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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

B.S. Computer Science, in Honors. Mathematics minor. **August 2011 – May 2014**

- **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 **FLEXlm** 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 Experience

Virginia Tech Computer Science Department — Blacksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant **January 2013 – May 2013**

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

Conference Publications

- "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****

Projects

Personal Blog and Website – http://bamos.github.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, LaTeX, Bash, Scala, Linux, Android, Fortran, C++, Mathematica, CUDA

GitHub Portfolio – http://github.com/bamos **April 2011 – Present**

- Hosts code samples, original source code, and patches for open source projects.
- 18 original repositories.
  - 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.
  - **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.
  - **safegit** - Wraps git to detect sensitive data before commits by using fuzzy Rabin fingerprints.
- 6 forked repositories.
  - **antimalware** - Dynamic malware analysis for the Android platform
  - **BigOCheatSheet** - Space and time complexities of popular algorithms and data structures.
  - **gv-app** - Google Voice command line client
  - **mirror-android-repo** - Instructions and files to set up a server mirroring the entire Android project.
  - **olesenm.github.io** - github user page for olesenm
  - **schale** - A subprocess interface for Scala

Honors & Awards

- Qualstar Award, Qualcomm, 2013
- Benjamin F. Bock 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 that provides a security-based research fellowship.
- Dean's List with Distinction, Virginia Tech, 2011–2013
- Engineering Scholarship, Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, 2011
  - Merit-based scholarship presented annually to one student in the graduating Engineering class.
- Papa John's Scholarship, 2011
- Gay B. Shober Memorial 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 Scholarship, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, 2011
- Salem–Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce 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.

Activities

- Honors Residential College, Virginia Tech, 2013
- 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