“I was walking from the railway station to the VU campus, deep in thought about a problem a colleague was having. Then it struck me: I needed to view the problem from a totally different angle.” A new method for securing computer programs against cybercrime was born, to help prevent attacks such as the recent hacks on KPN, LinkedIn, banks and governments.

“Just another meddlesome busybody,” you could hear them thinking

Herbert Bos, Professor of Systems and Network Security, is developing systems to protect software against cybertheives and other criminals. People are finally starting to appreciate the urgency of the situation. “In the past, when I tried to discuss network security with politicians and policy makers they would get irritated. Just another meddlesome busybody,” he could hear them thinking. They’re still irritated, but now it’s because things aren’t moving fast enough for them.”

WORLD CLASS

After receiving his PhD from the University of Cambridge, Bos joined the Computer Systems research group at VU University Amsterdam in 2004. He was really able to flourish here. “We are among the top institutes in the world when it comes to building secure computer systems. There are universities in the United States that, across all disciplines of computer science, are better than we are, but we are one of a handful of top universities in Europe in this field.”

Following his flash of insight on his way to the campus, Bos received one of a handful of top universities in Europe in this field. “I was walking from the railway station to the VU campus, deep in thought about a problem a colleague was having. Then it struck me: I needed to view the problem from a totally different angle.” A new method for securing computer programs against cybercrime was born, to help prevent attacks such as the recent hacks on KPN, LinkedIn, banks and governments.

“Just another meddlesome busybody,” you could hear them thinking

Herbert Bos, Professor of Systems and Network Security, is developing systems to protect software against cybertheives and other criminals. People are finally starting to appreciate the urgency of the situation. “In the past, when I tried to discuss network security with politicians and policy makers they would get irritated. Just another meddlesome busybody,” he could hear them thinking. They’re still irritated, but now it’s because things aren’t moving fast enough for them.”

“Just another meddlesome busybody,” you could hear them thinking

Herbert Bos, Professor of Systems and Network Security, is developing systems to protect software against cybertheives and other criminals. People are finally starting to appreciate the urgency of the situation. “In the past, when I tried to discuss network security with politicians and policy makers they would get irritated. Just another meddlesome busybody,” he could hear them thinking. They’re still irritated, but now it’s because things aren’t moving fast enough for them.”