Gorka Abad

Curriculum Vitae





Education

2020-Today Ph.D. candidate, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands,

In collaboration with Ikerlan research center in Spain.

research area Adversarial machine learning, mostly backdoor attacks.

supervisor Stjepan Picek

2019–2020 Master's degree in cybersecurity, Universidad Internacional de La Rioja (UNIR),

Spain, *8.6/10*

thesis Enhancing IoT security through DLTs 9/10

supervisor Fidel Paniagua

2015–2019 Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering, Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea

(EHU), Spain,

thesis Online penetration testing laboratory 9/10

supervisor Juan Antonio Pereira

Experience

2020–2020 Assistant researcher, Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (EHU), Spain

Working on the Group for Adaptive Teaching-Learning Environment (Ga-Lan Group), which centers on applying Artificial Intelligence techniques for developing learning systems and

tools with dynamic adaptation to the user.

2020–2020 **Cybersecurity Engineer**, Arinn Innovation, Spain

Internship working on cloud-based WAF management.

2018–2019 **Software developer**, *IDE*, Spain

Internship working on Java software development.

Publications

2023 Abad, G., Ersoy, O., Picek, S., & Urbieta, A. (2023). Sneaky Spikes: Uncovering Stealthy Backdoor Attacks in Spiking Neural Networks with Neuromorphic Data arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.06279.

- 2023 Abad, G., Xu, J., Koffas, S., Tajalli, B., & Picek, S. (2023). A Systematic Evaluation of Backdoor Trigger Characteristics in Image Classification. arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.01740.
- 2023 Abad, G., Paguada, S., Ersoy, O., Picek, S., Ramírez-Durán, V. J., & Urbieta, A. (2023). Sniper Backdoor: Single Client Targeted Backdoor Attack in Federated Learning. In First IEEE Conference on Secure and Trustworthy Machine Learning.
- 2022 <u>Abad, G.</u>, Ersoy, O., Picek, S., Ramírez-Durán, V. J., & Urbieta, A. (2022). *Poster: Backdoor Attacks on Spiking NNs and Neuromorphic Datasets.* In Proceedings of the 2022 ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (pp. 3315-3317).
- 2022 Abad, G., Picek, S., & Urbieta, A. (2022). On the Security & Privacy in Federated Learning. arXiv preprint arXiv:2112.05423.

Talks

2023 Sniper Backdoor: Single Client Targeted Backdoor Attack in Federated Learning

At SaTML'23 in Raleigh, NC.

- 2023 **Poster: Backdoor Attacks on Spiking NNs and Neuromorphic Datasets.** At Ikerlan research center.
- 2022 **Backdoor Attacks on Spiking NNs and Neuromorphic Datasets.** At Radboud University.
- 2022 **Poster: Backdoor Attacks on Spiking NNs and Neuromorphic Datasets.** At CCS'22.
- 2022 On the security and privacy in Federated Learning For VeriDevOps European project.
- 2022 Sniper Backdoor: Single Client Targeted Backdoor Attack in Federated Learning

At Radboud University.

2022 Sniper Backdoor: Single Client Targeted Backdoor Attack in Federated Learning

At Ikerlan research center.

Courses

- 2022 Summer School on real-world crypto and privacy, Šibenik, Croatia
- 2022 Summer School on Security and Privacy, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

Students Supervision

2022 June **Master's student supervision**, at Mondragón University & Ikerlan, Working on –Today adversarial examples against face recognition systems.

2023 **Bachelor's student supervision**, at *UPV/EHU & Ikerlan*, Working on adversarial February examples against autonomous driving systems.

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Languages

Basque Native
Spanish Native
English Advanced