

## Offre n°2024-07558

# Formal Verification and Embedded Rust for Low-Power Open Source Distributed System Software

*Le descriptif de l'offre ci-dessous est en Anglais*

**Contrat renouvelable :** Oui

**Niveau de diplôme exigé :** Bac + 5 ou équivalent

**Autre diplôme apprécié :** MSc

**Fonction :** Ingénieur scientifique contractuel

## A propos du centre ou de la direction fonctionnelle

The Inria Saclay-Île-de-France Research Centre was established in 2008. It has developed as part of the Saclay site in partnership with **Paris-Saclay University** and with the **Institut Polytechnique de Paris**.

The centre has [39 project teams](#), 27 of which operate jointly with Paris-Saclay University and the Institut Polytechnique de Paris; Its activities occupy over 600 people, scientists and research and innovation support staff, including 44 different nationalities.

## Contexte et atouts du poste

In the context of the [RIOT-rs](#) project, this position will focus on designing and leading the development of formally verified open source building blocks for a cybersecure embedded software platform : a Rust-based, general-purpose OS running on the main low-power 32-bit microcontrollers (Arm Cortex-M, RISC-V, ESP32...).

The approach aimed for in this project includes the use of formal verification tools using functional Rust as specification language (such as [hax](#), in partnership with [Cryspen](#)) and fostering integration of formal verification workflows in the operating system's continuous integration processes to automate proofs on the OS as it evolves, such as in this [blueprint](#).

For further reading, see the output of [RIOT-fp](#), a cybersecurity research project w.r.t. which the work envisioned here will be a follow-up. The targeted low-power devices are typically connected to the network via various low-power wireless techniques (BLE, 802.15.4, LoRa...) and [low-power IPv6 secure protocol stacks](#). Recently, new standards have been specified in this domain, including the protocols necessary for [SUIT](#)-compliance, the new state-of-the-art regarding IoT software update security. In parallel, the development and integration of various relevant or upcoming cryptographic libraries (in particular [NIST](#) contenders) has become necessary to prepare for next-generation, post-quantum attacks.

Several positions are available! They will remain open until they are filled.

## Mission confiée

### Collaboration :

The recruited person will be in connection with RIOT-rs developers, the community developing hax, the Rust Embedded and the RIOT open source communities, as well as Inria researchers in the domain of secure low-power IoT, cryptography and formal verification.

### Responsibilities :

The recruited person will be in particular in charge of steering interactions between RIOT-rs developers and the community developing hax. The main goal will be to "hax" up an increasing perimeter of central RIOT-rs software modules, on which a number of proofs (t.b.d.) will have to be performed, and maintained, as the OS if being developed and fleshed out further down the line.

### Steering/Management :

The person recruited will be in charge of steering the developer community snowballing around the open source code base.

## Principales activités

### Main activities:

- propose and steer hax-based formal verification for existing and upcoming RIOT-rs building blocks
- propose formally verified Rust rewrites for RIOT building blocks
- implementation, documentation and CI of formally verified embedded Rust modules
- interact with cryptography experts and formal verification experts
- interact with secure low-power IoT network protocols experts
- upstreaming and steering of open source communities

## Compétences

### *Technical Skills*

- embedded C/Rust
- formal verification
- git
- open source software workflows
- RTOS or bare-metal experience on 32-bit microcontrollers such as ARM Cortex-M, RISC-V, ESP32
- cybersecurity basics (communication protocols, cryptography)

### *Non-Technical / Soft skills*

- distributed team work
- good english skills (written, spoken, read)
- consensus building

## Avantages

- Subsidized meals
- Leave: 7 weeks of annual leave + 10 extra days off due to RTT (statutory reduction in working hours) + possibility of exceptional leave (sick children, moving home, etc.)
- Possibility of teleworking and flexible organization of working hours
- Professional equipment available (videoconferencing, loan of computer equipment, etc.)
- Social, cultural and sports events and activities
- Access to vocational training

## Rémunération

According to experience

## Informations générales

- **Thème/Domaine :** Systèmes distribués et intergiciels  
Système & réseaux (BAP E)
- **Ville :** Paris
- **Centre Inria :** [Centre Inria de Saclay](#)
- **Date de prise de fonction souhaitée :** 2024-06-01
- **Durée de contrat :** 2 ans
- **Date limite pour postuler :** 2024-06-30

## Contacts

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## A propos d'Inria

Inria est l'institut national de recherche dédié aux sciences et technologies du numérique. Il emploie 2600 personnes. Ses 215 équipes-projets agiles, en général communes avec des partenaires académiques, impliquent plus de 3900 scientifiques pour relever les défis du numérique, souvent à l'interface d'autres disciplines. L'institut fait appel à de nombreux talents dans plus d'une quarantaine de métiers différents. 900 personnels d'appui à la recherche et à l'innovation contribuent à faire émerger et grandir des projets scientifiques ou entrepreneuriaux qui impactent le monde. Inria travaille avec de nombreuses entreprises et a accompagné la création de plus de 200 start-up. L'institut s'efforce ainsi de répondre aux enjeux de la transformation numérique de la science, de la société et de l'économie.

## L'essentiel pour réussir

This job is for people who are passionate about formal verification, embedded Rust, serious cybersecurity and who are open source enthusiasts.

**Attention:** Les candidatures doivent être déposées en ligne sur le site Inria. Le traitement des candidatures adressées par d'autres canaux n'est pas garanti.

## **Consignes pour postuler**

### **Sécurité défense :**

Ce poste est susceptible d'être affecté dans une zone à régime restrictif (ZRR), telle que définie dans le décret n°2011-1425 relatif à la protection du potentiel scientifique et technique de la nation (PPST). L'autorisation d'accès à une zone est délivrée par le chef d'établissement, après avis ministériel favorable, tel que défini dans l'arrêté du 03 juillet 2012, relatif à la PPST. Un avis ministériel défavorable pour un poste affecté dans une ZRR aurait pour conséquence l'annulation du recrutement.

### **Politique de recrutement :**

Dans le cadre de sa politique diversité, tous les postes Inria sont accessibles aux personnes en situation de handicap.