

# STPPA #2 Intro:

## Brief comments on PEC and STPPA

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## Goals:

1. Accompany the progress of emerging PEC tools [emphasis on non-standardized tools]
2. Develop reference material that can support the use of crypto to enable privacy.
3. Preliminary work on evaluating the potential for standardization of PEC tools.

(Tools  $\approx$  primitives, protocols, techniques, technologies)

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# PEC webpage

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/pec/> showcases the ongoing PEC activities ... and other links

## Project activities:

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**STPPA series**

**Use-case suite**

**Encounter metrics**

**ZKProof**

**Workshops**

Webpage within the NIST Computer Security Resource Center (CSRC)



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# Special Topics on Privacy and Public Auditability (STPPA)

## Series of half-day events:

- ▶ **Talks+panel:** on interconnected topics related to **privacy** and **public auditability**
- ▶ **Goal:** convey basic technical background, incite curiosity, suggest research questions and discuss applications.
- ▶ **Recurring:** Various events this year will cover the role of diverse PEC tools

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/pec/stppa>

## Today's event: STTPA #2 (April 19, 2021)

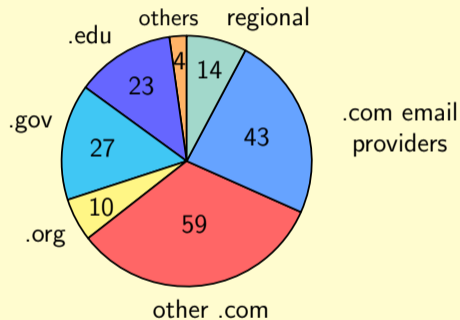
(Eastern Daylight Time: UTC-4)

- ▶ 13:00–13:15: **Intro: STPPA and PEC.**
- ▶ 13:15–13:55: **A Brief Overview of Private Set Intersection.**  
Mike Rosulek (Oregon State University)
- ▶ 13:55–14:55: **Secure computation on datasets.**  
Steve Lu (Stealth Software Technologies) and Rafail Ostrovsky (UCLA)
- ▶ 14:55–15:10: Break
- ▶ 15:20–16:00: **Panel: PEC for privacy and public auditability.**  
Panelists: All speakers. Moderators: the PEC team.

Note: this slide has been adjusted after the event, to reflect a schedule adjustment.

## Video-conference logistics/registrations

- ▶ **Video:** Audio and video are being recorded (will later be online; will inform by email).
- ▶ **Questions:** Attendees can write questions using the Q&A on Webex (to consider as time permits).
- ▶ **Webex registrations:** 180 (excluding speakers and hosts).



Note: this slide has been adjusted after the event, to reflect the latest registration statistics.

Thank you for your attention!

**We hope you enjoy today's talks and panel.**

We welcome feedback/questions about ongoing PEC activities:

- ▶ PEC project email: [crypto-privacy@nist.gov](mailto:crypto-privacy@nist.gov)
- ▶ STPPA specific email: [pec-stppa@nist.gov](mailto:pec-stppa@nist.gov)
- ▶ PEC website: <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/pec>
- ▶ The PEC team: Luís Brandão, René Peralta, Angela Robinson