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EDUCATION

Pittsburgh, PA Carnegie Mellon University

Aug. 2023 - May. 2025

- M.S. in Information Security. GPA: 3.63/4.0.
- Core Courses: Distributed Systems; Network Security; Browser Security; Network Forensics; Cloud Security.

Xi'an, China Xidian University Sep. 2019 – Jun. 2023

- B.E. in Cyberspace Security. GPA: 3.8/4.0.
- Core Courses: Computer and Program Design; Data Structure and Algorithm Analysis; Database; Operating Systems; Computer Networks; Modern Cryptography; Software and System Security; AI Security.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Security Researcher, Intern

Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.

Jul. 2022 – Jan. 2023

- Optimized C/C++ code hardening on Linux, addressing ASLR challenges by processing shared library source code with GCC Gimple and applying code segment randomization techniques to enhance system security.
- Developed anti-debugging measures and neural network-based control flow obfuscation, embedding security features directly within executables to resist reverse engineering and conceal control flow transitions.
- Strengthened buffer overflow defenses by modifying GCC's AST and Gimple for complex C/C++ scenarios, including pointer escape handling for features like inheritance and STL libraries. Achieved <5% performance impact and <3% memory expansion, balancing security with performance in large-scale applications.

Security Engineer, Intern

Venustech Group Inc.

May. 2022 – Jul. 2022

- Simulated the work of a penetration tester. Conducted targeted code reviews in PHP, Java, and Python to identify high-risk vulnerabilities, including SQL injection, XSS, and RCE, as part of bug bounty programs.
- Developed a Web CTF challenge using Python Flask, designing an online toy shop with login, sign-up, and shopping pages. Integrated two vulnerabilities: one exploiting SQL injection to log in as an existing user, and another leveraging a CSRF attack to hijack admin cookies, allowing the attacker to purchase the flag.

ACADEMIC PROJECT

Distributed Bitcoin Miner (June. 2024 - Sep. 2024)

- Developed a distributed Bitcoin mining system using Go, leveraging its concurrency model with goroutines and channels. Designed and implemented a custom Live Sequence Protocol on top of UDP to reduce latency.
- Created a scalable client-server architecture that dynamically allocated tasks to miners, achieving a 4x improvement in efficiency compared to sequential mining and processing up to 100,000 hashes per second.

Mobile-APP Fingerprints on Encrypted Network (Jan. 2024 - May. 2024)

- Led enhancements to the FLOWPRINT model, boosting mobile-app fingerprinting in encrypted traffic.
- Achieved app recognition accuracy of 85.77% and precision of 98.86% for detecting unseen apps, surpassing previous model performances.
- Expanded model's utility to browser traffic, effectively distinguishing web activities.

White-Box Cryptography Algorithm Based on Neural Networks (Mar. 2022 – Oct. 2022)

- Developed a neural network-based system to obfuscate encryption steps in block ciphers, creating a resilient black-box environment resistant to BGE attacks.
- Integrated overfitting techniques to ensure secure encryption through neural network substitution in AES.

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

- Member of Information Security Society in Xidian University
 - Conducted research into web security technologies, led teams in CTF and Digital Forensics Competitions.
- Member of PPP(Plaid Parliament of Pwning) in Carnegie Mellon University
 Engage in CTF competitions(Web, PWN, Crypto), join threat hunting and discuss security topics like CVEs.

LANGUAGES and SKILLS

- C; Python; Go; C++; Java; PHP; SQL; JavaScript; HTML
- Cybersecurity; Machine Learning; Node.js; Docker; AWS; Cryptography; Incident Response; Malware Analysis