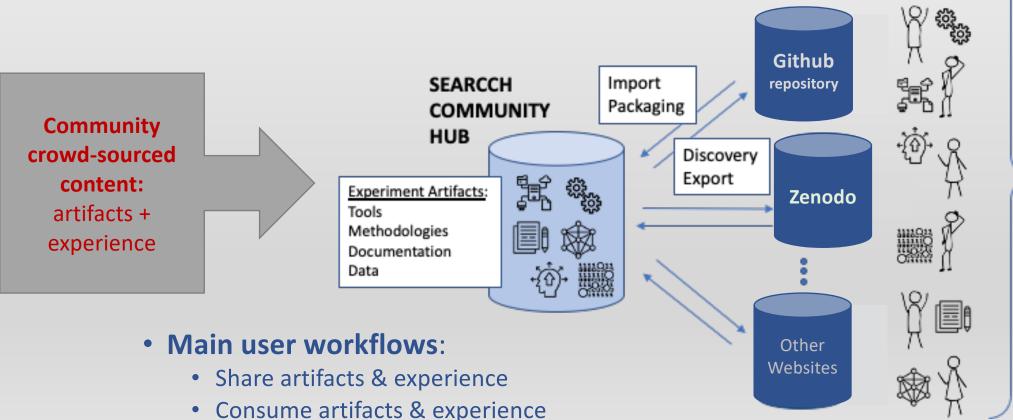
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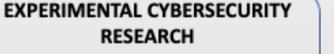
#### **Artifacts-sharing Hub Concept of Operations**



#### 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





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#### **SEARCCH Demonstration**



Strawman "Find & Vet" Workflow

#### Questions for the Community



- Hub User Experience
  - What elements of an Amazon-like user model would you like to see?
  - What additional features would be needed? Which existing features are not needed?
  - What features should be changed and how?
  - What are your top 3 priorities for hub features?
- Content consumption
  - What kind of artifacts do you most need? What is hard to find?
  - Where do you currently go to find artifacts?
  - What was hard about adopting artifacts from others? What would make it easier?
  - What information would you need to decide to use a specific artifact (methodologies, tools, documentation, data)?
- Content contribution
  - Have you shared any experiment artifacts with the community?
  - If so, what was your experience in packaging and uploading? What worked, what was hard?
  - What kinds of tools would make sharing artifacts easier and/or faster?

#### **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 to share? Please talk to us!
- Join our future engagement events
- Sign up to be a beta user
- Follow us on Twitter: @SEARCCH\_Hub
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