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WORK EXPERIENCE

Security Research Engineer *Samsung Research America*, Mountain View, CA. 2014 - Current

- Member of the Samsung KNOX security team. Broadly responsible for reviewing design and auditing code of Samsung KNOX features for security, developing tools for automated testing, incident response, mentoring intern research projects and collaborating with universities on research projects.
- Current areas of research include ARM TrustZone, full-system emulation, and fuzz testing.

Research Assistant to Trent Jaeger, *Pennsylvania State University*, University Park, PA. 2008 - 2014

- My PhD dissertation was in operating systems security. I analyzed program interaction with the operating system they are deployed in, and how mismatches between programmer expectations of OS access control and the actual OS access control policies can affect security.
- Other areas of research were infrastructures for providing transparent verification of the cloud, ARM TrustZone-based kernel runtime monitoring, and analyzing security policies at multiple layers for mediation and consistency properties.

Research Intern *NEC Labs America*, Princeton, NJ. Summer 2013

- Worked on logging and transforming runtime traces of systems within NEC into an information flow graph, and wrote a subsequent analysis framework. A novel feature of the information flow graph was modeling OS semantics that tracked information flow not directly visible in traces.

Technical Intern *Qualcomm Innovation Inc. (QuicInc)*, Raleigh, NC. Summer 2010

- Worked as part of team optimizing Linux kernel for Google Chrome netbooks on Qualcomm hardware. I developed software to probe and test graphic stack capabilities in a black-box way, using which several driver bugs were discovered.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science and Engineering May 2014

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA

Advisor: Dr. Trent Jaeger

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering May 2007

Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Anna University, Chennai, India

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- [1] Lee Harrison, Hayawardh Vijayakumar, Rohan Padhye, Koushik Sen, and Michael Grace. PARTEMU: Enabling Dynamic Analysis of Real-World TrustZone Software Using Emulation. In *Proceedings of the 29th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security 2020)*, August 2020. [acceptance rate: 16.3% (158/972)].
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- [9] Hayawardh Vijayakumar, Xinyang Ge, and Trent Jaeger. Policy Models to Protect Resource Retrieval. In *Proceedings of the 19th ACM Symposium on Access Control Models (SACMAT 2014)*, June 2014.
- [10] Xinyang Ge, Hayawardh Vijayakumar, and Trent Jaeger. SPROBES: Enforcing Kernel Code Integrity on the Trust-Zone Architecture. In *Proceedings of the 3rd IEEE Mobile Security Technologies Workshop (MoST 2014)*, May 2014.
- [11] Joshua Schiffman, Yuqiong Sun, Hayawardh Vijayakumar, and Trent Jaeger. Cloud verifier: Verifiable auditing service for iaas clouds. In *Proceedings of the IEEE 1st International Workshop on Cloud Security Auditing (CSA 2013)*, June 2013.
- [12] Hayawardh Vijayakumar, Joshua Schiffman, and Trent Jaeger. Process firewalls: Protecting processes during resource access. In *Proceedings of the 8th ACM European Conference on Computer Systems (EUROSYS 2013)*, April 2013. [acceptance rate: 17.9% (28/156)].
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- [18] Hayawardh Vijayakumar and Guruprasad Jakka and Sandra Rueda and Joshua Schiffman and Trent Jaeger. Integrity Walls: Finding Attack Surfaces from Mandatory Access Control Policies. In *Proceedings of the 7th ACM Symposium on Information, Computer, and Communications Security (ASIACCS 2012)*, May 2012. [acceptance rate: 22% (35/159)].
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- [22] Sandra Rueda and Hayawardh Vijayakumar and Trent Jaeger. Analysis of Virtual Machine System Policies. In *Proceedings of the 14th ACM Symposium on Access Control Models and Technologies (SACMAT 2009)*, June 2009. [acceptance rate: 32% (24/75)].
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Program Committee Member:**

- Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS 2015),
- ACM Symposium on Computer and Communications Security (CCS 2018),
- Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019),
- ACM Symposium on Information, Computer, and Communications Security (ASIACCS 2014, 2015),
- ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec 2018),
- International Conference on Information Systems Security (ICISS 2018),
- IEEE Workshop on Mobile Security Technologies (MoST 2016, 2017),

SECURITY VULNERABILITIES DISCLOSED

- Ubuntu init scripts (arbitrary file create vulnerability (CVE-2011-3151)),
- lightdm (privilege escalation (CVE-2011-4406)),
- Icecat browser - GNU version of Firefox (Untrusted library search path)
- x2go VNC server/client (Untrusted library search path),
- mountall (Untrusted search path),
- apachectl (privilege escalation (CVE-2013-1048))