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POST DOC RESEARCHER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, MICROSOFT RESEARCH CAMBRIDGE

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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

Microsoft Research

Cambridge UK

RESEARCHER - POST DOC

November 2021 - present

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

Google Asylo team

Kirkland, USA

SUMMER INTERNSHIP - SUPERVISOR: 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

ABB Corporate Research

Baden, Switzerland

MASTER INTERNSHIP - SUPERVISOR: DR. MANUEL ORIOL

Feb. 2015 - Aug. 2015

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

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

Tyche: Creating Trust by Abolishing Hierarchies [HotOS 23]

Cambridge, UK

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

Nov. 2021 - Present

- Isolation monitor, hardware-independent support for compartmentalization & confidential computing.
- Written in Rust, runs on x86 & RISC-V

PhD Thesis: Trust as a Programming Primitive

EPFL - PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION, PROF. JAMES LARUS

Lausanne, Switzerland

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

Lausanne, Switzerland

Sep. 2019 - Oct. 2020

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

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

EPFL - PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION, PROF. JAMES LARUS

Lausanne, Switzerland

Jun. 2018 - May 2019

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

Light-Weight Contexts in Dune

EPFL - PROF. EDOUARD BUGNION

Lausanne, Switzerland

Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2017

- Process virtualization with Dune
- Intra-address space isolation, protecting secrets, memory snapshots, 5x faster than fork
- Intel VTX, Dune, Virtualization, Kernel module, Virtual Memory Management

Efficient Runtime Deoptimization for R(Master Thesis)

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY - PROF. JAN VITEK

Boston, U.S.A.

Sep. 2015 - Mar. 2016

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

Scalameta: AST Persistence & Obey: Code Health

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

Lausanne, Switzerland

Jan. 2014 - Feb. 2015

- 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

Operating Systems & Design 15-410

UNDERGRADUATE

CMU

Jan. 2013 - Jul. 2013

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

Management & Teaching

Grants

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