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Education

Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne(EPFL)

Lausanne, Switzerland

COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING

Sep. 2010 - 2021

- 2016 – 2021: PhD in Datacenter System Laboratory, Prof. Edouard Bugnion and Prof. James Larus
- 2013 – 2016: Master Degree, Foundations of Software specialization (avg 5.75/6)
- 2010 – 2013: Bachelor Degree

Northeastern University(NEU)

Boston, U.S.A.

MASTER THESIS

Sep. 2015 - Mar. 2016

- Supervised by Prof. Jan Vitek in the Programming Languages Laboratory

Carnegie Mellon University(CMU)

Pittsburgh, U.S.A.

EXCHANGE YEAR, BACHELOR DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Aug. 2012 - Jul. 2013

- Dean's list School of Computer Science for QPA > 3.75/4

Industry

Researcher - Post Doc

Cambridge UK

MICROSOFT RESEARCH

November 2021 - present

- Trusted Execution Environment on legacy hardware
- Verona: Infrastructure programming language

Summer Internship

Kirkland, USA

GOOGLE ASYLO TEAM - MATT GINGELL

June - August 2019

- Asylo team, Trusted Execution environments, SGX
- Explored potential designs to support higher-level programming languages in SGX enclaves
- Delivered a prototype that allowed HLPL code to run inside SGX

Skills

Programming Go, C/C++, Java, Rust, Shell scripting, Assembly, Python

Operating System design, Virtualization, KVM, Intel VT-x, Intel MPK

Knowledge in Software security, Hardware Security extensions, Trusted Execution Environments
Compilers, Language runtimes & virtual machines
Theoretical CS, Concurrent & Distributed Algorithms

Research & Publications

Systems, Virtualization, Security, Programming Abstractions

Focus Areas

Isolation of mutually distrustful software components
Hardware-enforced isolation

Ongoing Research

Cambridge, UK

IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON: MARIOS KOGIAS, EPFL: PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION, PROF. MATHIAS PAYER

Nov. 2021 - Present

- Tyche: Isolation Monitor
- Hardware-independent support for compartmentalization & Confidential Computing.
- Written in Rust, runs on x86 & RISC-V

PhD Thesis: Trust as a Programming Primitive

Lausanne, Switzerland

EPFL - PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION, PROF. JAMES LARUS

Sep. 2016 - Sep. 2021

- Programming Language extensions for compartmentalization and confidential computing.
- Programming languages, isolation, security, confidentiality, integrity, virtualization, hardware security extensions

Enclosures: Language-based restriction of untrusted libraries [ASPLOS21]

EPFL - PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION, PROF. MATHIAS PAYER

- New fine-grain programming abstraction to restrict public libraries access to program resources
- Frontend extensions to Go and Python PLs
- Backend support for hardware isolation enforcement (Intel VT-x & Intel MPK)
- Intra-address-space isolation, Sandboxing, Compiler, Linker, Runtime

Lausanne, Switzerland

Sep. 2019 - Oct. 2020

Secured Routines: Language-based construction of TEEs [ATC19]

EPFL - PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION, PROF. JAMES LARUS

- Extended Go programming language to support executing goroutines inside Intel SGX.
- Intel SGX, Confidentiality, Integrity, Go, Compilers, Code partitioning, Hardware Extensions

Lausanne, Switzerland

Jun. 2018 - May 2019

Light-Weight Contexts in Dune

EPFL - PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION

- Process virtualization with Dune
- Intra-address space isolation, protecting secrets, memory snapshots
- 5x speed improvement over a Linux fork
- Intel VTX, Dune, Virtualization, Kernel module, Virtual Memory Management

Lausanne, Switzerland

Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2017

Efficient Runtime Deoptimization for R(Master Thesis)

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY - PROF. JAN VITEK

- Speculative optimizer for an R JIT compiler
- Removes performance bottlenecks due to the language semantics
- Ensures correct run-time behavior.
- On-stack replacement, speculative optimizations, runtime de-optimization, R, LLVM, JIT compiler

Boston, U.S.A.

Sep. 2015 - Mar. 2016

Aperiodic-Event Support in FASA

ABB CORPORATE RESEARCH - DR. MANUEL ORIOL

- Fixed-priority servers, data-driven events, real-time control applications
- kernel design, dynamic linking/loading & software updates, pi-calculus

Baden, Switzerland

Feb. 2015 - Aug. 2015

Scalameta: AST Persistence & Obey: Code Health

EPFL, LAMP - PROF. MARTIN ODERSKY & DR. EUGENE BURMAKO

- Obey: Scala-linter for user-defined rules enforced at compile-time
- AST Persistence: typed-AST format for Scala
- Resolves compiler version incompatibilities and provides IDE macros expansion support

Lausanne, Switzerland

Jan. 2014 - Feb. 2015

Operating Systems & Design 15-410

UNDERGRADUATE

- Implementation of a x86 Unix like Kernel in C and ASM
- Design and implementation of thread library, scheduler, virtual memory, various drivers, system calls

CMU

Jan. 2013 - Jul. 2013

Management & Teaching

Grants Obtained

Swiss Joint Research Grant: Confidential Computing solutions for legacy hardware.
Joint program with Microsoft Research, EPFL, Imperial College London.
Involves three PhD Students.

Semester Projects

Go Intel MPK library (Charly Castes)
System call interposition in Go & Python runtimes (Elsa weber)

Teaching Assistant

Functional Programming (2020), Introduction to Operating Systems (2019)
Introduction to Java Programming (2018), Systems for Data Science (2017-2020)
Introduction to C Programming (2016-2017), Concurrent Programming (2015)
Student Volunteer at ECOOP (2016)

Personnal

Languages Fluent in French & English