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- When?** April 26-27, 2017  
**Where?** Emirates Towers, Dubai, UAE  
**What?** Technical cyber-security conference  
**Who?** Brought to you by Comae Technologies  
**Why?** Improve the regional technical ecosystem.

Because there are more than malls in Dubai...



## Overview

While there are numerous contributors to the rise in cybercrime -- which is expected to cost the world more than **\$6 trillion by 2021<sup>1</sup>**, up from \$3 trillion in 2015 -- the most obvious predictor is a **massive expansion** of the global attack surface which hackers target.

Some media estimates peg the number of the internet of things, devices to exceed **200 billion by 2020<sup>2</sup>**.

Numerous **nation-state sponsored attacks** have been noticed against the Oil & Gas industry in the MENA region<sup>3</sup> over the past few years and months, attacks that ended up **destabilizing the election** of the **most powerful country** in the World<sup>4</sup>, including Britain which is being hit by **dozens of cyber-attacks a month**, including attempts by Russian state-sponsored hackers to **steal defense and foreign policy secrets** as GCHQ's new cybersecurity chief has said<sup>5</sup>.

**However**, there is a significant workforce **shortage** to tackle this exponentially growing problem. And the Middle-East is one of **the least prepared** regions in the World when it comes to awareness, preparation, and access to a **local technical pool of talent**.

MENA Region suffers from a severe deficit of software engineers. A GitHub based study<sup>6</sup> showed that the whole MENA region contributes **12x less** than the United Kingdom and **61x less** than the United States to open-source software.

A poorly developed technical community usually highlights small talent pool hence bad code quality which also translates as **more software vulnerabilities**.

This is why we are holding a **technical** cyber-security conference in Dubai: **OPCDE\_**

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<sup>1</sup> Aug 22, 2016 - Cybercrime damages expected to cost the world \$6 trillion by 2021, CSO/IDG -

<http://www.csoonline.com/article/3110467/security/cybercrime-damages-expected-to-cost-the-world-6-trillion-by-2021.html>

<sup>2</sup> Jan 18, 2016 - Internet of Things in 2016: 6 Stats Everyone Should Know - <https://www.fool.com/investing/general/2016/01/18/internet-of-things-in-2016-6-stats-everyone-should.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> Dec 1, 2016 - Cyberattacks Strike Saudi Arabia, Harming Aviation Agency - New York Times -

[https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/01/world/middleeast/saudi-arabia-shamoon-attack.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/01/world/middleeast/saudi-arabia-shamoon-attack.html?_r=0)

<sup>4</sup> Feb 15, 2017 - A Glimpse Into How Much Google Knows About Russian Government Hackers - Motherboard - [https://motherboard.vice.com/en\\_us/article/a-glimpse-into-how-much-google-knows-about-russian-government-hackers](https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/a-glimpse-into-how-much-google-knows-about-russian-government-hackers)

<sup>5</sup> Feb 12, 2017 - UK hit by 188 high-level cyber-attacks in three months - Guardian - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/12/uk-cyber-attacks-ncsc-russia-china-ciaran-martin>

<sup>6</sup> Feb 13, 2017 - MENA Region Now Contributes Less To Open-Source Than Indonesia Alone - Medium - <https://medium.com/@msuiche/mena-region-now-contributes-less-to-open-source-than-indonesia-alone-e38fa84423fb#.7adrk6y22>





## Tickets

**Regular** tickets are priced at \$490 USD.

**Student** tickets are priced at \$150 USD.

**Security Angels** tickets, for ecosystem supporters, are priced at \$1337 USD.

Early Bird tickets are available until February 28, 2017.

Regular rate will start from March 1st, 2017 until April 1st, 2017.

## Location

The summit will take place at the futuristic **Dubai Future Accelerators**, which is located inside the prestigious iconic Emirates Officer Tower. Providing the optimal environment for a high technical meeting.



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Emirates towers is a 5 min walk from Emirates Towers metro station and is located on the offices side of the tower near Starbucks. There is valet parking and also self-parking, first two hours are complimentary. Additional hours are priced at 20 AED.



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## About OPCDE\_

**OPCDE\_** is the Middle-East's only **purely technical** cyber security conference with **no** sponsored talks.

All speakers presenting have gone through a rigorous review board of **industry leading**, technical cyber security **engineers** and **researchers** from Salesforce, Uber, Google: <http://www.opcde.com/index.html>

We are gathering some of the world's greatest security experts in their various fields, to share their research, discovery, and experience with all security enthusiasts. Security experts and IT professionals **from all over the world are invited** to participate in this event.

The event is being created by **UAE-based cyber security start-up Comae Technologies'** and is the aspiration of its CEO Matt Suiche that this event will enhance the awareness and importance of information security within the information technology community and help enliven the local information security fraternity in the region and beyond.

Comae is proud to have the Dubai government entity, **Dubai Electronic Security Center (DESC)** on board as **Strategic Partner** for the event.

Matt's recent blog post provides valuable insight on how big the talent pool gap of technical engineers in the MENA region really is.

<https://medium.com/@msuiche/mena-region-now-contributes-less-to-open-source-than-indonesia-alone-e38fa84423fb#.a5q3f0jj7>

### Speakers

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### Agenda

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## About The Founder



**Matt Suiche** is the founder of the United Arab Emirates-based cyber-security start-up Comae Technologies. Before founding Comae, he was the co-founder & Chief Scientist of the application virtualization start-up CloudVolumes which was acquired by VMware in 2014.

Matt is best known for his work in the memory forensics and computer security fields.

In 2009, Matt was recognized as a Microsoft Most Valuable Professional in Enterprise Security for his work in discovering multiple security flaws in multiple Microsoft Windows kernel components.

Matt has also been a frequent speaker at various computer security conferences such as Black Hat Briefings, Microsoft Blue Hat Hacker Conference, Hackito Ergo Sum, Europol High Tech Crime Experts Meeting, CanSecWest, PacSec, Hack In The Box, SyScan, and Shakacon.

## About Comae Technologies

Comae consults with companies needing to improve the security and reliability of their information infrastructure, product or investment target, including applications, systems, hardware, networks and take all the appropriate steps to identify and protect them from threats and to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information electronically stored, processed or transmitted.

Our consultants are at the top of their fields having vast experience in performing penetration testing and security assessments for some of the largest banks, telecommunication carriers, government institutions and over a dozen Fortune 500 companies in highly security environments.

We understand that our clients require agile and accurate assessments of their systems, regardless of the technology those systems are built on. We are specialists in understanding complex systems and deployments and are adept at building security testing frameworks to provide the most accurate testing possible, thus ensuring that we can effectively communicate the details of security flaws, and provide accurate and specific remedial advice.

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