Faik Kerem Ors

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EDUCATION

Purdue University   West Lafayette, IN, US

Ph.D. in Computer Science   *Aug. 2022 – May. 2027 (Anticipated)*

GPA: *3.90/4.00*, **Academic Advisor**: *Prof. Elisa Bertino*

Focus: *Network Protocol Reverse Engineering*

Sabancı University   Istanbul, Turkey

M.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering   *Sep. 2019 – Jan. 2022*

GPA: *3.87/4.00*, **Thesis Advisor:** *Prof. Albert Levi*

Thesis: *Data Driven Intrusion Detection for 6LoWPAN Based IoT Systems*

Sabancı University   Istanbul, Turkey

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering   *Sep. 2014 – June 2019*

Minor in Mathematics

GPA: *3.86/4.00*, **Ranked 3rd**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Network security, protocol reverse engineering, IoT security and privacy, systems and software security, machine learning for security.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Researcher   Aug. 2022 – Present

Purdue University - Computer Science   *West Lafayette, IN, USA*

- Analyzing the security and privacy of communication protocols, particularly unknown or proprietary protocols, using deep learning techniques.
- Developing models and tools to systematically infer protocol structures and behaviors to enhance security analysis, anomaly detection, and formal verification.
- Integrating machine learning, program analysis, and systems security to improve protocol analysis frameworks.
- Advisor: Prof. Elisa Bertino

Research Intern   June 2020 – June 2021

Purdue University - GoBoiler Internship Program (Selected Attendee)   *West Lafayette, IN, USA*

- Implemented a secure and robust context-based group pairing scheme for heterogeneous IoT devices.
- Accepted to IEEE S&P (Oakland) 2023, second cycle.
- Supervisor: Dr. Z. Berkay Celik

Summer Research Intern   June 2018 – Sep. 2018

Technical University of Berlin   *Berlin, Germany*

- Implemented deep learning models to optimize the bitrate selection decision on DASH clients.
- Reviewed the literature and delivered an overview presentation on Dynamic Streaming over HTTP (DASH).
- Attended M.Sc. lectures and seminars with the focus on content delivery techniques.
- Supervisors: Dr. Suzan Bayhan and Prof. Abdel-Karim Al-Tamimi

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Habiba Farrukh*, Muslum Ozgur Ozmen*, **Faik Kerem Ors**, Z. Berkay Celik. One Key to Rule Them All: Secure Group Pairing for Heterogeneous IoT Devices. In *IEEE Security and Privacy (S&P '23)*.

- **Faik Kerem Ors**, and Albert Levi. Data driven intrusion detection for 6LoWPAN based IoT systems. In *Ad Hoc Networks, 143*, pages 103-120, April 2023.

- **Faik Kerem Ors**. Data Driven Intrusion Detection for 6LoWPAN Based IoT Systems. *M.Sc. Thesis*, December 2021.

- **Faik Kerem Ors**, Mustafa Aydin, Aysu Bogatarkan, and Albert Levi. Scalable Wi-Fi Intrusion Detection for IoT Systems. In *11th IFIP International Conference on New Technologies, Mobility and Security (Security Track)*, Paris, France, April 2021.

- **Faik Kerem Ors**, Suveyda Yeniterzi, and Reyyan Yeniterzi. Event Clustering within News Articles, In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from News 2020*, pages 63–68, Marseille, France, May 2020. European Language Resources Association (ELRA). (Proposed system ranked 1st in the shared task).

Conference Presentations

- Scalable Wi-Fi Intrusion Detection for IoT Systems. In *11th IFIP International Conference on New Technologies, Mobility and Security (Security Track)*, Paris, France, April 2021.

- Event Clustering within News Articles, In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from News 2020*, pages 63–68, Marseille, France, May 2020. European Language Resources Association (ELRA).

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant   Aug. 2022 – Present
Purdue University   *West Lafayette, IN, US*
- Held office hours, supervised student projects, designed and graded exams and assignments.
- Courses (reverse chronological): Computer Security (CS 426; Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Spring 2023), Cryptography (CS 555; Fall 2024), Information Security (CS 526; Spring 2024), Security Analytics (CS 529; Fall 2022)

Guest Lecturer   Fall 2023
CS 426, Purdue University   *West Lafayette, IN, US*
- Gave lectures on buffer overflows, return oriented programming, SQL injection, and cross-site scripting.

Teaching Assistant   Feb. 2018 – Jan. 2022
Sabancı University   *Istanbul, Turkey*
- Held office hours, designed and graded assignments, conducted lab sessions and supervised student projects.
- Courses (reverse chronological): Computer Networks (CS 408; 2022, 2021, 2020), Computer and Network Security (CS 432), Machine Learning (CS 412), Advanced Programming (CS 204), Database Systems (CS 306)

Services

- External Reviewer in NDSS 2024, 2025

- External Reviewer in IEEE S&P 2024

- External Reviewer in USENIX Security 2024

- Reviewer in IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS) 2024

- Reviewer in ITU Journal on Future and Evolving Technologies (ITU J-FET) 2022

- Reviewer in IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC) 2022

- Reviewer in IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security (CNS) 2021

- Reviewer in The Computer Journal (Oxford University Press) 2020, 2021

Honors and Awards

- Tuition waiver and Graduate Teaching Assistantship offer by Purdue University for graduate studies (2022 – 2027).

- Full tuition waiver and stipend by Sabancı University for graduate studies (2019 – 2021).

- Dean's High Honor List, Sabancı University (2016 – 2019).

- Recipient of Sakıp Sabancı Encouragement Scholarship, which covers 100% of tuition fee, because of academic excellence (2016 – 2019).

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python, C++, C, C#, Java, SQL
Frameworks and Libraries: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Keras, Flask, Django
Operating Systems: Unix, Linux, macOS, Windows
Technologies: git, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Docker, Azure, JUnit, Android Studio
Tools: Wireshark, Metasploit, Hashcat, Burp Suite, Nmap, SQLmap, Wfuzz, IDA, Binwalk, The Harvester, Dirbuster

Additional Work Experience

R&D Engineer   Feb. 2019 – Aug. 2019
PRODAFT   *Istanbul, Turkey*
- Implemented a machine learning based phishing detection system from scratch.
- Developed RESTful microservices to be integrated into the threat intelligence ecosystem of the company.

Security Research Intern   July 2017 – Sep. 2017
PRODAFT   *Istanbul, Turkey*
- Worked on penetration testing and developed penetration testing tools in Python.