



# Akshith Gunasekaran

## Publication

- 2021 **Fine-grained Analysis of Kernel Non-Determinism.**
- Clang pass that annotates non-deterministic code paths
  - LLVM pass that creates a minimal kernel given an application workload.
  - Effective attack surface reduction using a combination of static analysis and dynamic analysis methods.
- 2020 **Multi-K: A multiplexing framework for specialized kernels.**
- Kernel is specialized per application to reduce the attack surface.
  - A kernel multiplexing framework with close to bare-metal context switching performance.
- NDSS 2019 **Balancing Image Privacy and Usability with Thumbnail-Preserving Encryption.**
- An image encryption scheme that balances privacy and usability.
  - Deployable with no changes to your cloud backend.
  - Try it at [photoencryption.org](http://photoencryption.org)

## Education

- 2017 - 2022 **PhD - Computer Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis.**
- Area of Focus: System Security, Applied Cryptography, AI
  - Co-Advised by: Rakesh Bobba, Yeongjin Jang
  - Coursework: CS Theory (algorithms, graph theory, distributed systems), Security (operating systems, cryptography), AI (machine learning, reinforcement learning)
- 2012 - 2016 **BTech in Computer Science, SRM University, Chennai.**
- Activities: ABU Asia-Pacific Robot Contest, Knowledge Based Search Engine
  - Venture: Simpl, a fin-tech startup.

## Work

- 2020 **Founding Developer, Elloloop.**
- School schedule managing tool, Discussion Groups
  - Pre-seed stage. Tools: Angular, GraphQL
- Winter 2017 **Winter Intern - MIT Media Lab, Human Dynamics Group.**
- Mentored by: Dazza Greenwood
  - Prototyped an authentication framework based on OAuth that directly translates permissions into enforceable contracts.
  - Prototyped a decentralized autonomous organization to manage community loans.
  - Tools: Node, Ethereum, web3.js, TravisCI
- 2014 - 2017 **Software Developer/Founding Team, Simpl.**
- A pay later service
  - Built the MVP and on-boarded 10k users to raise the seed capital.
  - Scaled the service using an event-based/pub-sub micro-service architecture. (1 of 4 devs)
  - Built the data engineering pipeline, for Business Intelligence queries (1 of 2 devs)
  - Tools: Golang, Ruby on Rails, Python, Redis, Kafka, RabbitMQ, Spark, Cassandra, Datadog.

## Activities

- Current **CTF Team, OSUSEC.**
- Skills: Pwn, Reverse Engineering, Forensics

- Summer 2019 **Instructor**, *Pacific North West Cyber Camp*.
- A week long hands-on educational camp for high school students.
  - Topics include basic computer/network security hardening, cyber ethics
  - Delivered the course material and instructed the lab sessions.
- Summer 2018 **Volunteer**, *Pacific North West Cyber Camp*.
- 2020 **Poster Jury**, *IEEE Security and Privacy*.
- 2020 **Shadow Program Committee**, *IEEE Security and Privacy*.
- 2019 **External Reviewer**, *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security*.
- 2019 **External Reviewer**, *IEEE Real-Time and Embedded Technology and Applications Symposium*.
- 2019 **External Reviewer**, *IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Network*.
- 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *CS290 Web Technologies and Web Security*.
- Since 2017 **Research Mentor**, *Next Tech Lab*.
- A Multidisciplinary undergrad research lab.
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  - International QS Award For Re-imagining Education
  - I advise undergrads on Privacy and Security topics.