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## Research Interests

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Binary analysis, system security and applied cryptography.

## Education

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<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b> Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: Dr. Taesoo Kim	Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2020
<b>Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)</b> B.S. in Computer Science & Mathematics	Sep. 2008 – Feb. 2015

## Publications

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### International Conferences

- QueryX: Symbolic Query on Decompiled Code for Finding Bugs in COTS Binaries (to appear)**  
HyungSeok Han, JeongOh Kyea, Yonghwi Jin, Jinoh Kang, Brian Park, and **Insu Yun**  
Proceedings of the 44th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland 2023)  
San Francisco, CA, May 2023
- Scalable and Secure Virtualization of HSM with ScaleTrust (to appear)**  
Juhyeng Han, **Insu Yun**, Seongmin Kim, Taesoo Kim, Soeul Son, and Dongsu Han  
Scalable and Secure Virtualization of HSM with ScaleTrust (to appear)  
November 2022
- Fuzzing@Home: Distributed Fuzzing on Untrusted Heterogeneous Clients**  
Daehee Jang, Ammar Askar, **Insu Yun**, Stephen Tong, Yiqin Cai, and Taesoo Kim  
Proceedings of the 2022 International Symposium on Research in Attacks, Intrusions and Defenses (RAID 2022)  
October 2022
- DoLTest: In-depth Downlink Negative Testing Framework for LTE Devices**  
CheolJun Park\*, Sangwook Bae\*, BeomSeok Oh, Jiho Lee, Eunkyu Lee, **Insu Yun**, and Yongdae Kim (\* co-first)  
Proceedings of the 31th USENIX Security Symposium (Security 2022)  
Boston, MA, August 2022
- HardsHeap: A Universal and Extensible Framework for Evaluating Secure Allocators**  
**Insu Yun**, Woosun Song, Seunggi Min, and Taesoo Kim  
Proceedings of the 28th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS 2021)  
Seoul, South Korea, November 2021
- Preventing Use-After-Free Attacks with Fast Forward Allocation**  
Brian Wickman, Hong Hu, **Insu Yun**, Daehee Jang, JungWon Lim, Sanidhya Kashyap, and Taesoo Kim  
Proceedings of the 30th USENIX Security Symposium (Security 2021)  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada, August 2021
- BaseSpec: Comparative Analysis of Baseband Software and Cellular Specifications for L3 Protocols**

Eunsoo Kim\*, Dongkwan Kim\*, Cheoljun Park, **Insu Yun**, and Yongdae Kim (\* co-first)  
Proceedings of the 2021 Annual Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS 2021)  
February 2021

8. **Automatic Techniques to Systematically Discover New Heap Exploitation Primitives**  
**Insu Yun**, Dhaval Kapil, and Taesoo Kim  
Proceedings of the 29th USENIX Security Symposium (Security 2020)  
Boston, MA, August 2020
9. **Compromising the macOS kernel through Safari by chaining six vulnerabilities**  
Yonghwi Jin, Jungwon Lim, **Insu Yun**, and Taesoo Kim  
Black Hat USA Briefings (Black Hat USA 2020)  
Las Vegas, NV, August 2020
10. **Fuzzing JavaScript Engines with Aspect-preserving Mutation**  
Soyeon Park, Wen Xu, **Insu Yun**, Daehee Jang, and Taesoo Kim  
Proceedings of the 41st IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland 2020)  
San Francisco, CA, May 2020
11. **REPT: Reverse Debugging of Failures in Deployed Software**  
Weidong Cui, Xinyang Ge, Baris Kasikci, Ben Niu, Upamanyu Sharma, Ruoyu Wang, and **Insu Yun** (alphabetical)  
Proceedings of the 13th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI 2018)  
Carlsbad, CA, October 2018  
• **Jay Lepreau Best Paper Award**
12. **QSYM: A Practical Concolic Execution Engine Tailored for Hybrid Fuzzing**  
**Insu Yun**, Sangho Lee, Meng Xu, Yeongjin Jang, and Taesoo Kim  
Proceedings of the 27th USENIX Security Symposium (Security 2018)  
Baltimore, MD, August 2018  
• **Distinguished Paper Award**
13. **AVPASS: Leaking and Bypassing Antivirus Detection Model Automatically**  
Jinho Jung, Chanil Jeon, Max Wolotsky, **Insu Yun**, and Taesoo Kim  
Black Hat USA Briefings (Black Hat USA 2017)  
Las Vegas, NV, July 2017
14. **CAB-Fuzz: Practical Concolic Testing Techniques for COTS Operating Systems**  
Su Yong Kim, Sangho Lee, **Insu Yun**, Wen Xu, Byoungyoung Lee, Youngtae Yun, and Taesoo Kim  
Proceedings of the 2017 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (ATC 2017)  
Santa Clara, CA, July 2017
15. **APISan: Sanitizing API Usages through Semantic Cross-checking**  
**Insu Yun**, Changwoo Min, Xujie Si, Yeongjin Jang, Taesoo Kim, and Mayur Naik  
Proceedings of the 25th USENIX Security Symposium (Security 2016)  
Austin, TX, August 2016  
• **Nominated as a finalist in CSAW Best Applied Research Paper Award 2016**
16. **HDFI: Hardware-Assisted Data-Flow Isolation**  
Chengyu Song, Hyungon Moon, Monjur Alam, **Insu Yun**, Byoungyoung Lee, Taesoo Kim, Wenke Lee, and Yunheung Paek  
Proceedings of the 37th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland 2016)  
San Jose, CA, May 2016
17. **Analyzing Security of Korean USIM-based PKI Certificate Service**  
Shinjo Park, Suwan Park, **Insu Yun**, Dongkwan Kim, and Yongdae Kim  
Proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on Information Security Applications (WISA 2014)  
Jeju Island, Korea, August 2014

## 18. Kargus: A Highly-scalable Software-based Intrusion Detection System

Muhammad Jamshed, Jihyung Lee, Sangwoo Moon, **Insu Yun**, Deokjin Kim, Sungryoul Lee, Yung Yi, and KyoungSoo Park  
Proceedings of the 19th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS 2012)  
Raleigh, NC, October 2012

## Domestic Conferences

### 19. Analyzing Qualcomm Hexagon Emulators via Differential Testing

Hyunsik Jung, **Insu Yun**, and Yongdae Kim  
Proceedings of the Conference on Information Security and Cryptography Summer(CISC-S) 2021  
June 2021

## Work Experience

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**KAIST**, Daejeon, South Korea  
Assistant Professor

Feb. 2021 –

**Microsoft Research**, Research Intern, Seattle, WA

May. 2017 – Aug. 2017

Contributed to REPT, a system that utilizes Intel Processor Trace to diagnose production failures  
Mentor: Weidong Cui

**Georgia Tech**, Research Assistant, Atlanta, GA

Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2020

**Korean Cyber Command**, Software Developer, Seoul, Korea

Apr. 2012 – Jan. 2014

Served for the mandatory military service

## Professional Activities

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### International Conference Committee Activities

Program Committee, *ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec)*, 2023  
Artifact Evaluation Committee, *USENIX Security Symposium (Security)*, 2023  
External Reviewer, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, 2023  
Program Committee, *ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec)*, 2022  
External Reviewer, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, 2022  
Organization Committee, *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2021  
External Reviewer, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, 2021  
External Reviewer, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, 2020  
External Reviewer, *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2019  
External Reviewer, *USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI)*, 2018  
External Reviewer, *USENIX Security Symposium (Security)*, 2018  
External Reviewer, *USENIX Annual Technical Conference (ATC)*, 2018  
External Reviewer, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, 2018  
External Reviewer, *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2017  
External Reviewer, *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2015  
External Reviewer, *IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland)*, 2015  
External Reviewer, *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2014  
External Reviewer, *ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec)*, 2014  
External Reviewer, *IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland)*, 2014  
External Reviewer, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, 2014  
External Reviewer, *IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland)*, 2013

### Domestic Conference Committee Activities

Organization Committee, *Conference on Information Security and Cryptography Summer (CISC-S)*, 2021

## Teaching Experience

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Instructor, Programming Structures for Electronical Engineering (EE209 at KAIST)	Fall 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.65 / 5	
Instructor, Software development environment and tools practice (EE485-A at KAIST)	Fall 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.43 / 5	
Instructor, My Life and Career in EE II (EE485-C at KAIST)	Fall 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.70 / 5	
Instructor, Software Security (EE595-B at KAIST)	Spring 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 5 / 5	
Instructor, My Life and Career in EE I (EE485-C at KAIST)	Spring 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.65 / 5	
Instructor, Programming Structures for Electronical Engineering (EE209 at KAIST)	Fall 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.34 / 5	
Instructor, Software development environment and tools practice (EE485-A at KAIST)	Fall 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.34 / 5	
Instructor, My Life and Career in EE II (EE485-C at KAIST)	Fall 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.57 / 5	
Instructor, Software Security (EE595-B at KAIST)	Spring 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.9 / 5	
Teaching Assistant, Information Security Lab – Official (CS8803 at Georgia Tech)	Fall 2018
• Evaluation – Overall Effectiveness: 5 / 5	
Teaching Assistant, Information Security Lab – Unofficial (CS8803 at Georgia Tech)	Fall 2017
Teaching Assistant, Information Security Lab – Official (CS6265 at Georgia Tech)	Fall 2016
• Evaluation – Overall Effectiveness: 4.9 / 5	
Teaching Assistant, Information Security Lab – Unofficial (CS6265 at Georgia Tech)	Fall 2015
Head Instructor, Information Security class for freshmen (KAIST)	Mar. 2009 – Aug. 2011

## Honors & Awards

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### Academic awards

Best Lecture Award, KAIST Electrical Engineering	Sep. 2021
Jay Lepreau Best Paper Award, USENIX OSDI 2018	Aug. 2018
Distinguished Paper Award, USENIX Security 2018	Aug. 2018

### Capture-the-flag(CTF) contests

DEFCON 26 CTF, 1st place (Team DEFKOR00T)	Aug. 2018
DEFCON 24 CTF, 3rd place (Team DEFKOR)	Aug. 2016
DARPA Cyber Grand Challenge (Team Disekt)	Aug. 2016
DEFCON 23 CTF, 1st place (Team DEFKOR)	Aug. 2015
Whitehat contest 2014 (Team SysSec)	Nov. 2014
DEFCON 22 CTF, 10th place (Team GoN)	Aug. 2014
SECCON CTF 2014, 1st place (TOEFL Beginner)	Feb. 2014
Codegate CTF 2012, 3rd place (Team GoN)	Apr. 2012
Secuinside CTF, 3rd place (Team GoN)	Oct. 2011
ISEC CTF, 1st place (Team GoN)	Sep. 2011
DEFCON 18 CTF, 3rd place (Team GoN)	Aug. 2010
Codegate CTF 2010, 5th place (Team GoN)	Apr. 2010
KISA HDCON, Gold Medal, 2nd place (Team GoN)	May 2009
Codegate CTF 2009, 4th place (Team GoN)	Apr. 2009

## Bug Hunting

PSV-2021-0304: afpd auth bypass (\$300), NETGEAR Cash Rewards	Mar. 2021
Pwn2Own Apple Safari with a kernel privilege escalation (\$70K), Zero Day Initiative	Mar. 2020
Apple Safari sandbox escape (\$20K), Apple	Dec. 2019
Three integer overflow vulnerabilities in PHP (\$1,500), the Internet Bug Bounty	Jun. 2016
An Integer Overflow in Python zipimport (\$1,000), the Internet Bug Bounty	Apr. 2016

## Scholarships

National Research Foundation of Korea Scholarship for Undergraduate	Mar. 2008 – Dec. 2013
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## Invited Talks

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### Hacking 101

Presented at WISC	Sep. 2022
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### Attack and Defenses for Heap Vulnerabilities in 2022

Seminar at ETRI	Apr. 2022
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### Comparative Analysis of Baseband Software and Cellular Specifications for Finding Vulnerabilities

Seminar at Security@KAIST	Jun. 2022
Seminar at Ministry of National Defense	Jun. 2022

### Memory Allocator Security

Seminar at UNIST	May. 2022
Seminar at Yonsei university	Apr. 2022
Seminar at Sungkyunkwan university	Apr. 2022
Seminar at ETRI	Jan. 2022
Seminar at National Security Research Institute (NSRI)	Dec. 2021
Seminar at Securty@KAIST	Nov. 2021
Seminar at KAIST GSIS	Nov. 2021

### Browser Security: Hacking & Research

Presented at Open Theori Research Seminar #6	Dec. 2021
Seminar at Hanyang University	Nov. 2021
Presented at KR Becks Meetup #1 by LINE	Aug. 2021
Seminar at Security@KAIST	Jun. 2021

### HardsHeap: A Universal and Extensible Framework for Evaluating Secure Allocators

Presented at ACM CCS 2021	Nov. 2021
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### Automatic Techniques to Systematically Discover New Heap Exploitation Primitives

Presented at USENIX Security 2020	Aug. 2020
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### Scalable and Automatic Vulnerability Discovery Beyond Random Testing

Seminar at Seoul National Univeristy	Mar. 2019
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### QSYM: A Practical Concolic Execution Engine Tailored for Hybrid Fuzzing

Presented at USENIX Security 2018	Aug. 2018
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### APISan: Sanitizing API Usages through Semantic Cross-checking

Presented at USENIX Security 2016	Aug. 2016
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## Advising and Mentoring

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- Ph.D./M.S Students

– Haein Lee	Starting from Spring 2022
• <b>M.S. Students</b>	
– Minwoo Baek	Starting from Spring 2022
– Wonyeong Jung	Starting from Spring 2022
– Junyeong Park	Starting from Spring 2022
– Dongok Kim	Starting from Spring 2023
• <b>Alumni</b>	
– Hyunsik Jeong (Co-advising with Yongdae Kim) First employment: S2W	M.S. in Fall 2021
– Hyunseok Han (Co-advising with Yongdae Kim) First employment: Postdoc at Georgia Tech	Starting from Spring 2022