# ASAD SALMAN

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Northeastern University

Boston, MA

Masters in Cybersecurity Sep 2018 - May 2020

Selected coursework: Distributed Systems, Software Vulnerabilities, Network Security

# National University of Science and Technology

Islamabad, Pakistan

Bachelors in Software Engineering

Sep 2014 - June 2018

#### SKILLS

Programming Languages: Kotlin, Java, Scala, Python, JavaScript, PHP, C++, C,

Mobile Development: Android SDK

Operating Systems: Linux, macOS, Windows Web Development: AngularJS, Bootstrap

Big Data: Spark

Database: MySQL, CouchDB

Misc: Bazel, Gradle, AWS EC2, Docker, Bash, LATEX, Git, Serverless development

#### EXPERIENCE

# Twitter Software Engineer II

March 2022 - Present

As a member of the Privacy organization at Twitter, I work on compliance automation. I have implemented projects with existing specs and also carved out design & specs for projects from scratch.

# eBay Software Engineer III

Sep 2021 - March 2022

Software Engineer II

June 2020 - Aug 2021

Part of the internal tools team, I write tools that make Android testing faster and more effective. One project I spearheaded reduced Pull Request testing duration by  $\sim 40\%$ . This project involved writing tools from scratch, contributing to public open-source projects and integrating into large codebases.

#### Northeastern University Research Assistant

Sep 2018 - May 2020

Worked on quantifying network properties of the Ethereum peer-to-peer network, and their effect on the security of the blockchain. Worked with Prof. Cristina Nita-Rotaru.

Published paper in FC'21: https://asad.co/pub/ethereum-financial-crypto.pdf

#### NUST - School of EE & CS Research Assistant

June 2017 - August 2018

Devised and implemented schemes to protect the Bitcoin protocol from certain DoS Attacks. Project involved using Bloom Filters to replace memory-heavy lookup operations performed on incoming transactions on Bitcoin nodes.

# Google Summer of Code - GNU Project

Summer 201'

Wrote a V8 Engine wrapper in C++ for GNU's Ring, an open-source, distributed, privacy-preserving calling app. At the end of the project, the previously OS-specific application could be deployed on any platform that supports running NodeJS using Electron framework. Later went on to write an Ethereum-based, distributed nameservice for the same project.

#### Tranchulas Cybersecurity Intern

Summer 2016

Learnt about penetration testing and application security. Practiced through hacking competitions (CTFs). Also, covered forensics, and lock picking.

# AWARDS

# Cisco Global Cybersecurity Scholarship

2016

#### Women's Transport Innovation Hackathon Winner

2015

Developed Android app that made women's use of public transport safer in Pakistan. The hackathon was sponsored by Toyota and UN Women.

#### SEECS Social Hackathon Winner

2015

# Grants

# Scaling Bitcoin Travel Subsidy

2017

# Netsys'17 Student Travel Grant

2017

# ACSAC Student Conferenceship Award

2016

# Debconf'17 Grant

2017