Welcome to MADWeb 2026!

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New This Year

- Deadline is moved up to before Christmas
- An increase in work in progress submissions
- New AI topic added

Acceptance Rates %

- 2019: 60%
- 2020: 62%
- 2021: 36%
- 2022: 54%
- 2023: 75%
- 2024: 58.3% (full + WIP)
  - 41.6% (full papers)
- 2025: 57.1% (12/21, full + WIP)
  - 42.8% (9/21, full papers)
- 2026: 47.2% (17/36, full + WIP)
  - 27.7% (10/36, full papers)

Submissions vs. Acceptance rate

— Submissions (full)   **— Acceptance rate (full)**   **— Acceptance rate (full + short)**
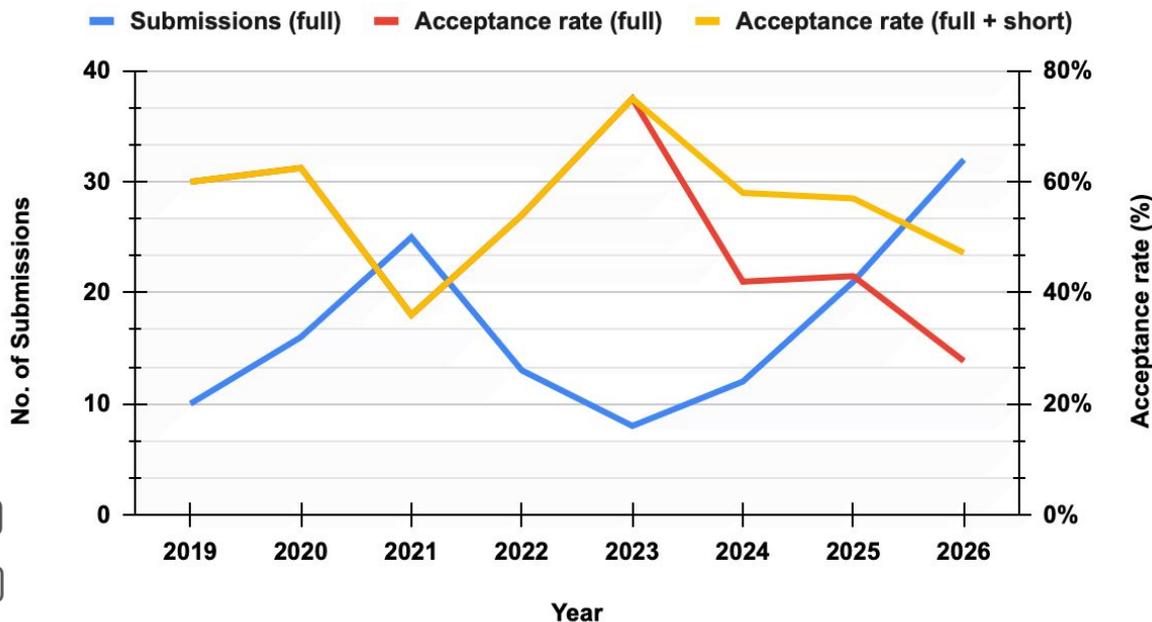
Program

9:00 - 10:00	**Keynote talk: AI vs. AI + Browser: Defense against AI-augmented Social Engineering on the Web** **Oleksii (Alex) Starov** (PaloAlto Networks)
10:00 - 10:20	Morning Break
10:20 - 11:55	**Session 1: Web Measurements.** (**6 papers**, chair: Ananta Soneji, ASU)
11:55 - 13:20	Lunch at Loma Vista Terrace and Harborside
13:20 - 14:35	**Session 2: Network Meets the Web.** (**4 papers**, chair: Nuno Sabino, CMU)
14:35 - 15:10	**Session 3: Generative AI Meets the Web (3 papers,** chair: Zane Ma, Oregon State**)**
15:10 - 15:40	Afternoon Break
15:40 - 16:40	**Keynote talk: Using Language-based Techniques to Build a More Secure Browser** **Deian Stefan** (UCSD)
16:40 - 17:50	**Session 4: JavaScript Security.** (**4 papers,** chair: Christoph Kerschbaumer, Mozilla)
17:45 - 18:00	Best paper award sponsored by paloalto® NETWORKS and Closing Remarks

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**Not What It Used To Be:
Generational Analysis of Top-level Domain Reputation**

Janos Szurdi *, Reethika Ramesh*, Ram Sundara Raman†
and Daiping Liu*.
(*Palo Alto Networks, †University of California Santa Cruz)

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Look forward to seeing you next year! Travel safe.

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PC Chairs:
Umar Iqbal (WashU) and TBD

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- Since **2019**
- Attract researchers working **any aspects of Web security & privacy**
- Create a platform for **academic researchers and industry** (browser vendors and other key players) to exchange ideas
- Encourage researchers to **explore ideas before publication** at a major security conference
- Welcome **provocative research** that may fit major computer security conferences: how can we re-envision the Web platform for security?