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EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Ph.D. student in Computer Science

Virginia, United States

Aug. 2018 – Present

- Advisor: Prof. Gang Wang

Fudan University

Bachelor with Honor in School of Information Science and Technology

Sep. 2013 – June 2017

- GPA: 3.61/4.00
- Selected awards: Third Prize for Outstanding Students (2014, 2015), Sunny Healthy Stars (top 1% of 2000 Students, awarded to those with outstanding performance in University Physical Test)
- Selected to Elite Electrical Engineer Program (top 5% of 500 students, on the basis of outstanding research performance)

National University of Singapore

Exchange Student

Singapore

Jan. 2016 – May 2016

- Earned 12 course credits, GPA: 4.0/5.0
- Joined and researched in Professor Rui Zhang's Communications Research Group

PUBLICATIONS

1. 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*
2. 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)

Ph.D. student to Professor Gang Wang

Shanghai, China

Sep. 2018 – Jan. 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. Second, we obtain phishing kits from a subset of phishing sites to analyze how credentials are sent to attackers and third-parties on the server side. Third, we set 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)

Research Assistant to Professor Yang Chen

Shanghai, China

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

CS 1044: Intro Program in C

Virginia Tech

Aug. 2018 – Jan. 2019

Financial Engineering Intern

Participated in alpha strategy analysis. Realized short-term price-volume multi-factors model.

Yaozhi Asset Management Co., LLP.

Apr. 2018 – Jul. 2018

Optimized backtest platform. Maintained portfolio management system.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer and Language Skills

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