

Autonomous Response Orchestration for programmable networks

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Basic information

Division: Technical Sciences – Cyber Security & Robustness
Location: The Hague
Level of Experience: Master's graduation project
Education: University, technical degree (computer science, electrical engineering)
Duration of project: 6 - 9 months

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

Given the complexity and continuously evolving cyber threat landscape and the speed at which cyber-attacks occur, automation to aid human analysis and execution of response actions at machine-speed is becoming more and more seen prerequisite.

This master thesis project takes place in the context of NWO SARNET project on Security Autonomous Response with programmable NETWORKS. Within the project you will work on development of technology and tools for autonomous response to cyberattacks using SDN / NFV, and implement in TNO's NFV/SDN lab some response scenario's as a proof-of-concept (e.g. initiate additional monitoring, automatic containment and recovery). The focus is particularly on the orchestration function (e.g. ETSI MANO, OpenC2), although you will also need to address the analytical part (i.e. determining how to best respond to an attack).

WHAT DO WE REQUIRE OF YOU?

You are working on a Master's degree on computer science (or related) and you would like to work on networking and ICT security. You are familiar with information security, experience with programming and IP networks technology. You are analytical and you are capable of working autonomously. In addition, you have good communication skills and you are creative and innovative. However, most important is your motivation to work in the cyber security field.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT OF YOUR WORK SITUATION?

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APPLICATION PROCESS

For this vacancy it may be required that the AIVD issues a security clearance after conducting a security screening. Please visit for more information the AIVD website.

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