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Interests Compiler, mobile, or security research in a Linux environment.

EDUCATION Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, Virginia

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August 2011 - May 2014 B.S. Computer Science

• 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 May 2012 – Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

• 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.
- 23 posts across the following tags, listed by highest frequency. Python, Bash, LaTeX, Scala, Android, Fortran, Linux, 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.
 - o dotfiles, latex-templates, 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.
 - o bamos.github.io My personal website.
 - cpp-expression-parser Expression parsing in C++ with Dijkstra's Shunting-yard algorithm.
 - o ical-availability Analyze your iCals and print your availability.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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
 - o 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