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# Usable Security – Raise the bar with implicit device pairing

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# MEMORY IS A LIMITED RESOURCE

**WE USE PASSWORDS THAT ARE HARD  
FOR HUMANS TO REMEMBER,  
BUT EASY FOR COMPUTERS TO GUESS**

**SECURITY SHOULD NOT  
COMPROMISE EASE OF USE**





# WHAT IS USABLE SECURITY



**Open your car from correlation in handle movement  
and acceleration on your watch**



**Securely synchronize items in your shopping list with those in your shopping basket**



**Exploit your heartrate to pair with devices attached to and inside your body.**



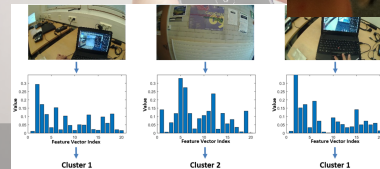
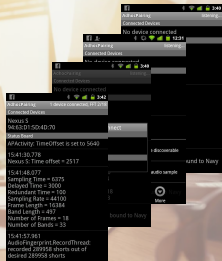
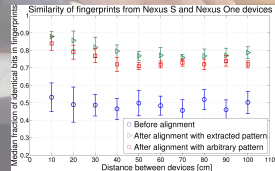
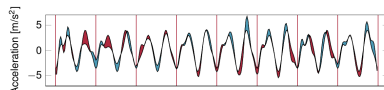
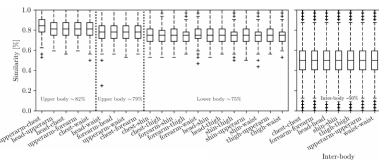
**Securely share joint resources  
conditioned on proximity**



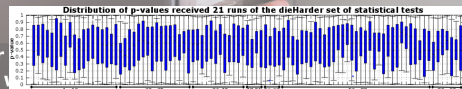
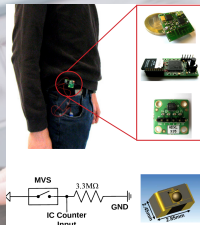
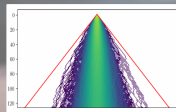
**Implicit, always fresh login challenges that are resistant against shoulder surfing**



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## Open your



# Thank you!

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