

# PENGHUI LI

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## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Software security; software engineering; program analysis.

## EDUCATION

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The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) 2019.08 – 2023.07

- Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering, GPA: 3.97/4

University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS) 2015.09 – 2019.07

- B.E. in Computer Science and Technology, GPA: 3.83/4

Columbia University 2018.01 – 2018.05

- Visiting Student in Computer Science

## PUBLICATIONS

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★ My research designs *automated*, *scalable* and *effective* systems to detect software bugs. My work has found hundreds of new bugs in foundational system software, *e.g.*, PHP interpreter and Linux kernel. My research outcome has been published in top software security and engineering venues such as ESEC/FSE, ASE, CCS, WWW, and has received recognition with awards from academia and industry.

- [1] SDFuzz: Practical Directed Fuzzing with Context-Sensitive Target State Feedback  
Penghui Li, Wei Meng, and Chao Zhang  
In Submission to The International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE). 2023.
- [2] SelectFuzz: Efficient Directed Fuzzing with Selective Path Exploration  
Changhua Luo, Wei Meng, and Penghui Li  
In Submission to The IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland). 2023.
- [3] DDRace: Finding Concurrency UAF Vulnerabilities with Directed Fuzzing  
Ming Yuan, Bodong Zhao, Penghui Li, Jiashuo Liang, Xinhui Han, Xiapu Luo, and Chao Zhang  
In Submission to The USENIX Security Symposium (Security). 2023.
- [4] SEDiff: Scope-Aware Differential Fuzzing to Test Internal Function Models in Symbolic Execution  
Penghui Li, Wei Meng, and Kangjie Lu  
In Proceedings of The 30th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE). Singapore, November 2022.
- [5] Tchecker: Precise Static Inter-Procedural Analysis for Detecting Taint-Style Vulnerabilities in PHP Applications  
Changhua Luo, Penghui Li, and Wei Meng  
In Proceedings of The 29th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS). Los Angeles, CA, November 2022.
- [6] Understanding and Detecting Performance Bugs in Markdown Compilers  
Penghui Li, Yinxu Liu, and Wei Meng  
In Proceedings of The 36th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE). Melbourne, Australia, November 2021.
- [7] LChecker: Detecting Loose Comparison Bugs in PHP  
Penghui Li and Wei Meng  
In Proceedings of The Web Conference (WWW). Ljubljana, Slovenia, April 2021.

- [8] On the Feasibility of Automated Built-in Function Modeling for PHP Symbolic Execution  
Penghui Li, Wei Meng, Kangjie Lu, and Changhua Luo  
In Proceedings of The Web Conference (WWW). Ljubljana, Slovenia, April 2021.

## SELECTED AWARDS

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- Reaching Out Award, HKSAR 2022.04
- Best Software Artifact Award Nomination (ASE) 2021.11
- PCCW-HKT Scholarship Nomination 2021.08
- The Web Conference 2021 Student Scholarship 2021.03
- CUHK Postgraduate Scholarship 2019.08 – 2023.07
- Merit Student 2017/2018
- Outstanding Individual in Research Practice 2016.07

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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### External Reviewer

- IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy 2023
- The ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) 2021/2022
- The Web Conference (WWW) 2020/2021/2022
- The ACM Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security (AsiaCCS) 2021/2022

### Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Database Systems 2021F
- Building Web Applications 2021S
- Introduction to Cyber Security 2019F/2020F
- Linear Algebra for Engineers 2020S

### Student Research Mentor

- Yanting Chi  
Final-year undergraduate student from SJTU  
Bachelor degree thesis on symbolic execution 2021.08 – 2022.05  
Next position: Ph.D. student at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- ChiHo Cheng  
Final-year undergraduate student from CUHK  
Final-year project on PHP code analysis 2018.10 – 2019.04
- HoiHim Chan  
Final-year undergraduate student from CUHK  
Final-year project on PHP code analysis 2018.10 – 2019.04

## MISCELLANEOUS

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### Open-Source Software Artifacts

- MdPerfFuzz: an extensible language-based fuzzer for performance bugs. 2021.10  
<https://github.com/cuhk-seclab/MdPerfFuzz>  
★ Among *top 5* artifacts in ASE 2021 artifact track.
- XSym: a cross-language symbolic execution engine for PHP. 2021.08  
<https://github.com/cuhk-seclab/XSym>
- LChecker: a static detector for PHP loose comparison bugs. 2021.05  
<https://github.com/cuhk-seclab/LChecker>

### Acknowledged New Bugs (Selected)

- CPU-exhaustion denial-of-service vulnerabilities  
CVE-2021-22217, CVE-2021-39877, *etc.*
- Loose comparison bugs  
CVE-2020-23352, CVE-2020-23353, CVE-2020-23355, CVE-2020-23356, CVE-2020-23357, CVE-2020-23358, CVE-2020-23359, CVE-2020-23360, CVE-2020-23361, *etc.*