Gaukas Wang

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Education

University of Colorado Boulder	Boulder, CO
Electrical and Computer Engineering	
Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) summa cum laude	2018 - 2021
Master of Science (M.Sc.)	2022 - 2024
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) advised by Prof. Eric Wustrow	2022 - 2027 Est.

Research Area/Interests

Anti-Censorship: Measure and analyze new censorship systems, build circumvention systems/solutions.

Prioritized

Computer Networking: Build and improve various network systems.

Privacy: Design and implement new Privacy Enhancement Technologies.

Cybersecurity: More general topics including Cryptography, Web security, and Software Reverse Engineering

Selected Publications

Extended Abstract: Oscur0: One-shot Circumvention without Registration M. Chen, J. Wampler, A. Alaraj, G. Wang, E. Wustrow	FOCI 2024
Just add WATER: WebAssembly-based Circumvention Transports E. Chi, G. Wang, J.A. Halderman, E. Wustrow, J. Wampler	FOCI 2024
MRTOM: Mostly Reliable Totally Ordered Multicast Z. Liu, D. Grunwald, J. Izraelevitz, G. Wang, S. Ha	ICDCS 2023
Chasing Shadows: A security analysis of the ShadowTLS proxy G. Wang, Anonymous, J. Sippe, H. Chi, E. Wustrow	FOCI 2023
Acuerdo: Fast Atomic Broadcast over RDMA J. Izraelevitz, G. Wang, R. Hanscom, K. Silvers, T.S. Lehman, G. Chockler, A. Gotsman	ICPP 2022

Impactful Contributions

WATER: WebAssembly Transport Executable Runtime

Next-generation engine for WebAssembly-based network transport protocols

Since 2023

- water/water-rs WATER Runtime library written in Go/Rust, respectively
- watm WebAssembly Transport Module builder library written in Go (TinyGo)
- watermob gomobile-compatible wrapper for running WATER on mobile platforms (Android/iOS)

TLS/QUIC Fingerprinting

Fingerprinting TLS and QUIC connections through Deep Packet Inspection (DPI)

Since 2021

- clienthellod TLS ClientHello/QUIC Initial Packet reflection service
- uTLS Low-level access TLS ClientHello mimicry library allowing low-level access to TLS Handshake
- uQUIC Low-level access QUIC Initial Packet mimicry library allowing low-level access to QUIC Handshake
- TLSFingerprint.io Online showcase for TLS Client Hello fingerprints collected @ CU Boulder
- quic.TLSFingerprint.io Online showcase for QUIC client Initial Packet fingerprints collected @ CU Boulder

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

Individual contributions to the CVE® Program

- CVE-2021-36539 Unbound File Access vulnerabilities in Canvas LMS by *Instructure, Inc.*
- CVE-2021-28681 DTLS Man-in-the-Middle(MITM) risks in pion/webrtc by Pion

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Awards & Honors

OTF Information Controls Fellowship Program (ICFP)

Open Technology Fund 2024-2025

ECEE University Graduate Program Support Scholarship

University of Colorado Boulder Dec 2023

ECEE Excellence Fellowship

University of Colorado Boulder Aug 2022

ECEE Outstanding Accomplishment Award

University of Colorado Boulder May 2021

Professional Experience

Graduate Student Researcher Censorship, Cybersecurity, Network

University of Colorado Boulder Aug 2022 - Present

Fullstack Software Engineer C++, Javascript, PHP, Python, SQL

Intelepeer Cloud Communications LLC Aug 2021 - June 2022

Temporary Researcher Network, Censorship

University of Colorado Boulder, with Prof. Eric Wustrow and Psiphon, Inc.

July 2021 - Apr 2022

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Independent Study)

Network, Censorship

University of Colorado Boulder, with Prof. Eric Wustrow

Jan 2021 - May 2021

Undergraduate Research Assistant Distributed Systems, Network, RDMA

University of Colorado Boulder, with Prof. Joe Izraelevitz

Apr 2020 - Apr 2021

Professional Service

Reviewer

Invited reviewer at peer-reviewed venue/proceedings

ICECET 2024: The 4th International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Energy Technologies 2024

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

University of Colorado Boulder

ECEN 4133/5133: Fundamentals of Computer Security

Fall 2023

ECEN 4313/5313: Concurrent Programming Fall 2020 / Fall 2022

ECEN 1310: C Programming for ECE Spring 2020 / Spring 2021