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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Computer Science,

Advisor: Dr. William Arbaugh,

Thesis: *Supporting Secure and Transparent Mobility in Wireless LANs*

University of Maryland, December 2005.

M.S., Computer Science,

University of Maryland, August 2003.

B.Tech., Computer Science (President Gold Medalist),

Indian Institute of Technology, August 2000.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Wireless and Wired Networking Systems, Systems Security, Design of Scalable and Robust Systems.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Oct 2007 - date

Wireless Research Engineer, Google, Mountain View, CA.

Job duties include research, design and implement a fast, secure and scalable system for user localization in wireless networks such as cellular and WiFi. Conduct research activities in the area of software defined radios and their application to urban environments for sensing mobile users and traffic.

Dec 2005 - Oct 2007,

Postdoc Research Scientist, University of Wisconsin, Madison

- Designed an energy efficient VoIP over WiFi stack that enhances battery lifetime for wireless phones by a factor of 3. The new protocol stack uses innovative networking and systems concepts designed during the course of this research and have wider applicability. Filed three patents capturing the innovations in the field.
- Managed a team of seven undergrad and graduate students working on a multitude of different research projects in the areas of WiFi, software-defined radios, city-wide mesh networks and wireless emulation systems. Conducted world-class research and published at top tier conferences and journals. Supervised research is being pursued by current graduate students towards their PhD dissertations. Participated in activities leading to the procurement of funding from government and private companies.

June 2004 - Aug 2004,

Research Intern, NTT DoCoMo Research Labs, San Jose, CA.

Worked on developing a Layer 2.5 protocol that enabled a user's wireless connection to be multiplexed over multiple wireless interfaces for bandwidth and QoS gains.

May-Aug 2002,

Research Intern, Fujitsu Labs of America, College Park, MD.

Worked on the design and implementation of one of the first wireless mesh network projects, called the *SNOWNET*. The implementation showed the need for dynamic routing, authentication and privacy protocols. Implemented modifications to the IEEE 802.1X Standard to support an inductive authentication method for securing the mesh nodes. This work was

patented and Fujitsu is promoting this project's protocols and ideas into the IEEE 802.11s Working Group.

May-Aug 1999,

Research Intern, IBM India Research Labs, New Delhi.

Worked on designing an internet based auction system that used a *push* based mechanism to coordinate bidding among competing buyers. Built a full-fledged web based implementation using a database as the backend. Also constructed a graph theoretic model and developed bidding algorithms that acted as agents on part of users to optimize certain objectives. Received a best intern award and published results in a reputed conference in India.

PATENTS

Issued:

- [1] Method for fast roaming in a wireless network. Patent # 7,263,357. Issued August 28, 2007.
- [2] Method for performing authenticated handover in a wireless local area network. Patent # 7,236,477. Issued June 26, 2007.

Pending:

- [3] Probing method for fast handoff in WLAN, May 4, 2006.
- [4] Method for performing handoff context-transfer in wireless network, April 21, 2005.
- [5] Method and System for client-driven channel management in wireless communication networks, April, 2007.
- [6] System and Method for Achieving wireless communications with enhanced usage of spectrum through efficient use of overlapping channels, June, 2007.

SYSTEMS SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- *Operating Systems*: OpenBSD, NetBSD, Linux (various distributions), HP-UX.
- *Systems Programming*: Berkeley Sockets programming (TCP/IP), libpcap, ioctls, Linux wireless networking stack, driver-level programming experience (Madwifi, Hostap, Airjack).
- *Languages*: C, C++, Perl, Java, HTML, Shell Scripting.
- *IEEE Standards Awareness*: 802.1d (bridging), 802.1X (authentication), 802.11i (Security), 802.11 a/b/g (wireless), 802.3 (ethernet).
- *Embedded Boards and Software*: Soekris boards (NET4521, NET4826), Stargate, Netgate boards, ARM Platforms (Ipaq 336X, 45XX), Familiar Linux distribution, Pyramid distribution, Busybox, etc.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] "Weighted coloring based channel assignment in WLANs", Arunesh Mishra, Suman Banerjee and William Arbaugh, in *ACM SIGMOBILE Mobile Computing and Communications Review*, July, 2005.
- [2] "Security issues in IEEE 802.11 WLANs: A survey", Arunesh Mishra, Nick L. Petroni Jr. William Arbaugh and Timothy Fraser, in *Wiley Interscience Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing Journal*, Vol 4 No 8, December, 2004.
- [3] "Proactive key distribution using Neighbor Graphs", Arunesh Mishra, Min-ho Shin and William A. Arbaugh, in *IEEE Wireless Communications*, February, 2004.

- [4] “An empirical analysis of the IEEE 802.11 MAC layer handoff process”, Arunesh Mishra, Min-ho Shin and William A. Arbaugh, in *the ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review*, April 2003.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- [5] “Diagnosing wireless packet losses in 802.11: Separating collision from weak signal”, Sharavan Rayanchu, Arunesh Mishra, Dheeraj Agrawal, Sharad Saha, Suman Banerjee, in *IEEE Infocom*, Phoenix, AZ, 2008.
- [6] “Understanding the limitations of transmit power control for indoor WLANs”, Vivek Shrivastava, Dheeraj Agrawal, Arunesh Mishra, Suman Banerjee, Tamer Nadeem, in *ACM Internet Measurement Conference*, San Diego, CA, 2007.
- [7] “Interference mitigation in WLANs with speculative scheduling”, Nabeel Ahmed, Vivek Shrivastava, Arunesh Mishra, Suman Banerjee, Srinivasan Keshav, Dina Papagiannaki, as an extended abstract in *ACM Mobicom*, Montreal, Canada, 2007.
- [8] “Distributed channel management in uncoordinated wireless environments”, Arunesh Mishra, Vivek Shrivastava, Dheeraj Agrawal, Suman Banerjee, in *ACM Mobicom*, 2006.
- [9] “Partially overlapped channels not considered harmful”, Arunesh Mishra, Vivek Shrivastava, Suman Banerjee, William Arbaugh, in *ACM Sigmetrics*, 2006.
- [10] “Client-driven channel management in wireless LANs”, Arunesh Mishra, Vladimir Brik, Suman Banerjee, Aravind Srinivasan, William Arbaugh, in *IEEE Infocom*, 2006.
- [11] “Exploiting partially overlapping channels in wireless networks: Turning a peril into an advantage”, Arunesh Mishra, Eric Rozner, Suman Banerjee, William Arbaugh, in *ACM/USENIX Internet Measurement Conference*, 2005.
- [12] “Eliminating handoff latencies in 802.11 WLANs using multiple radios: Applications, experience, and evaluation”, Vladimir Brik, Arunesh Mishra, Suman Banerjee, in *ACM/USENIX Internet Measurement Conference*, 2005.
- [13] “Improving the latency of 802.11 hand-offs using Neighbor Graphs”, Min-ho Shin, Arunesh Mishra, William Arbaugh, in *ACM Mobisys*, 2004.
- [14] “Context caching using Neighbor Graphs for fast handoffs in a wireless network”, Arunesh Mishra, Min-ho Shin, William Arbaugh, in *IEEE Infocom*, 2004.
- [15] “Minimizing broadcast latency and redundancy in ad-hoc networks”, Rajiv Gandhi, Srinivasan Parthasarathy, Arunesh Mishra, in *ACM Mobihoc*, 2003.
- [16] “Winner determination in combinatorial auctions with restriction on bidding patterns”, Arunesh Mishra, K. Balaji, in *ICIT*, Bhubaneswar, India, 1999.

WORKSHOPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO IEEE STANDARDS

- [17] “Towards an architecture for efficient spectrum slicing”, Suman Banerjee, Vladimir Brik, Arunesh Mishra, Vivek Shrivastava, Paramvir Bahl, at the *IEEE HotMobile Workshop*, Tucson, AZ, 2007.
- [18] “Towards secure localization using wireless ‘Congruity’”, Arunesh Mishra, Shravan Rayanchu, Ashutosh Shukla, Suman Banerjee at the *IEEE HotMobile Workshop*, Tucson, AZ, 2007.

- [19] “Using partially overlapped channels in wireless meshes”, Arunesh Mishra, Suman Banerjee and William Arbaugh, as an *invited paper* at the *First IEEE Workshop on Wireless Mesh Networks*, in conjunction with IEEE SECON, Santa Clara, September 2005.
- [20] “Client-driven channel management in wireless LANs”, Arunesh Mishra, Vladimir Brik, Suman Banerjee, Aravind Srinivasan and William Arbaugh, as a student poster at the *ACM Mobicom*, Cologne, Germany, September 2005.
- [21] “Inclusion of optimal-channel time into IEEE 802.11k”, Arunesh Mishra, Min-ho Shin, William Arbaugh and Insun Lee, at the *IEEE 802.11 Working Group Meeting, San Francisco, Document IEEE 802.11-03/541 K, July 2003*.
- [22] “Fast handoffs using fixed channel probing” Arunesh Mishra, Min-ho Shin, William Arbaugh and Insun Lee, at the *IEEE 802.11 Working Group Meeting, San Francisco, Document IEEE 802.11-03/540 K, July 2003*.
- [23] “Secure-spaces: Location-based secure group communication for wireless networks”, Arunesh Mishra and Suman Banerjee, in the *ACM MOBICOM Mobile Computing and Communications Review (MC2R)*, Vol. 1, No. 2, October 2002. Also appears as a student poster in *ACM Mobicom*, September 2002.
- [24] “An initial security analysis of the IEEE 802.1X Standard”, Arunesh Mishra and William A. Arbaugh, *Technical Report, University of Maryland, Department of Computer Science CS-TR-4328, UMACS-TR-2002-10*, February 2001, cited on *CNN* - Feb 18 2001. Over 300,000 downloads.
- [25] “Opensource implementation of the IEEE 802.1X Standard”, Arunesh Mishra and William A. Arbaugh, *Work-In-Progress Talk at the Tenth USENIX Security Symposium, August 2001*.
- [26] “The co-processor as an independent auditor”, Arunesh Mishra and Jesus Molina and William A. Arbaugh, *WiP at the IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy, Oakland, CA, 2001*.

RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT WISCONSIN

(2005 – 2007)

Multi-experiment functionality for the ORBIT testbed

Orbit is an NSF collaborative project focused on the creation of a large-scale wireless network testbed to allow researchers worldwide to execute multiple wireless experiments in a confined and controlled physical environment. Funded by NSF, the goal of our project was to facilitate the execution of multiple wireless experiments through temporal partitioning of the resources between experiments. Supervised two undergraduate students through the design and implementation of this system which was incorporated into ORBIT.

Analysis of the performance of a city-wide mesh network.

This project was in collaboration with a local company, *MadCity Broadband*, which has deployed a city-wide mesh network to provide Internet access through WiFi for the city of Madison. Designed and built a distributed monitoring infrastructure to measure and analyze the performance of their mesh network. Worked with two graduate students and the concerned employees of the company to build this infrastructure and install it within the city.

Practical transmit power control for 802.11

Power control allows for reduced interference and improved battery life. However, in dynamic wireless conditions such as a WiFi Hotspot, transmit power needs to be constantly adapted to sustain these gains. Project studies dynamic adaptation of transmit power parameter through extensive experimentation in diverse environments and details guidelines for fine-grained transmit power control algorithms. Initial version appeared as a poster in *ACM Mobicom 2006*; full version of this work was published at the *ACM Internet Measurement Conference, 2007*.

TRAC – An architecture for real-time traffic information dissemination

This research resulted in the design of TRAC – an architecture to support dissemination of location-sensitive real-time traffic information specifically targeted towards highly mobile users (vehicles moving at high speeds). Project involved design and simulation based study of the algorithms and system-level issues involved in implementing such a system. Key innovations include the notion of virtual publisher and subscriber aggregation mechanisms. Work was published at a workshop in IEEE Infocom 2007.

Secure localization using wireless congruity

This research resulted in the creation of a concept called wireless congruity – the property that two wireless nodes in vicinity of each other will experience similar wireless channel characteristics such as packet losses, collisions and contention. Project involves the design and implementation of a network-wide system based on congruity to provide secure location authentication. Initial version of this work appears as a paper in ACM HotMobile 2007.

Voicex: An energy efficient protocol stack for VoIP over 802.11

IEEE 802.11 uses a strategy based on multiple retransmissions to evaluate the cause of packet losses – collision versus signal degradation. This evaluation has direct impact on bandwidth and energy resources of the communicating wireless devices. Designed a novel *voice-aware* link layer adaptation mechanism that uses feedback from access points to ‘fine-tune’ the link layer parameters while consuming significantly lower energy. Filed for three patents converging the innovations.

Stiglan: An Architecture for centralized scheduling in 802.11 wireless LANs

Research focusses on the idea of centrally scheduling packets in an enterprise 802.11 network. The centralized scheduler maintains a network-wide view of interference from other networks and users and performs intelligent scheduling of transmissions at the access points to minimize collisions and improve throughput. Initial version appears as an extended abstract in ACM Mobicom 2007.

Spark: An architecture for spectrum slicing in software defined radios

This research involves the design and realization of a practical spectrum management and sharing architecture that takes advantage of recent developments in software radio technology to allow for better spectrum utilization through fine-grained sharing. Innovated key architectural constructs to solve the problems of spectrum fragmentation (to improve utilization) and enforcing spectrum leases (security issues) through the design of a system, called *Spark*. Initial version appears as a paper in ACM HotMobile 2007.

PHD DISSERTATION AND RELATED RESEARCH

(2003 – 2005)

Channel management in wireless LANs

This research addressed the joint challenge of assigning radio-frequency channels to 802.11 access points (APs) and allocating users among APs, called channel management. Developed a conflict-based set coloring model which allows clients to ‘drive’ the channel assignment decisions made at the APs. Built practical centralized and distributed solutions separately tailored for both enterprise and hotspot environments. Through carefully studied experiments, showed the ability to use partially overlapped channels in both 2.4 and 5 GHz band. This directly improved spectrum utilization by 30%. Work was published at premier conferences such as IMC, Infocom, Mobicom and Sigmetrics.

Neighbor graphs for fast handoffs in 802.11 wireless LANs

Built practical and competitive algorithmic solutions for fast and secure 802.11 handoffs in wireless LANs. Proposed solutions were studied through a 40-node inbuilding testbed based implementation. They achieved a target handoff latency of under 50 ms from about 400 ms (no security) or 1.2 seconds (802.11 security). They have been incorporated into the IEEE 802.11f (mobility) and 802.11i (security) standards apart from being patented by Samsung. Work was published at peer-reviewed conferences including Infocom and Mobisys.

Open1x.org effort

Engineered the first and widely used opensource implementation of the IEEE 802.1X standard available at www.open1x.org which provides for robust wireless authentication. This has been incorporated into a number of linux and embedded OS distributions including Debian. Also discovered and rectified critical security flaws in this standard. Work received considerable media focus, including CNN and was published as a journal paper. Suggested fixes were incorporated in the IEEE 802.1X-2004 version.

RECOGNITION / AWARDS

President of India Gold Medal - 2000

Awarded for highest GPA among all 2000-batch undergraduate students at IIT Guwahati.

Student Rank One Merit Scholarship 1997-2000

Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

Best Intern Award - 1999

Awarded for best project intern at IBM India Research Labs, New Delhi.

Business Plan Competition - Runners up, 2002

Won a runners-up award for a business plan competition at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. The business was to build a portable MP3 player with Wifi capability.

In the Media

- *CNN, PCWorld, ZDNet News, Slashdot*, “Researchers claim to crack wireless security”, February 18, 2002.
- *CNET Asia*, “Wireless network security shows cracks”, February 19, 2002.
- *BusinessWeek Online*, “This LAN is Whose LAN?”, February 21, 2002.

Recognition in the Professional Community

- *Invited as a reviewer*: Invited as an external reviewer for all major conferences and journals including IEEE Infocom, ACM ICNP, IEEE Globecom, IEEE WCNC, ACM Mobicom, ACM MC2R, IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, IEEE Transactions in Networking and the Wiley Journal of Wireless Networks.
- *Technical program committee member* for conferences: The 14th International Conference on High Performance Computing (HiPC), 2007; the 14th The International Conference on Advanced Computing and Communication (ADCOM), 2007; and the Fifth Annual IEEE Communications Society Conference on Sensor, Mesh and Ad Hoc Communications and Networks (SECON), 2008.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.