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PERSONAL DATA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Network security & privacy; anonymity networks; Internet measurements; censorship & surveillance

EDUCATION

KAIST, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Ph.D. in Computer Science Feb 2025–Present
- Advisor: Prof. Min Suk Kang

M.S. in Computer Science Aug 2023–Feb 2025
- Advisor: Prof. Min Suk Kang
- Master Thesis: *Measuring DNS-over-HTTPS Downgrades: Prevalence, Techniques, and Bypass Strategies*

B.S. in Computer Science Feb 2019–Aug 2023
- Double Major in Business and Technology Management
- *Latin Honors: Cum Laude*

AWARDS AND HONORS

Q-Day Special Student Award Nov 2025
President of KAIST: Awarded to 19 teams or individuals for exemplary creativity, active participation across diverse activities, and outstanding achievements (<0.2%)

Top Poster Reviewers Award Oct 2025
ACM CCS '25: Awarded to top 5 reviewers out of 51 (10%)

Excellence Award Sep 2025
The Third AI Hackathon for Network Intelligence: 2nd place out of 94 teams (2%)

Honorable Mention [1] Aug 2025
USENIX Security '25: Awarded to 25 recognized papers out of 407 (6%)

Presidential Science Scholarship for Graduate Students Jun 2025–Present
President of the Republic of Korea: Awarded to 121 recipients out of 2,355 applicants for outstanding scientific aptitude, exceptional potential, and expected contributions to the advancement of national science and technology (5%)

Award for Ambitious Failure Feb 2025
President of KAIST: Awarded to 3 teams or individuals for contributing to the promotion of a culture of challenge and innovation unafraid of failure (<0.1%)

Inseong Scholarship Jan 2025
KAIST: Awarded to 20 graduate students for exemplary conduct, community service, and contributions to the university's development and reputation (<0.3%)

KAIST Full Scholarship for Graduate Program Aug 2023–Present

REFEREED PUBLICATION

- [1] **Jinseo Lee**, Hobin Kim, and Min Suk Kang. 2025. Onions Got Puzzled: On the Challenges of Mitigating Denial-of-Service Problems in Tor Onion Services. In *Proceedings of the 34th USENIX Security Symposium* (Seattle, WA, USA) (**USENIX Security '25**). USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA, 19 pages. <https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity25/presentation/lee> (*Recognized with Honorable Mention*)
- [2] **Jinseo Lee**, David Mohaisen, and Min Suk Kang. 2024. Measuring DNS-over-HTTPS Downgrades: Prevalence, Techniques, and Bypass Strategies. *Proc. ACM Netw.* 2, CoNEXT4, Article 28 (December 2024), 22 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3696385>

TALKS

Challenges of Mitigating Denial-of-Service Problems in Tor Onion Services [1], Mar 2026
RSAC Conference: Invited Talk, San Francisco, CA, USA

Onions Got Puzzled: On the Challenges of Mitigating Denial-of-Service Problems in Tor Onion Services [1], Aug 2025
USENIX Security: Conference Presentation, Seattle, WA, USA

Measuring DNS-over-HTTPS Downgrades: Prevalence, Techniques, and Bypass Strategies [2], Dec 2024
ACM CoNEXT: Conference Presentation, Los Angeles, CA, USA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committee

Poster/Demo Session Committee at ACM CCS '25 2025

Artifact Evaluation Committee

USENIX Security '26 2025

PETS '26 2025

IEEE S&P '26 2025

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Information Security (Prof. Min Suk Kang, KAIST) Feb 2026–Jun 2026

Introduction to Computer Networks (Prof. Min Suk Kang, KAIST) Sep 2025–Dec 2025

Network Security (Prof. Min Suk Kang, KAIST) Feb 2025–Jun 2025

Undergraduate Student Advising

Jongkook Han (KAIST) Jan 2025–Present

- Designed and evaluated a new side channel attack to deanonymize Tor onion services at scale

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Jailbreaking Attacks against AI Code Assistants	Sep 2025 – Present
Investigating jailbreaking vulnerabilities in AI code assistants	
Deanonymization of Tor Onion Services	Sep 2024–Present
Identified a critical side channel enabling large-scale deanonymization of Tor onion services and evaluated practical mitigation strategies	
DoS Attacks against Tor Onion Services	Aug 2023–Sep 2024
Discovered a serious Denial-of-Service (DoS) vulnerability in Tor client puzzles and collaborated with the Tor Project to address it [1]	
Downgrades of DNS-over-HTTPS	Jan 2023–June 2024
Measured the status of DNS-over-HTTPS downgrades worldwide, uncovering their prevalence, techniques, and bypass strategies [2]	
DUDE (DUPLICATION DETECTOR)	Oct 2022–Dec 2022
Developed a GitHub Action designed to detect duplicate GitHub issues and notify their respective authors (GitHub Marketplace link)	

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Peer Counselor	Jun 2025–Present
KAIST Counseling Center	
Graduate Student Representative	Aug 2023–Feb 2024
KAIST School of Computing	
Representative	Sep 2022–Jun 2023
KAIST Catholic Student Union Sanarae	
Standing Committee	Apr 2021–Dec 2021
Daejeon Catholic Council of University Students	
Executive	Sep 2019–Dec 2020
KAIST Catholic Student Union Sanarae	

LANGUAGES

Korean
Native
English
Professional working proficiency
Norwegian
Elementary proficiency