

# bug bounty from a program's perspective

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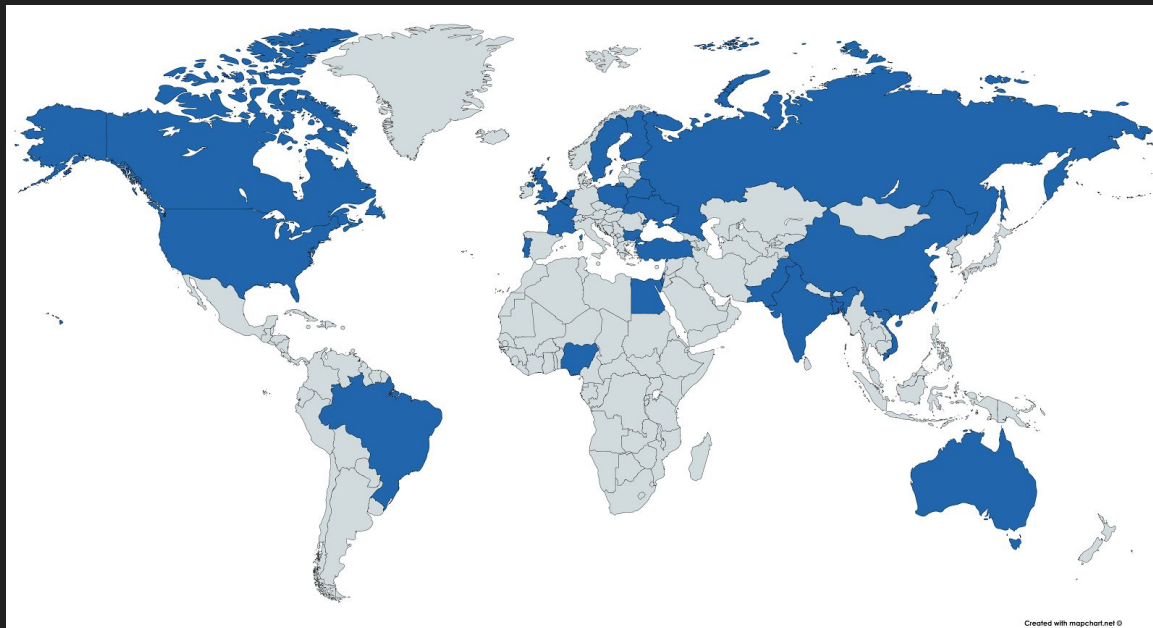
actively involved in managing uber bug bounty -- [security.uber.com](https://security.uber.com)

fan of gifs, stand-up comedy, and recently chess

# uber bug bounty program

security.uber.com - public program started on March 22, 2016

\$974,000+ (€918,478+) in bounties; 500+ reports awarded bounty



# the researchers

1



**fin1te**

Reputation: 1886

2



**parth**

Reputation: 562

3



**notnaffy**

Reputation: 442

4



**jouko**

Reputation: 387

5



**rohk**

Reputation: 352

6



**temmyscri...**

Reputation: 338

7



**ngalog**

Reputation: 239

8



**reactors08**

Reputation: 232

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**ddworken**

Reputation: 223

10



**sergeym**

Reputation: 218

# the team



# agenda

**soup to nuts: an ideal bug bounty experience**

**maximize report value: user security is our top priority**

**uber bug bounty program updates**

# soup to nuts: an ideal bug bounty experience

*i·de·al - a person or thing regarded as perfect*

**GOOOOOOOAAAAAAAALLLLLLLLL:**

provide insight into our program's  
experiences and philosophies

# benefit of the doubt: assume best intent

**example:** respectful peer-to-peer interactions vs adversarial interactions

**program advantage:** maintain healthy relationships with researchers

**researcher advantage:** maintain healthy relationships with programs



**treat everyone with respect**

# evaluating security impact: willingness to learn and teach

**example:** understanding mitigations vs dire straits

**program advantage:** understand risk and prioritize

**researcher advantage:** higher bounty

**be willing to teach; be willing to learn**

# report quality: succinct and reproducible

**example:** one-click POC vs speculative

**program advantage:** better reproducibility means we get our fix out faster

**researcher advantage:** faster time to bounty

## **be concise**

*concise - giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.*

# professionalism: patience and empathy

**example:** being professional vs “Bloody Mother Fucker..You already ruined the report via making me angry....and make me abuse you....!!”

**program advantage:** increased ability to understand nuances of report

**researcher advantage:** increased reputation in security community

**bug bounty reports  $\neq$  youtube comments**

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**report value: user security is our top priority**

**security impact, not cleverness/complexity**

**scale of exposure**

**severity of exposure**

\$\$\$\$ ATO; user datastore access

\$\$\$ location data

\$\$ rate limiting issues

\$ authorized data exposure

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program updates: more money, faster

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**increase minimum bounty from \$100 (€93.72) to \$500 (€468.58)**

**award minimum bounty (\$500) at time of triage**

**full bounty at time of resolution**

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