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PERSONAL PROFILE

Energetic, creative, and responsible student, currently studying at **ShanghaiTech University** in a graduate program (Sep. 2022 - Jul. 2025) and interning at Tencent Keen Security Lab (Aug. 2023 - current), under the supervision of **Prof. Yutian Tang**, **Prof. Liangfeng Zhang**, **Researcher Sen Nie**, and **Researcher Qiyi Tang**. Passionate about software engineering and security, having three years of expertise, and specializing in Binary Code Similarity Analysis (BCSA), Automatic Malware Analysis, Reverse Engineering, Fuzzing, LLM4SE, and so forth.

EDUCATION

ShanghaiTech University

Pudong, Shanghai

Master of Science in Computer Science (in English and Chinese), GPA: 3.92/4.0, Specialized Course GPA: 4.0/4.0

September 2022 - July 2025

- **Courses 2022-2023:** Program Analysis (A+), Algorithm Design (A), Machine Learning (A), Cybersecurity (A+)
- **Courses 2023-2024:** Cryptography (A+), Computer-aided Verification (A)

Chang'an University

Xi'an, Shaanxi

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, GPA: 4.20/5.0 (ranking 1st/350)

August 2018 - July 2022

- **Courses:** Compiler, Networking, Operating System, Database, Computer Architecture, etc.
- **Projects:** Remote Control System, MinHook for Windows, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Sweeping the Blockchain: Unmasking Illicit Accounts in Web3 Scams

Wenkai Li, Zhijie Liu, Xiaoqi Li*, Sen Nie

Black Hat Asia, 2025

KEENHash: Hashing Programs into Function-aware Embeddings for Large-scale Binary Code Similarity Analysis

Zhijie Liu, Qiyi Tang, Sen Nie, Shi Wu, Liang Feng Zhang, Yutian Tang*

The ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis, 2025

Detecting Malicious Accounts in Web3 through Transaction Graph

Wenkai Li, Zhijie Liu, Xiaoqi Li*, Sen Nie

Proceedings of the 39th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) Poster Track, 2024

Enhancing Malware Detection for Android Apps: Detecting Fine-granularity Malicious Components

Zhijie Liu, Liang Feng Zhang, Yutian Tang*

2023 38th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE), 2023

JOURNAL ARTICLES

No Need to Lift a Finger Anymore? Assessing the Quality of Code Generation by ChatGPT

Zhijie Liu, Yutian Tang*, Xiapu Luo, Zhou Yuming, Liang Feng Zhang

IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (2024). 2024

ChatGPT vs SBST: A Comparative Assessment of Unit Test Suite Generation

Yutian Tang*, Zhijie Liu, Zhichao Zhou, Xiapu Luo

IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (2024). 2024

UNDER REVIEW

Geometry Point Embedding for 3D Object Detection with Fully Transformer

Xin Jin, Kai Liu, Cong Ma, Ruining Yang, Zhijie Liu, Fei Hui*, Wei Wu*

Detecting Mimic Accounts in Illegally Service Providers via Dynamic Graph Evolution

Wenkai Li, Zhijie Liu, Xiaoqi Li*, Sen Nie, Yuqing Zhang

IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (2025). 2025

LLM-CompDroid: Repairing Configuration Compatibility Bugs in Android Apps with Pre-trained Large Language Models

Zhijie Liu, Yutian Tang*, Meiyun Li, Xin Jin, Yunfei Long, Liang Feng Zhang, Xiapu Luo

ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (Major Revision) (2024). 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Tencent Keen Security Lab, Security Researcher Intern

Project: Hashing Programs for Binary Code Similarity Analysis and Threat Intelligence

- Worked on **BinaryAI**, the binary file security analysis platform developed by Keen Security Lab, which is based on AI security for applications such as Binary Code Similarity Analysis (BCSA), Malware Analysis, and Software Composition Analysis (SCA);
- Contributed to BinaryAI's downstream tasks, including BCSA, **Malware Analysis**, Vulnerability Detection, and Threat Intelligence;
- Designed and deployed new algorithm for **BCSA**, which focuses on large-scale scenarios (e.g., at billion level) at program level;
- Designed and deployed new algorithm for **CVE Vulnerability Detection** on binary programs.
- Designed and deployed new algorithm for **Code Summarization** on binary programs.

Xuhui, Shanghai

August 2023 - Current

ShanghaiTech University, CATLab, Member

Project: Malicious Component Detection for Android Apps

- Summarized the shortcomings of existing Android malware detection systems;
- Designed a new approach based on deep learning and genetic algorithm for detecting Android malicious components adaptively;
- Improved the performance and robustness of Android malware detection by up to 10% and 20%, respectively;
- Supported fine-granularity Android malicious component detection.

Pudong, Shanghai

January 2022 - August 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ShanghaiTech University, Teaching Assistant

Course: SI200 Academic Paper Writing (in English and Chinese)

Pudong, Shanghai

2023 - 2024 (Fall)

SKILLS

ProgrammingC/C++, Java, Python, x86 Assembly, SQL, Dafny, Promela, Shell, etc.

MLOpsPytorch, WandB, Milvus, Faiss, LLM, cuML, etc.

DevOpsDocker, Git, Redis, SpringBoot, gRPC, etc.

SE & SecurityIDA Pro, Ghidra, angr, Soot, FlowDroid, Tai-e, Z3, MinHook, Neo4j, CodeQL, SonarQube, Spin, etc.

MiscellaneousWindows, Linux, Android, \LaTeX , Microsoft Office, etc.

SERVICES

2025Program Committee, International Conference on Software Engineering & Knowledge Engineering (SEKE)ITALY

2025Junior Program Committee, The International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR)CANADA

2024Program Committee, International Conference on Software Engineering & Knowledge Engineering (SEKE)ITALY

2023Subreviewer, Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC)KOREA

2023Program Committee, International Conference on Software Engineering & Knowledge Engineering (SEKE)USA

AWARDS

2024National Scholarship, Graduate Scholarships, ShanghaiTech UniversityChina

2023Outstanding Student, Graduate Scholarships, ShanghaiTech UniversityChina

2022Outstanding Thesis Award, Undergraduate Research Scholars, Chang'an UniversityChina

2022Outstanding Graduate Award, Undergraduate Scholarships, Chang'an UniversityChina

2022The Second Class Prize Winner, ASC22 Student Supercomputer ChallengeChina

2021Naitorial Scholarship, Undergraduate Scholarships, Chang'an UniversityChina

2021Meritorious Winner, 2021 Interdisciplinary Contest in ModelingUSA

2020National Scholarship, Undergraduate Scholarships, Chang'an UniversityChina

2019Second Prize of Zhaoshang-Road Scholarship, Undergraduate Scholarships, Chang'an UniversityChina

NEWS INTERVIEW/MEDIA COVERAGE

2024News Interview, IEEE Spectrum "How Good Is ChatGPT at Coding, Really? Study finds that while AI can be great, it also struggles due to training limitations"IEEE Spectrum

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