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Interests

Compiler, mobile, or security research or development in Linux.

Seeking a PhD fellowship starting May 2014 or internship from May-August 2014.

EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Blacksburg, Virginia August 2011 - May 2014

B.S. Computer Science, in Honors. Mathematics minor.

• Overall GPA: 3.98/4.00

Major GPA: 4.00/4.00

• Thesis: Evaluating machine learning approaches to runtime mobile malware detection techniques.

Research EXPERIENCE Virginia Tech Computer Science Department

Blacksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advisor - Dr. Layne Watson

January 2013 - Present

• Optimization algorithm in Fortran 95 resulting in primary authorship on a conference publication.

Systems Software Research Group

Blacksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advisor - Dr. Binoy Ravindran

November 2012 – Present

• Work supported with NSF and NEEC REU grants.

• Automatic OpenMP to CUDA translation using C++ and the ROSE compiler framework.

• Scala and Bash development in Linux.

Magnum Research Group

Blacksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advisor - Dr. Jules White

May 2012 – Present

• Work supported with ARO REU grant.

• Android malware detection research resulting in primary authorship on a conference publication.

• Created a distributed **Actor** system using **Scala** for **machine learning** classification of APKs.

• Developed VC# programs for a pilot study on manufacturing cyber-physical security.

• Assisted C++ and Make development in Linux for a deployment optimization framework. Specific libraries used include **TCLAP** and **rapidxml**.

• Modified the **Android source** to provide non-standard logging information for dynamic malware analysis.

Industry EXPERIENCE Qualcomm, Inc.

San Diego, California

Source Integrity Team Software Intern

May 2013 – August 2013

• Developed a web application to modify an XML-based grammar for fuzz vector generation. Implemented with client-side HTML and js, using D3 for graphics and Handlebars for templating.

• Developed an XML-based grammar translator in C++ with the Xerces XML parser in Linux. Reimplemented in **Python** using the **ElementTree** XML API for better analysis and tree transformation.

Phoenix Integration, Inc.

Blacksburg, Virginia

Software Engineer Intern

May 2012 - August 2012

• Integrated a new licensing mode into CenterLink, a grid computing application, using **FLEXIm** and **Java**.

• Assisted development of industry software in VC++, VC#, Java, and Tomcat.

• Improved the testing (JUnit and NUnit) and installation (Ant, InstallShield, and Make) frameworks.

Sunapsys, Inc.

Vinton, Virginia

Network Administrator Intern

January 2011 – August 2011

• Linux server configuration and Bash development.

Teaching

Virginia Tech Computer Science Department

Blacksburg, Virginia

EXPERIENCE Undergraduate Teaching Assistant January 2013 - May 2013

Assisted students in a software design and data structures class using Java and Android.

PUBLICATIONS

Conference • "Applying machine learning classifiers to dynamic Android malware detection at scale."

Brandon Amos, Hamilton Turner, Jules White.

IWCMC'13 Security, Trust, and Privacy Symposium. Cagliari, Italy, July 2013.

• "Fortran 95 implementation of QNSTOP for global and stochastic optimization." Brandon Amos, David Easterling, Layne Watson, Brent Castle, Michael Trosset, William Thacker. Submitted.

Magazine

Publications

• "Bad Parts: Are Our Manufacturing Systems At Risk of Silent Cyber-attacks?"

Hamilton Turner, Brandon Amos, Jules White, Jaime Camelio, Chris Williams, Robert Parker.

Submitted.

SKILLS

Environments: Eclipse**, NetBeans*, vim/gdb***, Visual Studio**

Frameworks: Drupal*, .NET*, ZK*

Languages: Bash**, C/C++**, C#*, Fortran**, HTML/CSS*, LATEX**, Java**, JavaScript**,

Mathematica**, PHP*, Python***, R*, Scala**

Software: i3wm**, Make**, Ratpoison**, Samba**, Tomcat*, Zimbra*

Systems: Android**, Linux***

Version Control/Review: Gerrit*, Git***, Subversion**

Rankings: $1/10^* - 3/10^{**} - 5/10^{***} - 7/10^{****}$

Honors & Awards

• Honorable Mention, CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award, 2014

- o 1 of 15 North American males awarded honorable mention for exemplary computer science research.
- Qualstar Award, Qualcomm, 2013
- Benjamin F. Bock Merit Scholarship, Virginia Tech Engineering, 2013
- Sophomore Scholar Award, Virginia Tech Computer Science, 2013
 - Given to the sophomore in Computer Science with the most outstanding academic record.
- University Honors, Virginia Tech, 2012–2013
- Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence Scholar, Virginia Tech, 2012–2013
 - Merit-based scholarship providing a cyber-security research fellowship.
- Dean's List with Distinction, Virginia Tech, 2011–2013
- Engineering Merit Scholarship, Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, 2011
 - Merit-based scholarship presented annually to one student in the graduating Engineering class.
- Papa John's Merit Scholarship, 2011
- Gay B. Shober Memorial Merit Scholarship, Roanoke County Federal Credit Union, 2011
- Pamplin Leader Scholarship, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2011
 - Merit-based scholarship presented to one student from each public high school in Virginia.
- I. Luck Gravett Memorial Merit Scholarship, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, 2011
- Salem–Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Merit Scholarship, 2011
- Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholar, National Space Grant Foundation, 2010
 - Selected as an attendee of a summer academy at NASA Langley Research Center.

PROJECTS

Personal Blog and Website - http://bamos.io

July 2012 – Present

- Hosted on GitHub Pages. Uses Markdown for posts and Jekyll for static HTML generation.
- 27 posts across the following tags, listed by highest frequency.

 Python, Bash, LaTeX, Linux, Scala, Android, Mathematica, C++, Fortran, CUDA

GitHub Portfolio – http://github.com/bamos

April 2011 - Present

- Hosts code samples, original source code, and patches for open source projects.
- 19 original repositories.
 - o bamos.github.io, dotfiles, ical-availability, latex-templates, list-github-repos, mew, parsec-benchmark, reading-list, scala-sorting, simple-fortran-routines, simple-python-scripts, simple-shell-scripts
 - **AES** An educational Java implementation of AES-128. Includes polynomial inverses in AES' Galois finite field via Euler's extended GCD algorithm and prints the state after each step.
 - **BigOCheatSheetParser** Parse the most recent version of the BigO Cheat Sheet to produce json, LaTeX, and a PDF.
 - o cpp-expression-parser Expression parsing in C++ with Dijkstra's Shunting-yard algorithm.
 - latex-resume-cv My LaTeX resume and CV. Uses Make and produces PDFS and (rough) text versions of my resume and CV from the same LaTeX files.
 - mbox-convos Export all emails in an mbox mailbox to or from somebody to a PDF.
 - mutt-mass-mailer M3 parses a flat file and uses mutt to email many people different messages.
 - o safegit Wraps git to detect sensitive data before commits by using fuzzy Rabin fingerprints.
- 5 forked repositories.
 - o antimalware Dynamic malware analysis for the Android platform
 - **BigOCheatSheet** Space and time complexities of popular algorithms and data structures.
 - o gv-app Google Voice command line client
 - o mirror-android-repo Instructions and files to set up a server mirroring the entire Android project.
 - $\circ\,$ schale A subprocess interface for Scala

ACTIVITIES

- Honors Residential College, Virginia Tech, 2013
- \bullet Hokies Pep Band, Virginia Tech, 2012–2013
- Computer Science Community Service, Virginia Tech, 2012
- Symphony Band, Virginia Tech, 2011–2012
- Linux and Unix Users Group, Virginia Tech, 2011–2012
- Galileo Living–Learning Community, Virginia Tech, 2011–2012
- Trumpet Section Leader, Marching Band, Northside High School, 2010–2011
- Tennis Team, Northside High School, 2008–2011