Faysal Hossain Shezan

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Appointment

Assistant Professor in University of Texas at Arlington

September 2023 - present

EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science

August 2023

Topic: Cross-Platform Security and Privacy Analysis of Emerging Systems

Advisor: Dr. Yuan Tian University of Virginia

Visiting Research Assistant

January 2023 - August 2023

Host: Dr. Yuan Tian

University of California, Los Angeles

Masters in Computer Science

August 2022

CGPA 4.00/4.00

University of Virginia

BSc in Computer Science and Engineering

March 2016

Thesis Title: High Performance Approximate Computing by Adaptive Relaxed Synchronization

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Rifat Shahriar

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Research Overview

My research lies in the intersection of security & privacy with cyber-physical systems, medical healthcare, software engineering, and machine learning.

Publications

- [SOUPS'23]: M. McCall, E. Zeng, <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, M. Yang, L. Bauer, A. Bichhawat, C. Cobb, L. Jia, Y. Tian, "Towards Usable Security Analysis Tools for Trigger-Action Programming". Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security 2023 [pdf]
- [PETS'23]: <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, M. Long, D. Hasani, G. Wang, Y. Tian, "SenRev: Measurement of Personal Information Disclosure in Online Health Communities", Proceedings of the Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium 2023 [pdf]
- [NDSS'23]: F. H. Shezan, Z. Su, M. Kang, N. Phair, P. W. Thomas, M.V. Dam, Y. Cao, Y. Tian, "CHKPLUG: Checking GDPR Compliance of WordPress Plugins via Cross-language Code Property Graph", In Network and Distributed Systems Security (NDSS) Symposium 2023 [pdf]
- [IEEE CNS'22]: F. H. Shezan, Y. Lao, M. Peng, X. Wang, M. Sun, P. Li, "NL2GDPR: Automatically Develop GDPR Compliant Android Application Features from Natural Language", IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security (IEEE CNS 2022) [pdf]
- [IMWUT/UbiComp'21]: <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, H. Hu, G. Wang, Y. Tian, "VerHealth: Vetting Medical Voice Applications through Policy Enforcement", Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies 2021 [pdf]
- [WWW'20]: F. H. Shezan, H. Hu, J. Wang, G. Wang, Y. Tian, "Read Between the Lines: An Empirical Measurement of Sensitive Applications of Voice Personal Assistant Systems", Proceedings of the Web Conference 2020 [pdf]
- [NDSS'20]: <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, K. Cheng, Z. Zhang, Y. Cao, Y. Tian, "TKPERM: Cross-platform Permission Knowledge Transfer to Detect Overprivileged Third-party Applications", In Network and Distributed Systems Security (NDSS) Symposium 2020 [pdf]
- [IMWUT/UbiComp'20]: Y. Lee, Y. Zhao, J. Zeng, K. Lee, N. Zhang, <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, Y. Tian, K. Chen, X. Wang, "Using sonar for liveness detection to protect smart speakers against remote attackers", Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies 2020 [pdf]
- [NSysS'17]: <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, S. F. Afroze, A. Iqbal, "Vulnerability Detection in Recent Android Apps: An Empirical Study", Proceedings of International Conference on Networking, Systems and Security 2017 [pdf]
- [ITID'17]: I. Ahmed, S. Guha, M. R. Rifat, <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, N. Dell, "Privacy Vulnerabilities in the Practices of Repairing Broken Digital Artifacts in Bangladesh", Information Technologies and International Development 2017 [pdf] (best of ICTD paper)
- [HPCC'16]: B. Islam, <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, R. Shahriyar, "High Performance Approximate Computing by Adaptive Relaxed Synchronization", Proceedings of International Conference on High Performance Computing and Communications 2016 [pdf]
- [ICTD'16]: I. Ahmed, S. Guha, M. R. Rifat, <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, N. Dell, "Privacy in Repair: An Analysis of the Privacy Challenges Surrounding Broken Digital Artifacts in Bangladesh", Proceedings of International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development 2016 [pdf]
- [IEEE WIECON-ECE'15]: S. S. Rahman, S.S. Nusaka, <u>F. H. Shezan</u>, M. A. R. Sarkar, "The Development of Low Cost Exercise Monitoring Device for Paralytic", IEEE International Women in Engineering (WIE) Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering 2015 [pdf]

Workshop Papers

- [SSPXR'22]: Z. Su, F. H. Shezan, Y. Tian, D. Evans and S. Heo, "Perception Hacking for 2D Cursorjacking in Virtual Reality", Proceedings of Safety, Security and Privacy in Extended Reality, Co-located with CHI 2022 [pdf]
- [MASSW'19]: Y. Yu, C. Li, M. A. Jonas, C. Ma, F. H. Shezan, S. Shen, P. Gao, Y. Tian "Detecting Abnormal Behaviors in Smart Home", International Conference on Mobile Ad Hoc and Sensor Systems Workshops 2019 [pdf]
- [SPW'19]: S. Liu, Y. Wei, J. Chi, F. H. Shezan, and Y. Tian, "Side Channel Attacks in Computation Offloading Systems with GPU Virtualization", IEEE Security and Privacy Workshops 2019, [pdf]

Posters

- [IEEE S&P'24]: "Poster: Enhancing Symbolic Execution with LLMs for Vulnerability Detection", M. N. Zaharudin, M. H. Zuhaimi, F. H. Shezan, IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy 2024 [pdf]
- [IEEE S&P'24]: "Poster: Identifying Copyright Code in Training Corpus of Large Language Model", L. H. Rodoshi, F. Tafannum, F. H. Shezan, IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy 2024 [pdf]
- [MobiSys'17]: "Poster: HeartFit: An Intuitive Smartphone Application for Well-being of Hypertensive Patients", S. F. Afroze, F. H. Shezan, and S. Sharmin, Proceedings of the annual international conference on mobile systems, applications, and services 2017 [pdf]

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

h-index: 7, i10-index: 7, citations: 236 (as of 7 June, 2024),

Link to Google Scholar- https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=h2h3PMEAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao

ACCEPTED CVES

CVE-2021-41208 (Buffer Overflow, CWE-824, CVSS 9.3)

CVE-2022-21736 (Buffer Overflow, CWE-476, CVSS 7.6)

CVE-2022-21740 (Buffer Overflow, CWE-787, CVSS 7.6)

CVE-2022-21735 (Divide By Zero, CWE-369, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2022-23567 (Integer Overflow, CWE-190, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2022-21739 (Buffer Overflow, CWE-476, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2022-23568 (Integer Overflow, CWE-190, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2022-23569 (Buffer Overflow, CWE-617, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2022-21734 (Buffer Overflow, CWE-843, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2022-21737 (Buffer Overflow, CWE-754, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2022-21738 (Integer Overflow, CWE-190, CVSS 6.5)

CVE-2021-29584 (Integer Overflow, CWE-190, CVSS 6.5)

Funds

Department REU Support Award, \$3,000 (\$1,500 x 2), August, 2024

Sub-Star Award, \$70,000, College of Engineering, April, 2024

Microsoft Azure Credit, \$20,000, December, 2023

Department REU Support Award, \$1,500, December, 2023

Rising STARs Award, \$100,000, UT System, September, 2023

Honors and Awards

H12. Travel grant from IEEE S&P (2023), NDSS (2023), IEEE CNS (2022), WWW (2020)

H11. UVA Endowed Graduate Fellowship Award (Copenhaver Charitable Trust Bicentennial Fellowship), This award goes to a graduate student who has exceptionally good academic performance, research productivity (publications, presentations), and awards/honors, November 2022

H10. Selected to participate in NRT Graduate Student Communication Research Series, August 2022 H9. Selected as CPS Rising Stars, April 2022

H8. UVA Endowed Graduate Fellowship Award (Carlos and Esther Farrar Fellowship), This award goes to a graduate student who has exceptionally good academic performance, research productivity (publications, presentations), and awards/honors, October 2021

H7. Link Lab Outstanding Graduate Research Award, This award goes to graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in research during the academic year, June 2020

H6. Blackhat Grant, Registration grant from BlackHat USA, August 2018

H5. Bangladesh Sweden Trust Fund Scholarship, July 2019

H4. PhD Fellowship, University of Virginia, March 2017

H3. Runner-up at Mobile App Hackathon: Code Hub by HEQEP, March 2014

H2. Runner-up at Dev-Mercenaries System Prototyping & Development by Department of CSE, BUET, March 2013

H1. Top WP App at Windows App Hackathon by Microsoft Bangladesh, March 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- CSE 4380: Information Security I, Spring 2024
- CSE 4380/5380: Information Security I, Fall 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- CS 6333: Mobile and IoT Security, 2020
- CS 8501: Hot Topics in Mobile and IoT Security, 2019
- CS 6501: Mobile and IoT Security, 2018
- I helped in designing the courses, created assignments, evaluated group projects, took a few classes. We continued working with the motivated team on their course group projects after the course. → Published two workshop papers [MASSW'19, SPW'19]

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Master Students

Lamia Hasan Rodoshi, University of Texas at Arlington.

Faiza Tafannum, University of Texas at Arlington.

Ayvee Nusreen Anika, University of Texas at Arlington → Current: Associate Data Analyst at Algorizin

Zihao Su, University of Virginia → Current: Ph.D. Student at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Kaiming Cheng, University of Virginia → Current: Ph.D. Student at University of Washington.

Kamya Mehul Desai , University of Virginia → Current: Software Engineer, Credit Karma.

Undergraduate Students

Natalia Mesta Valenzuela, University of Texas at El Paso (CAHSI LREU Program, February, 2024 - May, 2024)

Muhammad Haziq Mirza Zuhaimi, University of Texas at Arlington (January, 2024 - May, 2024)

Muhammad Zaharudin, University of Texas at Arlington. (September, 2023 - May, 2024)

Chenghan Zhou, University of Virginia → Current: MSE, Princeton University.

Minjun Long, University of Virginia → Current: Ph.D. Student, Department of Computer Science at University of Virginia.

Patrick William Thomas, University of Virginia → Current: Software Engineer, Dr. Fit, Health and Wellness.

Mahesh Menon, University of Virginia, Topic: Vulnerable code detection in complex software.

Christopher Lee, University of Virginia, Topic: Investigating security in voice devices.

Will Lampert, University of Virginia, Topic: Investigating security in voice devices.

Cooper Grace, University of Virginia, Topic: Identifying attack surface through formal verification.

FEATURED

F2. CPS Rising Stars 2022 [Article]

F1. Humans of Link Lab [Article]

Professional Services

INSIDE UTA

- Organized Workshop Session at OurCS@DFW (February, 2024)
- PhD Admission Committee (September, 2023-present)
- Colloquia Committee (September, 2023-present)
- Judge at HackUTA (October, 2023)
- Judge at PhD Lightening Talks During 50th Anniversary of CSE Department (October, 2023)

OUTSIDE UTA

NSF

- NSF Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) review panel
- NSF Computer and Information Science and Engineering Research Initiation Initiative (CRII) review panel

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IEEE S&P (2025, 2024), USENIX (2025), NDSS (2025), CCS (2024), ICWSM (2024, 2023), The Web Conference (2024), Sensors S&P (2023), SafeThings (2023), ICICS (2023), CCS (Poster, 2022), IMC (Shadow TPC, 2022), USENIX Security (Poster, 2018)

Session Chair

IEEE S&P 2023, 2024; NDSS 2023; CCS 2022; WPES 2022

Web Chair

SafeThings, 2023

External Reviewer

PoPETs (2022), IMWUT/Ubicomp (2022, 2024), ICWSM (2022), NordiCHI (2022), MobileHCI (Poster, 2022)

Sub-Reviewer

CCS (2018, 2019), IEEE S&P (2020, 2021, 2022), NDSS (2018, 2020, 2021, 2023), USENIX (2018, 2020), ASIACCS (2020), AAAI (2019), SENSYS (2020, 2021, 2022), CSF (2021), CHI (2021)

Batch Representative of BSADD (BUET Systems Analysis, Design & Development) [link] (2015 - 2016)

Talks

- **T9.** NDSS, CHKPLUG: Checking GDPR Compliance of WordPress Plugins via Cross-language Code Property Graph, February 2023
- **T8. IEEE CNS**, NL2GDPR: Automatically Develop GDPR Compliant Android Application Features from Natural Language, October 2022
- T7. Guest Lecturer, Security and Privacy analysis for voice personal assistant. Course: CS 8501: IoT Security and Privacy, February 2022
- **T6.** NSF CPS PI Meeting, Privacy-aware Medical Voice Applications, June 2021
- **T5.** Baidu, Data-driven Security and Privacy analysis for emerging system, December 2020
- T4. IMWUT/Ubicomp, VerHealth: Vetting Medical Voice Applications through Policy Enforcement, September 2020
- T3. The Web Conference, Read Between the Lines: An Empirical Measurement of Sensitive Applications of Voice Personal Assistant System, April 2020
- **T2.** NDSS, TKPERM: Cross-platform Permission Knowledge Transfer to Detect Overprivileged Third-party Applications, February 2020
- T1. NSysS, Vulnerability Detection in Recent Android Apps: An Empirical Study, January 2017

Industry Experience

Research Intern in Baidu USA

June, 2021 - August, 2021

- Developing GDPR compliant android mobile application → Published one paper [IEEE CNS'22]
- DelChk: Validating data deletion practice in websites

Worked with Dr. Ping Li and Prof. Yingjie Lao

Software Engineer in Kona SL

March, 2016 - July, 2017

- Kona Money, a payment solution, developed both in Android and iOS platform
- ArtMining, a CMS based project, developed in iOS platform
- Nexus Pay, leading payment solution in Bangladesh, developed in iOS platform and ingenico POS terminal in C platform

Software Developer in Upwork [Profile Link]

January, 2013 - December, 2015

• Successfully completed 12 jobs on developing Android apps

References

Available upon request.