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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.

 $\mathbf{August}\ \mathbf{2011} - \mathbf{May}\ \mathbf{2014}$

• 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 **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 EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech Computer Science Department

Blacksburg, Virginia

Experience Underg

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

 $\mathbf{January}\ \mathbf{2013} - \mathbf{May}\ \mathbf{2013}$

• 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*.

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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, 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.
 - 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.
 - o mbox-convos Export all emails in an mbox mailbox to or from somebody to a PDF.
 - o 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.
 - $\circ\,$ ${\bf gv\text{\bf -app}}$ Google Voice command line client
 - o mirror-android-repo Instructions and files to set up a server mirroring the entire Android project.
 - o schale A subprocess interface for Scala

Honors & Awards

- Nominated, CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award, 2013
- 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 that provides a security-based 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.

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