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I'm an infosec enthusiast with a strong background in network security (IDS/IPS), anti-malware technologies (EDR/XDR), research methodologies and innovation.

Experience

- **Principal Engineer at Qualys Inc.** Jan/2019 - Present
 - Product research, design and PoC: Breach Simulation, Security Control Validation, Attack Surface Mapping, Asset Remediation Trendmap
 - Research and automation: Threat Intelligence feeds evaluation and aggregation, False Positive validation, event whitelisting, risk scoring, rule parsers and converters
 - MITRE ATT&CK TTP correlation (adversary killchain), quantification and scoring
 - Subject Matter Expert for research/innovation and automation workflows
 - Tech/Domain: Python, Shell, Unix, Windows, AntiMalware, EDR, XDR, Threat Intelligence
- **Research Engineer at Qualys Inc.** Apr/2015 - Jan/2019
 - Research towards automated aggregation of threat behavior and generic (Yara/IoC) rule creation
 - Lead architect for in-house automation projects (sourcing/filtering/scanning of malware samples)
 - Subject Matter Expert for AntiMalware and network security research initiatives
 - Tech/Domain: Python, Shell, Unix, Windows, AntiMalware, Yara, IoC
- **Security Research Engineer at Juniper Networks** Apr/2012 - Feb/2015
 - Maintaining in-house automation tools for coverage against multiple exploitation frameworks
 - Signature development for Juniper's security portfolio devices against latest vulnerabilities and exploits
 - Regular updates of active signatures to increase accuracy and coverage against evolving evasion techniques
 - Tech/Domain: Python, Shell, Unix, Windows, IDS, IPS
- **Information Security Engineer at SecurView Systems** Dec/2010 - Apr/2012
 - Vulnerability Researcher / Security Analyst for the Cisco Security IntelliShield Alert Manager Service
 - Active member of the Secur-I Research Group with monthly publication of critical vulnerability assessments
 - Tech/Domain: Python, Shell, Unix, Windows, Vulnerability Research

Patents

- Quantification of Adversary TTPs Using Threat Attribute Groupings and Correlation Dec/2021
- Security Event Detection Using Behavioral, Analytical and Threat Intelligence Attributes Dec/2021
- [Attack Path and Graph Creation Based on User and System Profiling](#) Jul/2019
- [Attack Kill Chain Generation and Utilization for Threat Analysis](#) Apr/2019
- [Asset Remediation Trend Map Generation and Utilization for Threat Mitigation](#) Apr/2019
- [DSL for Simulating a Threat-Actor and Adversarial TTPs](#) Apr/2019
- [DSL for Defending Against a Threat-Actor and Adversarial TTPs](#) Apr/2019
- [DSL for Threat-Actor Deception](#) Apr/2019
- [Method and Apparatus for Intelligent Aggregation of Threat Behavior](#) Apr/2017
- [Using A Probability-based Model To Detect Random Content In Network Traffic](#) Dec/2014
- [Deobfuscating Scripted Language For Network Intrusion Detection](#) Sep/2014

Media

- Bossie Awards 2017 - The best networking and security software, [InfoWorld](#) Sep/2017
- Visual network and file forensics with Rudra, [HelpNet Security](#) Sep/2017
- Rudra - Framework for inspection of network capture files, [HelpNet Security](#) Sep/2015
- Network Sorcery with ChopShop and Libemu, [PenTest Magazine](#) Mar/2014

Talks

- **svachal + machinescli**
These tools are useful for creating and learning from CTF writeups
 - [DEF CON 30 Demo Labs](#) 13/Aug/2022
- **Breach and Attack Simulation**
Automated simulation of adversary TTPs mapped to MITRE ATT&CK framework
 - [Qualys Security Conference 2018 - First Look Showcase](#) 14/Nov/2018
- **Angad - Malware Detection using Multi-Dimensional Visualization**
Angad is a tool that can perform visual malware clustering using Hilbert Curves
 - [SecTor 2018](#) 13/Oct/2018
 - [BSides Zurich 2018](#) 14/Sep/2018
 - [GrrCON 2018](#) 07/Sep/2018
 - [DEF CON 26 Demo Labs](#) 11/Aug/2018
- **Visual Network and File Forensics**
This presentation showcases the effectiveness of visual tooling for malware and file-format forensics
 - [DEF CON 25 Packet Hacking Village](#) 29/Jul/2017
 - [Virus Bulletin 2017](#) (could not attend)
- **Rudra - The Destroyer of Evil**
Rudra provides a framework for exhaustive analysis of PCAP and PE files
 - [DEF CON 24 Demo Labs](#) 06/Aug/2016
 - [Black Hat USA 2016 Arsenal](#) 03/Aug/2016
 - [OWASP Pune Meet](#) 28/Jul/2016
 - [Black Hat Asia 2016 Arsenal](#) 31/Mar/2016
 - [Black Hat EU 2015 Arsenal](#) 13/Nov/2015
 - [DEF CON 23 Demo Labs](#) 08/Aug/2015
 - [Black Hat USA 2015 Arsenal](#) 05/Aug/2015
- **Flowinspect - Network Inspection Tool on Steroids**
Flowinspect is a tool for network monitoring and inspection purposes
 - [Black Hat USA 2014 Arsenal](#) 06/Aug/2014
 - [Nullcon 2014](#) 14/Feb/2014

Portfolio

Google Scholar

- citations: 41
- h-index: 3
- i10-index: 2

GitHub

- Rank: S (top 25%)
- Commits: 16.2k
- Followers: 142
- Pull Requests: 16
- Stars: 315
- Languages: python/c/assembly/shell/tex

StackOverflow

- Reputation: 1695 (top 22%)
- Impact: ~492k people reached
- Badges: gold:2/silver:15/bronze:17

Certifications/Academics

- [Amateur Radio Operator \(KN6VLB\)](#) Aug/2022
- [GIAC Penetration Tester \(GPEN\)](#) Mar/2012
- [Cisco Certified Network Security Associate \(CCNA\)](#) Jan/2010
- **M.Tech Software Systems, BITS-Pilani** Dec/2014
Thesis: [Rudra - Framework for Automated Inspection of Network Flows](#)
- **BE Information Technology, Pune University** Jul/2010
Thesis: [Insider Threats - Research on ARP Security Flaws and Solutions](#)

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