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EDUCATION

Hong Kong Baptist University

Hong Kong

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Nov 2014 – Feb 2019

Dissertation: Authenticated Query Processing in the Cloud

Advisor: Prof. Jianliang Xu

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

Wuhan, China

Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics & Information Engineering

Sep 2009 – Jun 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS I am interested in Databases, Cryptography, Information Security and Privacy-Aware Computing. My current focuses include:

- Authenticated query processing for outsourcing cloud computing.
- Searchable blockchain with integrity assurance.
- Privacy preserving query processing and access control.

Professional Experience Hong Kong Baptist University Ph.D. Candidate Senior Research Assistant Hong Kong Nov 2014 – Feb 2019 Dec 2018 – Present

- Designed novel algorithms and indexes for cloud-based query services to support efficient verifiable query processing in a wide range of enterprise systems.
- Developed novel techniques to enable integrity assured search in scalable hybrid-storage blockchain systems.
- Resulted to several research papers published in top-tier journals and conferences.

Syracuse University Visiting Scholar

Syracuse, NY, USA Sep 2017 – Dec 2017

- Advisor: Dr. Yuzhe Tang
- Designed and implemented a memory-access pattern secure software system on Intel SGX.
- Developed a dynamic program partitioning framework to support implementing a variety of external oblivious algorithms and achieving cache-miss obliviousness.

Homebrew Core Maintainer Hong Kong *Feb 2015 – Feb 2017*

- https://brew.sh
- Acted as one of the core maintainers for the open source project Homebrew, which is the most popular package manager on macOS.
- Implemented several major features and improvements including better tap system, core/formulae split, sandbox system, portable Ruby, and many bug fixes.

Huazhong University of Science and Technology Final Year Project

Wuhan, China Sep 2013 – Jun 2014

- Advisor: Dr. Xiaojun Hei
- Designed and implemented a smart home router system using software defined network technology.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **C. Xu**, C. Zhang, and J. Xu, "vChain: Enabling verifiable boolean range queries over blockchain databases," in *Proceedings of the 2019 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD '19)*, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Jun. 2019, Full Paper.

- 2. S. Guo, J. Xu, C. Zhang, C. Xu, and T. Xiang, "ImageProof: Enabling authentication for largescale image retrieval," in *Proceedings of the 35th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering* (ICDE '19), Macau SAR, China, Apr. 2019, Full Paper.
- 3. Y. Ji, C. Xu, J. Xu, and H. Hu, "vABS: Towards verifiable attribute-based search over shared cloud data," in Proceedings of the 35th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE '19), Macau SAR, China, Apr. 2019, Demo Paper.
- 4. C. Zhang, C. Xu, J. Xu, Y. Tang, and B. Choi, "GEM2-Tree: A gas-efficient structure for authenticated range queries in blockchain," in Proceedings of the 35th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE '19), Macau SAR, China, Apr. 2019, Full Paper.
- 5. C. Xu, J. Xu, H. Hu, and M. H. Au, "When query authentication meets fine-grained access control: A zero-knowledge approach," in Proceedings of the 2018 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD '18), Houston, TX, USA, Jun. 2018, pp. 147-162, Full Paper.
- 6. C. Zhang, C. Xu, J. Xu, and B. Choi, "Distributed kNN query authentication," in Proceedings of the 19th IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management (MDM '18), Aalborg, Denmark, Jun. 2018, pp. 167–176, Full Paper.
- 7. C. Xu, Q. Chen, H. Hu, J. Xu, and X. Hei, "Authenticating aggregate queries over set-valued data with confidentiality (extended abstract)," in Proceedings of the 34th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE '18), Paris, France, Apr. 2018, pp. 1797-1798, Poster Paper.
- 8. C. Xu, Q. Chen, H. Hu, J. Xu, and X. Hei, "Authenticating aggregate queries over set-valued data with confidentiality," IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE), vol. 30, no. 4, pp. 630-644, Apr. 2018, Full Paper.
- 9. Y. Tang, Z. Xing, C. Xu, J. Chen, and J. Xu, "Lightweight logging over the blockchain for dataintensive applications," in 2nd Workshop on Trusted Smart Contracts at International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security, Santa Barbara Beach Resort, Curação, Mar. 2018, pp. 308-324, Workshop Paper.
- 10. Q. Zhu, H. Hu, C. Xu, J. Xu, and W.-C. Lee, "Geo-social group queries with minimum acquaintance constraints," The VLDB Journal (VLDBJ), vol. 26, no. 5, pp. 709-727, Jul. 2017, Full Paper.

Skills

Programming C/C++, Rust, Java, Python, Ruby, Matlab, LATEX, Bash, SQL, Vimscript, Javascript, HTML, CSS

Tools Vim, Tmux, Git, macOS, Linux Languages English, Mandarin

Awards

SIGMOD Travel Award, ACM

2018 2018

• Research Performance Award, Hong Kong Baptist University

2017

- Postgraduate Research Symposium Best Research Performance Award & Best Poster Award, Hong Kong Baptist University
- · Yakun Scholarship Scheme for Mainland Postgraduate Students, Hong Kong Baptist University 2018
- Excellent Teaching Assistant Performance Award, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Teaching Assistant Performance Award, Hong Kong Baptist University

2015, 2016