Offer #2023-06891

Proof and Verification Software Engineer

**Contract type:** Fixed-term contract  
**Level of qualifications required:** Graduate degree or equivalent  
**Other valued qualifications:** PhD  
**Fonction:** Temporary scientific engineer

**Context**

Over the past decade, formal verification encountered several high-profile successes which were integrated in industrial products, including verified compilers, operating systems, and cryptographic libraries. Building upon these advances, the CIRCUS project aims to make verification techniques more accessible to mainstream software development, by building a new integrated development and verification environment (IDVE) fostering collaboration between software engineers, proof engineers, and domain-specific experts such as cryptographers.

CIRCUS is a collaboration between Cryspen (cryspen.com) and the Prosecco team at Inria Paris (https://team.inria.fr/prosecco/), which especially targets the Rust ecosystem, and builds on several state-of-the-art specification and verification technologies, namely, the hac framework (https://github.com/hacspec/hacspec-v2) and the Aeneas toolchain (https://github.com/AeneasVerif/aeneas), which enable the use of several proof assistants, including Coq, F*, HOL4, and Lean to state and verify properties about safety- and security-critical software.

**Assignment**

We are currently looking for a research engineer to develop and improve the integration of proof assistants into the CIRCUS IDVE. The work will be done in collaboration with a small team of engineers and researchers currently developing and working with the CIRCUS IDVE.

**Main activities**

- Design and implement extraction procedures to proof assistants  
- Develop efficient proof methodologies for reasoning about the extracted programs  
- Interact with researchers to extend the subset of the Rust language currently supported by the toolchain  
- Write documentation and tutorials to verify Rust programs using the CIRCUS IDVE  
- Give presentations about the CIRCUS IDVE, including to non-technical audiences.

**Skills**

- Expertise in formal verification and compilation  
- Proficiency with OCaml  
- Familiarity with Rust  
- Experience with one or more proof assistant (Coq, F*, HOL4, Lean, ...)  
- Ability to work in a team, and in an international setting  
- Ability to give presentations, including to non-expert audiences

**Benefits package**

- Subsidized meals  
- Partial reimbursement of public transport costs  
- 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.)  
- Teleworking  
- Flexible organization of working hours (after 6 months of employment)  
- Professional equipment available (videoconferencing, loan of computer equipment, etc.)  
- Social, cultural and sports events and activities  
- Access to vocational training  
- Social security coverage

**General Information**
• **Theme/Domain**: Security and Confidentiality
  Software engineering (BAP E)
• **Town/city**: Paris
• **Inria Center**: Centre Inria de Paris
• **Starting date**: 2024-01-01
• **Duration of contract**: 2 years
• **Deadline to apply**: 2024-01-31

### Contacts

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### Instruction to apply

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