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Interests Compiler or security research in a Linux environment.

EDUCATION Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University B.S. Computer Science

Blacksburg, Virginia

August 2011 - May 2014

• Overall GPA: 3.98/4.00

Major GPA: 4.00/4.00

• Courses: Software Design, Data Structures, Numerical Methods, Cryptography, Computer Organization

• Course Projects: AES-128 (Java), MIPS assembler (C), PR Quadtree (Java)

Research Experience

### Virginia Tech Computer Science Department

Blacksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2013 - Present

• Implement quasi-Newton stochastic optimization algorithm in Fortran 95. Specific libraries used include BLAS and LAPACK.

# Systems Software Research Group

Blacksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate Research Assistant

November 2012 – Present

• Work supported with NSF and NEEC REU grants.

- Source-to-source compiler research on OpenMP to CUDA translation. Specifically, developed a compiler in C++ with the ROSE compiler framework for automatic OpenMP to CUDA translation.
- Assisted development with runtime execution prediction. Created **Scala** scripts to parse raw data for feature vectors to be used by **WEKA**'s machine learning algorithms.
- Developed Bash scripts to automate benchmarking on heterogeneous hardware.

# Magnum Research Group

Blacksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate Research Assistant

May 2012 – Present

- Work supported with Northrup Grumman and ARO REU grants.
- Android malware detection research resulting in primary authorship on a conference publication.
- Implemented a framework with **Bash** scripts to dynamically profile APKs and analyze popular machine learning algorithms with **WEKA**. Reimplemented framework in **Scala** with **Actors** for scalability.
- Developed VC# programs for a pilot study on manufacturing cyber-physical security.
- Assisted C++ and Make development for a deployment optimization framework. Specific libraries used include TCLAP and rapidxml.
- Corresponded with another research group and modified the **Android source** to provide non-standard logging information for dynamic malware analysis. Configured a **Gerrit** server to host code review.

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.
- Developed an XML-based grammar translator in C++ with the Xerces XML parser. 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 via **FLEXIm** and **Java**.
- Fulfilled bug fixes and feature requests in VC++, VC#, and Java.
- Improved the testing (JUnit and NUnit) and installation (Ant, InstallShield, and Make) frameworks.
- Migrated the web server of CenterLink, a grid computing application, from Tomcat 5 to Tomcat 7.

Sunapsys, Inc.

Vinton, Virginia

Network Administrator Intern

January 2011 – August 2011

- Configured virtualized DHCP, DNS, and PDC servers in Linux to replace existing Windows servers.
- Created Bash scripts to back up data incrementally and monitor the status of the servers.

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.

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.

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\*\*\*, Windows\*
- Version Control/Review: Gerrit\*, Git\*\*\*, Subversion\*\*

Exposure\* - Minimal knowledge\*\* - Adequate knowledge\*\*\* - Maximum knowledge\*\*\*

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.

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

April 2011 – Present

- Hosts code samples, original source code, and patches for open source projects.
- 17 original repositories.
  - o bamos.github.com, dotfiles, latex-templates, mew, parsec-benchmark, reading-list, scala-sorting, simplefortran-routines, simple-python-scripts, simple-shell-scripts
  - o 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.
  - o 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 list-github-repos Obtain a LaTeX list of all of a user's public Github repos and descriptions.
  - 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.
- 3 forked repositories.
  - o antimalware Dynamic malware analysis for the Android platform
  - o gv-app Google Voice command line client
  - o mirror-android-repo Instructions and files for setting up a server that mirrors the entire Android project.

## Honors & AWARDS

- 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
- $\bullet\,$  Tennis Team, Northside High School, 2008–2011