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Education

Colorado State University <i>Computer Science Ph.D. Program</i> Thesis Topic: Economic activity in distributed ledgers.	Aug. 2022 - Present
Colorado State University <i>Master of Science M.S</i> Thesis Topic: Tropical Algebraic Modeling of TCP Congestion.	Jan 2020 - May 2022
Colorado State University <i>Bachelor of Science in General Mathematics & Philosophy</i> Thesis Topic: Elliptic Curve Cryptography	Aug. 2012 - May 2017

Industry Involvement

ETHGlobal: Ethereum San Francisco (ETHSF'22)
Crypto Economics Security Conference (CESC'22)
Zero-Knowledge Proof Workshop (affiliated with CESC22)
ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC'22)
NFT New York City(NFTNYC'22)
NFT Los Angeles (NFTLA'22)
Ethereum Denver (Speaker) (ETHDEN'22)

Research & Experience

1. W. Jepsen, *Replicating Portfolios: Constructing Permissionless Derivatives*, preprint, 2022. Available at arXiv: 2205.09890.
2. W. Jepsen *Cyclic Redundancy Checks and Error Detection*, preprint, 2022. Available arxiv: 2205.11344

Senior Research Engineer, Primitive Bits, April 2022 - Current.

- I lead the research and development of decentralized financial instruments.
- Write technical blogs.
- Implementing recent theoretical advancements in products.
- Primitive has recently closed a series A fundraising round for \$9M

Assistant Researcher, Network Engineering, Colorado State University, May 2021 - May 2022.

- Investigated the tropical algebraic semirings.
- Modeled TCP Congestion with tropical algebra.
- Built discrete event simulators to validate the model.

Developer Relations, Hedera Hashgraph, July 2021 - April 2022.

- Produced written and recorded content to educate software engineers on how to use our software development kits.
- Led workshops to teach software engineers how to write and deploy their smart contracts to the Hedera EVM.
- Worked on open cryptography problems concerning threshold cryptography and Shamir's Secret Sharing.

Junior Systems Administrator, Colorado State University Aug 2020 - Dec 2021.

- Assisted the systems team with the administration of over 500 Linux workstations.
- Built automation scripts, recorded offline backups, and managed security upgrades.
- Performed database management using MariaDB, PostgreSQL, and MongoDB.

Cyber Security Intern, Academic Computing and Networking services Jan 2017 - 2018.

- Performed research and development of distributed ledger technology to improve the security of our University networks.
- Presented on identity authentication and phishing attacks.
- Created voting security software using distributed ledger technology.

Research Talks

Introduction to Decentralized Finance. Financial Technology Seminar at Colorado State University, Nov 2022

Analysis of Statistical Arbitrage in Blockchains. Database Security Group at Colorado State University, Oct 2022

Analysis of Constant Function Market Makers. DARPA Riser at Colorado State University, Sep 2022

Constant Function Market Makers. Database Security Group at Colorado State University, Aug 2022

Tropical Algebraic Analysis of TCP. Computer Science Seminar at Colorado State University, May 2022

Cyclic Redundancy Checks and Error Detection. Computer Science Seminar at Colorado State University, Aug 2021

The Lazarus Group: North Korea's Cyber War. Cyber Security Seminar at Colorado State University, May 2021

Epistemic Temporal Logic and Information flow Security. Cyber Security Seminar at Colorado State University, Jan 2021

HTTPS What it is and why it's Important. Cyber Security Seminar at Colorado State University, Aug 2019

The Mathematics of Elliptic Curve Cryptography. Cyber Security Seminar at Colorado State University, April 2019

Teaching and Awards

CS 364: Computer Security, <i>Supervised College Teaching</i>	Spring 2022
DARPA Riser <i>Research Award</i>	Fall 2022
Hedera MVP <i>Community Engagement Award</i>	Spring 2021

Masters Advisor

Name	Craig Partridge
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Position	Department Chair
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Doctoral Advisor

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Department	Colorado State Computer Science
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