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## EDUCATION

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Fall 2013 to present

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**

**Ph. D. Student in Computer Science**

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL)

Fall 2008 to Spring 2012

**Stony Brook University**

**Bachelor of Science with Summa Cum Laude**

**Computer Science Honors with Information Assurance Specialization**

Overall GPA: 3.98 (on a 4.0 scale)

Computer Science GPA: 4.0 (on a 4.0 scale)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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May 2012 to August 2013

**Head of Research & Development** at Private Machines. Stony Brook, NY (*early-stage startup*)

Designed secure authentication protocols and implemented them using OpenSSL in C and Bash

Worked with, modified and contributed bug-fixes to open-source software

Configured and built Linux systems from scratch that ran on power-efficient hardware

May 2011 to August 2011

**Software Development Engineer in Test Intern** at Microsoft. Bellevue, WA

Developed a flexible performance framework in C# for testing critical MS SQL stored procedures used in the AdCenter Business Intelligence system

Developed an ASP .NET user interface in C# for charting and graphing performance results across release cycles

Developed an automated test code deployment tool for running daily basic viability tests on the latest build bits

September 2008 to May 2009

**IT Professional** at Stony Brook Univ. Professional Education Program Office Outreach Division. Stony Brook, NY

Created and maintained two websites using XHTML and Dreamweaver

Created and maintained an SQL Microsoft Access database with over 8000 records

Created and administered a LISTSERV mailing list of over 8000 people

Assisted staff with various computer-related issues in Windows XP and the Lotus Notes email client

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

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Fall 2011 to Spring 2012

**Research Assistant** in the Network Security and Applied Cryptography Lab at Stony Brook University

Worked with a Computer Science PhD student under the guidance of Professor Radu Sion on secure data outsourcing in the cloud using Oblivious Random Access Memory

Developed *privatefs*, the first oblivious file system providing practical access pattern privacy on data outsourced to untrusted servers or the cloud

## PUBLICATIONS

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"PrivateFS: A Parallel Oblivious File System", Peter Williams, Radu Sion, Alin Tomescu, ACM Conference on Computer and Communication Security CCS 2012 (acceptance rate: 19%, 80/421)

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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Spring 2012

**The SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence**

SUNY (*State University of New York*)

The highest honor bestowed by the State University of New York, this award is given annually to a very select number of graduating seniors who have demonstrated, and been recognized, for the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts and career achievement

April 2012

### **Undergraduate Recognition Award for Academic Excellence**

*Stony Brook University*

Undergraduate Recognition Awards are bestowed upon students who have significant accomplishments above and beyond the requirements of their academic degree programs. The Academic Excellence Award is awarded to a student whose passion for learning has extended beyond the classroom through excellence in research, internships or creative activity

May 2012

### **Academic Excellence in Computer Science**

*College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Stony Brook University*

The Academic Excellence Award is given to one exceptional Computer Science student in the graduating class of 2012

Fall 2009 to Spring 2012

### **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award**

*Division of Campus Residences and the Office of the Dean of Students, Stony Brook University*

This award is presented every semester to undergraduate students who achieved a 4.0 GPA during the previous semester and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.85

April 2012

### **University Scholars Senior Leadership Award**

*Stony Brook University Scholars Program*

Awarded to University Scholar who demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout their academic career at Stony Brook University

February 2011

### **NRHH February 2011 Student of the Month Award**

*National Residence Hall Honorary chapter at Stony Brook University*

Awarded to a student leader who puts forth special effort during the month of nomination including leadership development, contribution to the people in his community and his activities

Fall 2009 to Spring 2012

### **Computer Science Honors Student**

*Stony Brook University*

Admission is given to high-achieving Computer Science majors who have a minimum GPA of at least 3.5 both overall and in Computer Science and have completed three computer science classes, including two upper division courses

Fall 2008 to Spring 2012

### **Stony Brook University Scholar**

*Stony Brook University*

Admission is given to freshmen with an exceptional record of academic achievements in high school

Fall 2008 to Spring 2011

### **Dean's List Recognition**

*Stony Brook University*

Awarded to undergraduate students who constitute approximately the top 20 percent of their class

## SKILLS

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Good implementation skills in C, C++, C# and Java  
Background in system and network security  
Experienced in GUI, multithreaded and network programming on Windows, Linux and Java  
Experienced with cloud computing and virtualization technologies  
Web programming experience in PHP, ASP .NET, SQL, CSS, XHTML and JavaScript  
Some experience in Bash and Python scripting  
Strong OS background in Linux and Microsoft Windows

## PROJECTS

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### **privatefs**

Secure and private file-system written in C++ using the FUSE libraries, providing full data access confidentiality using access pattern privacy techniques

### **OtrFTP**

GUI-based file transferring program that can transmit files through an off-the-record channel, providing deniable authentication and perfect-forward secrecy

### **Simple File Sender**

GUI-based file transferring program written in C, and later rewritten in C++, using the Win32 API and Windows Sockets API

### **Requirements for Undergraduate Majors (RUM)**

PHP web application that allows students to verify their graduation requirements and automatically schedule required classes

### **Cypher**

GUI-based file encryption tool written in C++ using the Win32 API

### **motivation.is-great.org**

PHP website that creates motivational posters out of uploaded images using the GD library

## ACTIVITIES

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Spring 2009 to Fall 2010

### **Cofounder, vice-president and president of the Stony Brook Game Developers club**

Advertised the club by announcing meetings during class time, sparking interest within the CS department  
Held meetings and held various presentations while encouraging others to present as well, creating a very open community  
Created a community website for our members to keep updated with each other and to discuss club related activities

Fall 2009 and Spring 2011

### **Teaching Assistant for CSE114 and CSE230**

Held biweekly, one-hour and twenty-minutes CSE114 labs  
Responsible for overseeing, teaching and grading thirty students in CSE114  
Taught four CSE230 lectures on object oriented programming and design in C++  
Advised students on both personal and academic levels during office hours and over email in both CSE114 and CSE230  
Held office hours to help CSE230 students as well as other students with C and C++ programming questions  
Proctored several midterm exams in both CSE114 and CSE230

Fall 2009 to Spring 2012

### **Stony Brook Computing Society E-board member and reviewer**

Gave presentations and advertised club meetings throughout campus and the CS department  
Held several review sessions before various CSE midterm exams (Java Programming, Discrete Mathematics, Data Structures)  
Advised SBSC members on scheduling their Computer Science courses

Spring 2011 to Spring 2012

### **CEAS Student Ambassador for the Stony Brook Computer Science department**

Introduced students and parents to Stony Brook University and the Computer Science department during Admitted Students Day and Engineering Day  
Answered parents' and students' questions about Stony Brook University and the Computer Science department  
Encouraged prospective Computer Science students to accept their Stony Brook admission offer by telling them about my own experience as a Computer Science major

Fall 2009 to Fall 2011

### **Intramural soccer team captain and player**

Started the B3 soccer team in Fall 2009 with a couple of friends and recruited talented players

Won the Fall 2010 Indoor Soccer tournament  
Won the Fall 2011 Indoor Soccer tournament

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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April 2011

### **“Around the World in 80 Minutes! International Fashion Show” Volunteer Model**

*Community Service Club at Stony Brook University*

Volunteered to be a model for a charity fashion show to help raise money for an orphanage in Haiti

July 2011

### **Microsoft Intern Day of Caring Volunteer**

*Microsoft Corporation and EarthCorps*

Helped clear a large forest area from non-native invasive blueberry plants in Seward Park, Seattle

July 2009

### **Volunteer in the Campaign for the Ecological Restoration of Romania, at Cheile Vâlsanului**

*Association of Tourism and Ecology “Times” (Asociatia de Turism si Ecologie “Vremuri”)*

*Argeş County Agency for Environmental Protection (Agenția pentru Protecția Mediului Argeş)*

*Argeş County Forest Agency (Direcția Silvică Argeş)*

Joined “Luna Șuie,” a group of volunteers, to help clean and rehabilitate a polluted area in the mountains of Romania called “Cheile Vâlsanului”

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Fall 2008 to Spring 2012

### **Provost’s Scholarship**

*Stony Brook University*

Awarded to full-time out-of-state students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00

Fall 2008 to Spring 2012

### **Academic Program Scholarship**

*Stony Brook University*

Awarded to full-time students in the College of Engineering & Applied Sciences with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00

Fall 2009 to Spring 2010

### **Academic Competitive Grant**

*Stony Brook University*

Awarded to full-time students who completed a rigorous high school program of study and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher at the end of their 1st academic year

Fall 2010 to Spring 2011

### **SMART Grant**

*Stony Brook University*

Awarded to students in their third academic year of study who are majoring in physical, life or computer science, engineering, mathematics, technology, or a critical foreign language, have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher and, for each term awarded, are enrolled in at least 1 course required for the eligible major