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EDUCATION August 2007 – present

PhD Fellow (75% position) Norwegian Computing Center / University of Oslo

Research fellow for a PhD degree at Norwegian Computing Center, within the research area of network security in VoIP, with special focus on the SIP protocol.

January 2003 - November 2004

M.Sc. in Computer Security

University of Oslo

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I completed a M.Sc. at the Department of Informatics, University of Oslo, Norway. In my thesis I focused on network security and implemented a distributed firewall in close cooperation with the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI). Full title: "Adaptive distributed firewall using intrusion detection".

August 2000 - December 2003

B.Sc. in Programming and Computer Networks

University of Oslo

I completed a B.Sc. at the University of Oslo with courses in computer networks and programming.

August 1997 – May 2000 Minor degree in Philosophy

University of Oslo

I completed a minor degree in philosophy with two years philosophy and one year political science. In my thesis I compared Buddhist ethics with western consequentialism.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Remunerated

August 2007 - present

Senior System Consultant (25% part-time)

Redpill Linpro AB

I work as a senior technical free and open source (Linux) consultant and course instructor. Core member of both Network and Security Technical Excellence Area (TEA) groups.

April 2006 - May 2008

Board Member

Linpro AS

Board member elected by the employees of the company.

November 2004 - August 2007

Systems Consultant

Linpro AS

I worked as a technical free and open source (Linux) consultant and course instructor. I was responsible for keeping several sysadmin courses up to date and created several courses from scratch. I worked with network and infrastructure (Linux) for customers like "The Government Pension Fund of Norway", "Siemens Business Services" and "Ergo".

2003 - 2004

Research Assistant Thales Norway AS

Part-time position summer 2003 and 2004. Development of a prototype for authentication of nodes in a ad-hoc network.

September 2000 - November 2004

System Administrator

University of Oslo

I worked on the Linux/Unix systems at the University of Oslo on a part-time basis. Programming in PHP, MySQL and scripting.

June 2000 - July 2001

Support Engineer

Telenor Internett

I worked as a support engineer solving customer problems related to Internet connection and popular Internet services.

Voluntary

2000 - present

FTP System Administrator

University of Oslo

I'm member of the sysadmin team responsible for maintaining Norway largest public ftp server ftp. uninett.no/ftp.uio.no.

June 2003 - August 2004

Author

Linux Documentation Project

As part of the Linux Documentation Project, I wrote and maintained the Mobile IPv6 HOWTO, Optimized Link State Routing Protocol (OLSR) IPv6 HOWTO and the 802.1X Port-Based Authentication HOWTO.

April 2002 - Januar 2003

Board Member

Oslo Linux User Group (OLUG)

Founding member, and board member of OLUG.

1998 - 2004

Student Activities University of Oslo

I was involved in various student activities/societies on all levels of my higher education. Both professional and social.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Autumn 2003 and 2004

Teaching Assistant

University of Oslo

I worked as a teaching assistant and examiner at a programming course in Python, Perl and shell scripting.

March 2003

Guest Lecturer University of Oslo

I gave a two-hour guest lecture on free and open source software and its consequences for government administration at a Department of Political Science master course.

July 2001

Lecturer Telenor Internett

I held a two day course in Linux and Linux networking for the technical staff at Telenor Internett.

CERTIFICATIONS

MySQL Core Certification 4.1, http://www.mysql.com

MySQL Professional Certification 4.1, http://www.mysql.com

Red Hat Certified Technician (RHCT), http://www.redhat.com

Red Hat Certified Engineer (RHCE), http://www.redhat.com

Linux Professional Institute level 1 (LPIC1), http://www.lpi.org

SKILLS

I've been in interested in computers as long as I can remember. I remember vividly when I bought my first computer in 1993. I stumbled across Linux in the late 90ies and have used it daily ever since. I will claim my Linux and network skills are thorough. My programming experience are primarily Perl, Python and Bash.

Languages: Norwegian, English.

Publications

2010

Anders Moen Hagalisletto and Lars Strand. "Designing Attacks on SIP Call Setup" Accepted for publication in ISPEC'09 special issue of *Int. J. Applied Cryptography*, 2010.

2009

Lothar Fritsch, Arne-Kristian Groven, Lars Strand, Wolfgang Leister and Anders Moen Hagalisletto. "A Holistic Approach to Open Source VoIP Security: Results from the EUX2010SEC Project" *International Journal on Advances in Security*, issn 1942-2636, vol. 2, no. 2&3, 2009, pages 129-141, http://www.iariajournals.org/security/

Elin Sundby Boysen and Lars Strand. "Security analysis of the SIP Handover Extension" NISK 2009 - 2nd Norwegian Information Security Conference, pages 84-96, Nov 2009.

Anders Moen Hagalisletto, Lars Strand, Wolfgang Leister and Arne-Kristian Groven. "Analysing Protocol Implementations" The 5th Information Security Practice and Experience Conference (ISPEC 2009), pages 171-182, Apr 2009.

Lothar Fritsch, Arne-Kristian Groven and Lars Strand. "A holistic approach to Open-Source VoIP security: Preliminary results from the EUX2010SEC project" *The Eighth International Conference on Networks (ICN2009)*, pages 275-280, Mar 2009.

2008

Anders Moen Hagalisletto and Lars Strand. "Formal modeling of authentication in SIP registration" The Second International Conference on Emerging Security Information, Systems and Technologies (SECURWARE08), pages 16-21, Aug 2008.

Talks

I have given several talks since 2001, including topics like computer and network security, free and open source software, software quality, network protocols and databases. For a full list, please consult: http://nr.no/~strand/publications.html

Professional Activities

Technical Program Committee, The Fourth International Conference on Emerging Security Information, Systems and Technologies (SECURWARE10), 2010.

Technical Program Committee, The Third International Conference on Emerging Security Information, Systems and Technologies (SECURWARE09), 2009.

Session chair, The Eighth International Conference on Networks (ICN2009), 2009.

Session chair, The Second International Conference on Emerging Security Information, Systems and Technologies (SECURWARE08), 2008.

Interests

When I'm not in front of my computers, I like to exercise cross country cycling and running. I attend two-three cross country cycling competitions every year ("Raumerittet", "Grenserittet", "Birken"). During winter I spend much time exercising on the Concept2 indoor rowing machine, – I've entered over 1.5 million meters in the online logbook so far. I also have an "Advanced Open Water Diver" certificate from PADI.

Whenever I have the time, I blog about my technical experiences here http://blog.larsstrand.org/. I also brew a considerate amount of wine each year.

I'm also interested in philosophy of mind and -religion. But most of all, I enjoy spending time with my soon-to-be wife.

References

Available on request.