Dave (Jing) Tian

Curriculum Vitae

Interests

Embedded System Security, Operating System Security, Trusted Computing

Work

2019.08– **Assistant Professor**, *Purdue University*, West Lafayette, IN, Department of Computer Science.
System Security

2018.05– **Security Research Engineer Intern**, *Fortanix*, Mountain View, CA, Runtime Encryption.
2018.08 Intel SGX for Containers

2017.05– **Security Research Engineer Intern**, *Samsung Research America (SRA)*, Mountain View, CA, KNOX Security.
2017.08 Android USB Security

2008.12– **Software Engineer**, *Nokia R&D (former Lucent Technologies)*, Qingdao, China, Linux Control Platform (LCP).
2012.08 Software Development for Linux

2006.03– **POS Tester Intern**, *Hisense R&D*, Qingdao, China, POS Testing.
2006.04 POS Testing

Education

2014.09– **Ph.D.**, *University of Florida*, Gainesville, FL, Computer & Information Science & Engineering.
2019.07 System Security and Trusted Computing

2012.09– **Ph.D. student**, *University of Oregon*, Eugene, OR, Computer & Information Science.
2014.08 Machine Learning and Systems Security

2006.09– **ME**, *Ocean University of China*, Qingdao, China, Electrical Engineering.
2009.06 Digital Signal Processing and Machine Learning

2002.09– **BS**, *Qingdao University of Technology*, Qingdao, China, Electrical & Information Science.
2006.06 Electrical Engineering

Publications

Journals:

5 **ProXray: Protocol Model Learning and Guided Firmware Analysis**; Farhaan Fowze, Dave (Jing) Tian, Grant Hernandez, Kevin Butler, Tuba Yavuz; IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE'19), 2019

4 **Towards Automated Firmware Analysis in the IoT Era**; Grant Hernandez, Dave (Jing) Tian, Farhaan Fowze, Tuba Yavuz, Patrick Traynor, Kevin Butler; IEEE Security & Privacy, 2019

3 **Characterizing the Security of the SMS Ecosystem with Public Gateways**; Bradly Reaves, Luis Vargas, Nolen Scaife, Dave Tian, Logan Blue, Patrick Traynor, Kevin Butler; ACM Transactions on Privacy and Security (TOPS), 2018

2 **Securing ARP/NDP From the Ground Up**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Kevin R. B. Butler, Joseph I. Choi, Patrick D. McDaniel, Padma Krishnaswamy; IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS), 2017

1 **Taming the Costs of Trustworthy Provenance through Policy Reduction**; Adam Bates, Dave (Jing) Tian, Grant Hernandez, Thomas Moyer, Kevin R. B. Butler, Trent Jaeger; ACM Transactions on Internet Technology (TOIT), 2017

Conferences:

17 **Examining DES-based Cipher Suite Support within the TLS Ecosystem**; Vanessa Frost, Dave Tian, Christie Ruales, Vijay Prakash, Kevin Butler, Patrick Traynor; ACM ASIA Conference on Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS'19), 2019; Acceptance Rate = 22% short paper

16 **A Hybrid Approach to Secure Function Evaluation using SGX**; Joseph Choi, Dave Tian, Grant Hernandez, Christopher Patton, Benjamin Mood, Thomas Shrimpton, Kevin Butler, Patrick Traynor; ACM ASIA Conference on Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS'19), 2019; Acceptance Rate = 17%

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15 **A Practical Intel SGX Setting for Linux Containers in the Cloud**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Joseph Choi, Grant Hernandez, Patrick Traynor, Kevin Butler; ACM Conference on Data and Application Security and Privacy (CODASPY'19), 2019; Acceptance Rate = 23.5%

14 **LBM: A Security Framework for Peripherals within the Linux Kernel**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Grant Hernandez, Joesph Choi, Vanessa Frost, Peter Johnson, Kevin Butler; IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P'19), 2019; Acceptance Rate = 12.5%

13 **ATtention Spanned: Comprehensive Vulnerability Analysis of AT Commands Within the Android Ecosystem**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Grant Hernandez, Joesph Choi, Vanessa Frost, Christie Ruales, Patrick Traynor, Hayawardh Vijaykumar, Lee Harrison, Amir Rahmati, Mike Grace, Kevin Butler; USENIX Security Symposium, 2018; Acceptance Rate = 19.1%

12 **SoK: "Plug & Pray" Today – Understanding USB Insecurity in Versions 1 through C**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Nolen Scaife, Deepak Kumar, Michael Bailey, Adam Bates, Kevin Butler; IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P'18), 2018; Acceptance Rate = 11.5%

11 **FirmUSB: Vetting USB Device Firmware using Domain Informed Symbolic Execution**; Grant Hernandez, Farhaan Fowze, Dave Tian, Tuba Yavuz, Kevin Butler; ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS'17), 2017; Acceptance Rate = 18.1%

10 **CPAC: Securing Critical Infrastructure with Cyber-Physical Access Control**; Sriharsha Etigowni, Dave Tian, Grant Hernandez, Kevin Butler, Saman Zonouz; Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC'16), 2016; Acceptance Rate = 22.8%

9 **ProvUSB: Block-level Provenance-Based Data Protection for USB Storage Devices**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Adam Bates, Kevin Butler, Raju Rangaswami; ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS'16), 2016; Acceptance Rate = 16.5%

8 **Making USB Great Again with USBFILTER**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Nolen Scaife, Adam Bates, Kevin Butler, Patrick Traynor; USENIX Security Symposium, 2016; Acceptance Rate = 15.5%

7 **Detecting SMS Spam in the Age of Legitimate Bulk Messaging**; Bradley Reaves, Logan Blue, Dave Tian, Patrick Traynor, Kevin Butler; ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec'16), 2016; Acceptance Rate = 35.0%

6 **Sending out an SMS: Characterizing the Security of the SMS Ecosystem with Public Gateways**; Bradley Reaves, Nolen Scaife, Dave Tian, Logan Blue, Patrick Traynor, Kevin Butler; IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P'16), 2016; Acceptance Rate = 13.3%

5 **Defending Against Malicious USB Firmware with GoodUSB**; Dave (Jing) Tian, Adam Bates, Kevin Butler; Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC'15), 2015; Acceptance Rate = 24.3%

4 **Trustworthy Whole-System Provenance for the Linux Kernel**; Adam Bates, Dave Tian, Kevin Butler, Thomas Moyer; USENIX Security Symposium, 2015; Acceptance Rate = 15.7%

3 **More Guidelines Than Rules: CSRF Vulnerabilities from Noncompliant OAuth 2.0 Implementations**; Ethan Shernan, Henry Carter, Dave Tian, Patrick Traynor, Kevin Butler; International Conference on Detection of Intrusions and Malware & Vulnerability Assessment (DIMVA'15), 2015; Acceptance Rate = 22.7%

2 **Securing ARP from the Ground Up**; Jing (Dave) Tian, Kevin R.B. Butler, Patrick D. McDaniel, Padma Krishnaswamy; ACM Conference on Data and Application Security and Privacy (CODASPY'15), 2015; Acceptance Rate = 33.3%

1 **Securing SSL Certificate Validation through Dynamic Linking**; Adam Bates, Joe Pletcher, Tyler Nichols, Braden Hollembaek, Jing (Dave) Tian, Abdulrahman Alkhelaifi, Kevin R. B. Butler; ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS'14), 2014; Acceptance Rate = 19.5%

Service

Program Committee

- USENIX Security: '19

Conference External Review
- IEEE S&P: '16,'17,'18,'20
- USENIX Security: '14,'15,'17,'18,'20
- ISOC NDSS: '16,'17,'18,'19
- ACM CCS: '14,'15,'16
- USENIX OSDI: '16
- ACM AsiaCCS: '15,'17,'18
- USENIX Woot: '16
- ACSAC: '16
- PETS: '15
- IEEE MOST: '15
- IEEE CNS: '17

Journal Review
- Security and Communication Networks (SCN): '18
- Journal of Network and Systems Management (JONS): '18
- IEEE Internet of Things Journal (IoT): '19

Invited Talks

Nov 2018 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, Pennsylvania State University, Host: Patrick McDaniel

Nov 2018 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Host: Adam Bates

Feb 2019 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, Drexel University, Host: Dario Salvucci

Feb 2019 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, Duke University, Host: Benjamin Lee

Feb 2019 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, Purdue University, Host: Dongyan Xu

Feb 2019 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, Virginia Tech, Host: Matthew Hicks

Mar 2019 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, University of California Santa Cruz, Host: Owen Arden

Mar 2019 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, University of Texas Dallas, Host: Murat Kantarcioglu

Mar 2019 Defending Operating Systems from Malicious Peripherals, Georgetown University, Host: Clay Shields

Awards

2019 IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy Student Travel Grant, IEEE

2019 Distinguished Poster Award, The 9th ACM Conference on Data and Application Security and Privacy

2018 Second Place Award, SEC Academic Conference (Cybersecurity) Student Poster Presentation

2017 Best Poster Award, FICS Annual Research Conference

2017 Gartner Group Info Tech Scholarship, University of Florida

2016 Best Poster Award, FICS Annual Research Conference

2015 ACSAC Student Conferenceship Award, ACSA

2015 CISE Travel Grant, University of Florida

2015 USENIX Security Student Grant, USENIX

2014 Gartner Group Graduate Fellowship, University of Florida

2011 Alcatel-Lucent R&D Well Done Award, Alcatel-Lucent

2009 Alcatel-Lucent R&D Innovation Award, Alcatel-Lucent

2009 Comprehensive Award of Excellent Graduate Scholarship, Ocean University of China

2009 Excellent Graduate Student Scholarship, Ocean University of China

2006 Full Graduate Scholarship, Ocean University of China

2004 Outstanding Student Cadre Scholarship, Qingdao Technological University

Teaching

2019.08– **Lecturer**, *Dept. of Computer Science, Purdue University*, West Lafayette, IN.
- CS59000-OSS Operating System Security (Fall 2019)
- CS52800 Network Security (Spring 2020)

2018.09–2019.07 **Guest Lecturer**, *Dept. of Computer & Information Science & Engineering, University of Florida*, Gainesville, FL.
- CNT 5410 Computer and Network Security (Fall 2018)
- CIS 5370 Computer and Information Security (Spring 2019)

2012.09–2013.06 **Graduate Teaching Fellow**, *Dept. of Computer & Information Science, University of Oregon*, Eugene, OR.
- CIS 122 Intro to Programming & Problem Solving Using Python (Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Lab)
- CIS 415 Operating Systems (Spring 2013, Lab)

Book Review

2013.12–Present **Technical Reviewer**, *Packt Publishing*, Birmingham, UK.
- Mastering Python Regular Expressions
- Python 3 Text Processing with NLTK 3 Cookbook
- Building Probabilistic Graphical Models with Python
- Mastering Probabilistic Graphical Models with Python
- Embedded Linux Projects Using Yocto Project Cookbook
- Yocto for Raspberry Pi
- LLVM Cookbook

Certifications

2011 AIX certification (AN10, AN12), IBM

2010 Project Management, ChoiZe Management Consulting

2010 Linux Debugging and Performance, JOHN BRYCE

2008 Sun Certified Java Programmer (SCJP), Sun Microsystems

2008 Solaris OS Architecture, Sun ERI & OpenTech

2008 Solaris 10 Admin Training, Sun Developer Network (China) & Unix-Center

2007 Sun Studio Hands-on Training with Unix/Linux Commands, Sun Developer Network (China) & Unix-Center

2004 National Computer Rank Examination (NCRE), Rank 2, C programming, China Education Ministry

1998 Microcomputer Operation Certification for Adult (DOS, Foxbase), Pute Computer Training Center of Qingdao Technological University

Media Coverage

Firmware Security "USB Fuzzing: A USB Perspective", https://firmwaresecurity.com/2019/07/20/usb-fuzzing-a-usb-perspective/

Hacker News "USB Fuzzing: A USB Perspective", https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=20478548

Wired "Exploiting Decades-Old Telephone Tech to Break into Android Devices", https://www.wired.com/story/at-commands-android-vulnerability/

Threatpost "AT Command Hitch Leaves Android Phones Open to Attack", https://threatpost.com/at-command-hitch-leaves-android-phones-open-to-attack/136938/

UF News "Smartphone security risk compared to 'having a ghost user on your phone'", http://news.ufl.edu/articles/2018/08/smartphone-security-risk-compared-to-having-a-ghost-user-on-your-phone.php

independent florida alligator "What the hack: UF research reveals smartphones can be hacked via USB", https://www.alligator.org/news/what-the-hack-uf-research-reveals-smartphones-can-be-hacked/article_4480693e-aced-11e8-b68e-675760f71388.html

Bleeping Computer "Smartphones From 11 OEMs Vulnerable to Attacks via Hidden AT Commands", https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/smartphones-from-11-oems-vulnerable-to-attacks-via-hidden-at-commands/

How-To Geek "How to Protect Yourself From Public USB Charging Ports", https://www.howtogeek.com/364032/how-to-protect-yourself-from-public-usb-charging-ports/

Slashdot "Smartphones from 11 OEMs, Including Google, Samsung, HTC, Lenovo and Sony, Vulnerable to Attacks Via Hidden AT Commands", https://mobile.slashdot.org/story/18/08/26/1910246/smartphones-from-11-oems-including-google-samsung-htc-lenovo-and-sony-vulnerable-to-attacks-via-hidden-at-commands

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Security Affairs "Android mobile devices from 11 vendors are exposed to AT Commands attacks", https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/75683/hacking/at-commands-attacks-android.html

Fudzilla "Android at the mercy of AT Commands", https://www.fudzilla.com/news/mobile/47037-android-at-the-mercy-of-at-commands

Tech Worm "Android smartphones can be hacked with AT commands attacks", https://www.techworm.net/2018/08/android-smartphones-hacked-at-commands-attacks.html

Fossbytes "How These Android Smartphone Can Be Hacked With Simple AT commands", https://fossbytes.com/android-smartphone-can-be-hacked-with-at-commands/

Kim Komando Show "Modern smartphones vulnerable to old-school attack", https://www.komando.com/happening-now/483269/modern-smartphones-vulnerable-to-old-school-attack

Hacker Combat "Open AT Commands: a Huge Loophole Exploit in Android Revealed", https://hackercombat.com/open-at-commands-a-huge-loophole-exploit-in-android-revealed/

SecurePoint "Vulnerability Found in Major Manufacturers of Android Phones", https://www.securepointtech.com/2018/09/07/vulnerability-found-in-major-manufacturers-of-android-phones/

Hybrid Techcar "Smartphones are vulnerable to hacking commands for ancient modems", https://hybridtechcar.com/2018/08/28/smartphones-are-vulnerable-to-hacking-commands-for-ancient-modems/

Android Community "New security risk for smartphones brings you a "ghost user"", https://androidcommunity.com/new-security-risk-for-smartphones-brings-you-a-ghost-user-20180827/

SANS "AT Commands", https://isc.sans.edu/podcastdetail.html?id=6140

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Tproger "11 manufacturers of Android smartphones have discovered a vulnerability to AT-commands", https://tproger.ru/news/at-commands-deface-smartphones/

habr "Attackers can get full remote access to the Android device through a public USB charging port", https://habr.com/company/crossover/blog/421295/

Niebezpiecznik "Miliony smartfonów można zhackować ukrytymi komendami AT", https://niebezpiecznik.pl/post/miliony-smartfonow-mozna-zhackowac-ukrytymi-komendami-at/

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ePlace Solutions "USB Related Cyber Attacks and How to Defend Against Them", https://blog.eplaceinc.com/cyber/2016/09/08/usb-devices-exposing-organizations/

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RedesZone "USBfilter, un concepto de firewall para los puertos USB", https://www.redeszone.net/2016/08/16/usbfilter-concepto-firewall-los-puertos-usb/

Hacker News "No one, not even the Secret Service, should randomly plug in a strange USB stick", https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=19609239

Serman "La revolución USB contra los malware", https://serman.com/blog-recuperacion-datos/la-revolucion-usb-contra-los-malware/

Links

My web https://davejingtian.org

My code https://github.com/daveti

AT command https://atcommands.org/

Provenance https://linuxprovenance.org/

FW analysis https://firmware-analysis.org/

OS Sec https://ossec.home.blog

Network Sec https://netsec.travel.blog

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