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## EDUCATION

PH.D., Computer Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, USA ( 2018 – Current)  
Advisor: Prof. Aziz Mohaisen. Topic: Machine Learning  
B.S., Computer Engineering, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine (2014 – 2018)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning Application, Natural Language Processing, Adversarial Machine Learning, Internet of Things Security, Malware Analysis, and User Privacy

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

|                   |                    |                               |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 08/2018 – Current | Research Assistant | University of Central Florida | Machine Learning |
| 08/2017 – 06/2018 | Software Engineer  | ITG Software                  | Web Development  |

## TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

1. Amin Kharmali, Ahmed Abusnaina, Murat Yuksel and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Examining the Robustness of Learning-Based DDoS Detection in Software Defined Networks**”, IEEE Conference on Dependable and Secure Computing (IDSC 2019)
2. Jinchun Choi, Ahmed Abusnaina, Afsah Anwar, An Wang, Songqing Chen, Daehun Nyang and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Honor Among Thieves: Towards Understanding the Dynamics and Interdependencies in IoT Bot-nets**”, IEEE Conference on Dependable and Secure Computing (IDSC 2019)
3. Hisham Alasmay, Aminollah Khormali, Afsah Anwar, Jeman Park, Jinchun Choi, Ahmed Abusnaina, Amro Awad, DaeHun Nyang, and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Analyzing and Detecting Emerging Internet of Things Malware: A Graph-based Approach**”, IEEE Internet of Things Journal, 2019
4. Ahmed Abusnaina, Amin Khormali, Hisham Alasmay, Jeman Park, Afsah Anwar, and Aziz Mohaisen. “**Adversarial Learning Attacks on Graph-based IoT Malware Detection Systems**”. IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS 2019), Texas, US, 7-10 July 2019 (acceptance rate 19.6%).
5. Ahmed Abusnaina, Amin Khormali, Hisham Alasmay, Jeman Park, Afsah Anwar, Ulku Meteriz, and Aziz Mohaisen. “**Breaking Graph-based IoT Malware Detection Systems Using Adversarial Examples**”, The 12th ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec '19), Miami, FL, US, May 15-17, 2019. (Poster)
6. Ahmed Abusnaina, Amin Khormali, Hisham Alasmay, Jeman Park, Afsah Anwar, Ulku Meteriz, and Aziz Mohaisen. “**Examining Adversarial Learning against Graph-based IoT Malware Detection Systems**”, The Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS 2019), San Diego, CA, US, Feb 23-27, 2019. (Poster)
7. Ahmed Abusnaina, Mohammed Abuhamad, DaeHun Nyang, Songqing Chen, An Wang, and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Ensemble Prediction of Spatio-Temporal Behavior of DDoS Attacks**”, AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2020) (in submission)
8. Ahmed Abusnaina, Hisham Alasmay, Mohammed Abuhamad, DaeHun Nyang, and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Subgraph-based Adversarial Examples Against Graph-based IoT Malware Detection Systems**”, International Conference on Computational Data and Social Networks (CSoNet 2019) (in submission)

9. Sultan Alshamrani, Mohammed Abuhamad, Ahmed Abusnaina, DaeHun Nyang, and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Politics, Religion, and Insults: Measuring the Exposure of Children and Adolescents to Inappropriate Comments in YouTube**”, International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM 2020) (in submission)
10. Hisham Alasmari, Ahmed Abusnaina, Rhongho Jang, DaeHun Nyang, and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Soteria: Detecting Adversarial Examples in Control Flow Graph-based Malware Classifiers**”, IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM 2020) (in submission)
11. Amin Kharmali, Ahmed Abusnaina, Rhongho Jang, and Aziz Mohaisen, “**Deep Fingerprinting Defender: Adversarial Learning-based Approach to Defend Against Website Fingerprinting**”, IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM 2020) (in submission)
12. Amin Kharmali, Ahmed Abusnaina<sup>§</sup>, Songqing Chen, DaeHun Nyang and Aziz Mohaisen, “**COPYCAT: Practical Adversarial Deep Learning Attacks on Visualization-Based Malware Detection**”, ACM Conference on Data and Application Security and Privacy (CODASPY 2020) (in submission)

## REPRESENTATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT

1. **Machine Learning applications in security:** This project aims to investigate machine and deep learning approaches in detecting, analyzing, modeling, and defending against adversaries.
2. **Adversarial Learning:** This project aims to investigate the robustness of several machine/deep learning models by generating practical adversarial examples.

## SKILLS

1. Python, C/C++, Java, PHP, JS, Latex
2. Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Malware Analysis, Data Analysis

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- External reviewer for IEEE CNS 2019.
- Reviewer for Transactions on Mobile Computing 2019.

## REFERENCES

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