Synergy Among Engineering Disciplines: Software, Cybersecurity, and AI

September 13, 2023—Future missions in defense, national security, and other domains will require synergy among software, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence (AI) engineering disciplines, according to a new blog post by the SEI’s director and CEO, Paul Nielsen. In Synergy Among Engineering Disciplines: Software, Cybersecurity, and AI, Nielsen reviews the origins of these three disciplines and suggests how their relationships would contribute to intelligent systems of the future.

Nielsen describes the SEI's work where each discipline intersects with another: software engineering for AI, AI for software engineering, software engineering for cybersecurity, cybersecurity for software engineering, cybersecurity for AI, and AI for cybersecurity. "The [SEI] envisions that a confluence of advances in those disciplines will support an automated and secure software lifecycle – including the supply chain," he writes.

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A Holistic View of Architecture Definition, Evolution, and Analysis
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Webcast - **Evaluating Trustworthiness of AI Systems**, September 13
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Webcast - **Ask Us Anything: Generative AI Edition**, September 26
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**Supply Chain Risk Management Symposium 2023**, October 11
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**DevSecOps Days Washington, D.C., 2023**, October 12
At this free, SEI-hosted event, learn how to integrate security into your DevOps practices and transform your DevSecOps journey.

**Zero Trust Industry Days 2023**, October 25-26
At this hybrid event presenters will contribute their ideas, solutions, and experiences for helping organizations form a zero trust implementation that meets their mission goals, budget, and time frame.

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