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RESEARCH INTERESTS

System security, moving target defense, mobile security, password security

EDUCATION

2001-2006	Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, North Carolina State University, USA
1997-2000	M.E., Department of Computer and System Science Nankai University, Tianjin, China
1993-1997	B.S., Department of Computer and System Science Nankai University, Tianjin, China

EXPERIENCE

2016-Now	Associate Professor George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA
2014-2016	Associate Professor College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, USA
2010-2014	Research Professor George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA
2010-2014	Senior Research Scientist Intelligent Automation, Inc., Fairfax, VA, USA

PUBLICATIONS

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6. Yacong Gu, Kun Sun, Purui Su, Qi Li, Yemian Lu, Lingyun Ying, and Denguo Feng. "JGRE: An Analysis of JNI Global Reference Exhaustion Vulnerabilities in Android." To appear in the 47th Annual IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN), Denver, CO, June 26-29, 2017. (Acceptance ratio: 22.27%=49/220)
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11. Jianhua Sun and Kun Sun. "DESIR: Decoy-Enhanced Seamless IP Randomization." To appear in IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM), San Francisco, CA, April 10-15, 2016. (Acceptance ratio: 18.25%=300/1,644)
12. Ning Zhang, He Sun, Kun Sun, Wenjing Lou, and Thomas Hou. "CacheKit: Evading Memory Introspection Using Cache Incoherence". To appear in the 1st IEEE European Symposium on

Security and Privacy (EuroS&P), Saarbrücken, GERMANY, on March 21-24, 2016.
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19. Ning Zhang, Kun Sun, Wenjing Lou, Y. Thomas Hou and Sushil Jajodia. "Now You See Me: Hide and Seek in Physical Address Space". In the 10th ACM Symposium on Information, Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS), Singapore, April 14-17, 2015. (Acceptance ratio: 17.84%=48/269 (full paper))
20. Xueqiang Wang, Kun Sun, Yuewu Wang, and Jiwu Jing, "DeepDroid: Dynamically Enforcing Enterprise Policy on Android Devices". In the 22nd Annual Network & Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS), San Diego, California, February 2015. (Acceptance ratio: 16.88%=51/302)
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23. Fengwei Zhang, Jiang Wang, Kun Sun, and Angelos Stavrou, "HyperCheck: A Hardware-Assisted Integrity Monitor". In IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC), vol.11, no.4, pp.332,344, July-Aug. 2014.

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 25. Andrew W. Clark, Kun Sun, and Radha Poovendran, "Effectiveness of IP Address Randomization in Decoy-Based Moving Target Defense". In the 52nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Florence, Italy, December 10-13, 2013.
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 27. Zhan Wang, Kun Sun, Sushil Jajodia and Jiwu Jing, "TerraCheck: Verification of Dedicated Cloud Storage". In the 27th IFIP WG 11.3 Conference on Data and Applications Security and Privacy (DBSEC), Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, USA, July 15-17, 2013. (Acceptance ratio: 35.55%=16/45 (full paper))
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. TPC Member: DAC 2017, DSN 2017, INFOCOM 2016/2017/2018, SecureComm 2016/2017, CCS 2015/2016/2017, CNS 2014/2016/2017, ICCCN 2015/2016, ICC 2015/2016/2017, MTD 2015/2016/2017.
2. TPC Co-Chair: First ACM Workshop on Moving Target Defense (MTD 2014), in conjunction with ACM CCS 2014.
3. Journal Editorial Board Member: International Journal of Security and Networks (IJSN).



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