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**EDUCATION** 

**University of Tsukuba, Japan** Tsukuba, Japan Doctoral Program. System and Information Engineering, Computer vision laboratory Expected Mar '24

Research (Ongoing): Malware Analysis, Machine Learning, Subspace Representation

University of Mohamed Khider, Algeria Biskra, Algeria Ms. Engg. in Network and Telecommunication Sep 2015 - Jun 2018

Coursework: Information Security, Advanced Signal Processing, Telecom System, IP Routing

University of Mohamed Khider, Algeria Biskra, Algeria B.Engg. in Science and Technology, Computer Science Sep 2018 - Jun 2020

Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Electronics, Software Engineering, Compilers

**EXPERIENCE** 

**VERIMAG Lab, France** 

Oct 2023 - Dec 2023 Research visitor

Joined VERIMAG laboratory at the University of Grenoble, France as a PhD visitor.

- The research focused on enhancing image-based malware analysis through modern DNNs.
- Achieving state-of-the-art results. AINA24 Conference under review. (Reference in [3])
- Vision-based method detection of malware and vulnerabilities at the application code level.

**UD Trucks .Ltd, Japan** 

Saitama, Japan Research Intern Jan 2022 - Jul 2022

 Cyber Security for Automotive (Digitalization Solution & IT Department): Worked on mechanism of OTA (Over The Air) updates, Security process, Software Update (SW), Firmware Over the Air Update (FOTA/ OTA) and Threat Assessment and Remediation Analysis (TARA).

**National Communication Directorate of Batna** 

Batna, Algeria Network Engineering Intern Jun 2021 - Dec 2021

 Network administrator in enterprise department, worked on Cisco routers and switches, experience in MPLS, OSPF, BGP (basic IP networking technology). Optimizing network performance and enhancing security. Diagnose and resolve network issues, minimizing downtime, and improving overall network efficiency.

National Air Navigation Establishment (ENNA)

Telecommunications System Engineer Intern

Aircraft VHF radio, Aeronautical safety Radionavigation/Telecom, Air Traffic Control.

**Algeria Telecom Corporation** 

Biskra, Algeria Telecommunication Intern Mar 2018 - Apr 2018

• Contributed to the deployment of network infrastructure. 4G/5G configuration for high-speed wireless data communication, Dense wavelength-division multiplexing, and its applications in modern telecommunications (DWDM).

**INSFP Cisco Academy** Cisco Candidate Trainee (Cisco Certified Network Associate CCNA 200-125)

Biskra, Algeria Dec 2017 - Nov 2019

Batna, Algeria Jan 2019 - Mar 2019

• Configuration of infrastructure components: firewalls, routers, and switches.

Network troubleshooting and daily network maintenance. Manage and maintain IP addresses, VLANs, WAN lines.

• Routing, switching, and security protocols. QoS, IPv6, and ACL.

**PROJECTS** 

#### **Malware Classification**

github.com/Djaferbenchadi/Malware\_classification\_ksm

- Implemented Kernel Subspace Method (KSM) for malware classification based on representative digital images.
- · Results published in IEEE access.

## **Malware Spoofing (Binary)**

github.com/Djaferbenchadi/Malware\_analysis\_binary

- Developed a method based on Kernel Constrained Subspace Method (KCSM) and Random Fourier Features (RFF).
- Tackled malware spoofing task, distinguishing between malware and Benign (safe) files.
- Results published in MVA2023.

### **Malware Visualization (Behavior)**

github.com/Diaferbenchadi/OSA KDS

- Proposed novel visualization framework (OSA\_KDS) for understanding malware behavior.
- Framework implemented using Occlusion Sensitivity Analysis and Kernel Difference Subspace.
- Provided insights into malware features, aiding in reverse-engineering and cybersecurity analysis.
- Results published on IEEE access.

#### **SKILLS**

Programming Languages and Libraries: Python; NumPy, SciPy; Pandas; PyTorch; TensorFlow; Keras; Scikit-learn; MATLAB. Computational Methods: Machine Learning (ML); Deep Learning (DL); Neural networks; Research; Foundation models; GenAI; Software Engineering; Data Science;

Tools: IDA, Hex, Computer architecture (x86, ARM, and RISC-V)

Languages: English, French, Japanese, Arabic

#### Certificates

- Cisco CCNA 200-125 (Routing and Switching) [ICND1]+[ICND2], ID: WGJH72TD4LB41RC.
- Quality of service (QoS) for IPv6.

#### **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

- Machine Vision and Application Conference (MVA) 2023, Poster Presentation.
- General Organization committee of CollaboTICS joint workshop 2022.
- CollaboTICS workshop 2022, Oral and Poster Presentation.
- Participated in and assisted at PhD Visitation in <u>VERIMAG</u> laboratory at University of Grenoble, France.

#### **FOLLOWSHIP**

- Awarded PhD Japanese Government scholarship - MEXT - 2021.04 until 2024.03

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] <u>Benchadi Djafer Yahia M</u>, Bojan Batalo, Kazuhiro Fukui, "Efficient Malware Analysis Using Subspace-Based Methods on Representative Image Patterns", IEEE Access, Volume 11,10244023, 2023.
- [2] <u>Benchadi Djafer Yahia M</u>, Bojan Batalo, Kazuhiro Fukui, "Malware detection using Kernel Constrained Subspace Method", 2023 18th International Conference on Machine Vision and Applications (MVA), pp. 1-5, 2023.
- [3] \*Hamzah Al-Qadasi, \*Benchadi Djafer Yahia M, Salim Chehida, Kazuhiro Fukui, Saddek Bensalem, "Neural Network Innovations in Image-Based Malware Classification: A Comparative Study", The 38-th International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA-2024).