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## **EDUCATION**

Virginia Tech

Virginia, United States

Aug. 2018 – May. 2020 (Expected)

Master of Science in Computer Science

GPA: 3.70/4.00
Featured Coursework: Data Analytics, Big Data Text Summarization, Statistics

Fudan University

Bachelor with Honor in School of Information Science and Technology

Sep. 2013 – June 2017

- GPA: 3.61/4.00
- Selected to Elite Electrical Engineer Program (top 5% of 500 students, on the basis of outstanding research performance)
- Featured Coursework: Data Structure and Algorithm, Computer Architecture

#### **National University of Singapore**

Singapore

**Exchange Student** 

Jan. 2016 - May 2016

• Earned 12 course credits, GPA: 4.0/5.0

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. P. Peng, C. Xu, L. Quinn, H. Hu, B. Viswanath, G. Wang "What Happens After You Leak Your Password: Understanding Credential Sharing on Phishing Sites", *July 7-12, 2019, The ACM Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS)*
- 2. Q. Gong, Y. Chen, X. Yu, C. Xu, Z. Guo, Y. Xiao, F. Ben Abdesslem, X. Wang, P. Hui "Exploring the Power of Social Hub Services", 2018, Word Wide Web Journal
- 3. Q. Gong, X. Yu, C. Xu, Z. Guo, Y. Chen, X. Wang "Leveraging the Potential of Social Hub Services", December 12, 2017, *CoNEXT'17 Student Workshop*

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## **Virginia Tech (Department of Computer Science)**

Virginia, US

Research Assistant to Professor Gang Wang

Sep. 2018 - Apr. 2019

#### **Investigation on Phishing Sites**

- By collecting phishing sites from several blacklists and trying to download phishing kits from them, we first build a measurement tool to feed fake credentials to live phishing sites.
- Obtaining phishing kits from a subset of phishing sites to analyze how credentials are sent to attackers and third-parties on the server side.
- Setting up honey accounts to monitor the post-phishing exploitation activities from attackers. Our study reveals the key mechanisms for information sharing during phishing, particularly with third-parties.

#### **Fudan University (Department of Computer Science)**

Shanghai, China

Research Assistant to Professor Yang Chen

Nov. 2016 – Apr. 2018

## **Understanding the User Behavior in Online Social Networks**

- Using Matrix Factorization and Clustering algorithms to classify users and shops on Dianping website and to study their distribution and characteristics, aiming to study urban planning and recommendation systems
- Leveraging potential of social hub services (SHS). Based on cross-links, an important function of SHS, aggregating users' profiles on several websites for further analysis and investigation into privacy issues. Cross-links also provide outstanding method for influential prediction, study of multi-layer social networks and further understanding of comprehensive influence across assorted online social networks

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Virginia Tech

CS 1044: Intro Program in C

Aug. 2018 – Jan. 2019

#### **Financial Engineering Intern**

Yaozhi Asset Management Co., LLP.

Optimized the algorithm of the backtest system and greatly improved the efficiency. Apr. 2018 – Jul. 2018 Maintained portfolio management system (Django). Participated in alpha strategy analysis. Realized short-term price-volume multi-factors model.

#### **SKILLS**

- Coding: Python (proficient), Matlab (proficient), C/C++ (prior experience)
- Tools: Git, JMP, Verilog, Hadoop, Spark, Latex