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Research Interests

System security, software security, binary analysis, fuzzing, and applied cryptography.

Education

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

Work Experience

KAIST , Daejeon, South Korea Assistant Professor	Feb. 2021 –
Microsoft Research , Research Intern, Seattle, WA Contributed to REPT, a system that utilizes Intel Processor Trace to diagnose production failures Mentor: Weidong Cui	May. 2017 – Aug. 2017
Georgia Tech , Research Assistant, Atlanta, GA	Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2020
Korean Cyber Command , Software Developer, Seoul, Korea Served for the mandatory military service	Apr. 2012 – Jan. 2014

Publications

International Conferences (**Top-tier** and others)

18. **BaseComp: A Comparative Analysis for Integrity Protection in Cellular Baseband Software (to appear)**
Eunsoo Kim*, Min Woo Baek*, CheolJun Park, Dongkwan Kim, Yongdae Kim, and **Insu Yun**
Proceedings of the 32nd USENIX Security Symposium (**Security 2023**)
Anaheim, CA, August 2023
17. **QueryX: Symbolic Query on Decompiled Code for Finding Bugs in COTS Binaries**
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
16. **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
15. **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
Proceedings of the 31th USENIX Security Symposium (**Security 2022**)

Boston, MA, August 2022

(Acceptance rates: 18%, 256/1414)

14. **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
(Acceptance rates: 22%, 196/880)
13. **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
(Acceptance rates: 19%, 246/1316)
12. **BaseSpec: Comparative Analysis of Baseband Software and Cellular Specifications for L3 Protocols**
Eunsoo Kim*, Dongkwan Kim*, Cheoljun Park, **Insu Yun**, and Yongdae Kim
Proceedings of the 2021 Annual Network and Distributed System Security Symposium ([NDSS 2021](#))
February 2021
(Acceptance rates: 15%, 87/578)
11. **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
(Acceptance rates: 16%, 157/977)
10. **Compromising the macOS kernel through Safari by chaining six vulnerabilities**
Yonghui Jin, Jungwon Lim, **Insu Yun**, and Taesoo Kim
Black Hat USA Briefings (Black Hat USA 2020)
Las Vegas, NV, August 2020
9. **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
(Acceptance rates: 12%, 104/841)
[Nominated as a finalist in CSAW Best Applied Research Paper Award 2020](#)
8. **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
(Acceptance rates: 18%, 47/257)
[Jay Lepreau Best Paper Award \(3 out of 257 submissions\)](#)
7. **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
(Acceptance rates: 19%, 100/524)
[Distinguished Paper Award \(5 out of 524 submissions\)](#)
6. **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

5. **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

(Acceptance rates: 21%, 60/283)

4. **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

(Acceptance rates: 16%, 72/463)

[Nominated as a finalist in CSAW Best Applied Research Paper Award 2016](#)

3. **HDFI: Hardware-Assisted Data-Fow 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

(Acceptance rates: 13%, 55/413)

2. **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

1. **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

(Acceptance rates: 19%, 81/426)

International Journal

1. **Scalable and Secure Virtualization of HSM with ScaleTrust**

Juhyung Han, **Insu Yun**, Seongmin Kim, Taesoo Kim, Soeul Son, and Dongsu Han

IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN)

November 2022

Domestic Conferences

1. **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

Thesis

1. **Concolic Execution Tailored for Hybrid Fuzzing**

Insu Yun

Ph.D. thesis, Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA, December 2020

Professional Activities

Technical Program Committee (International)

- Program Committee, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, 2024
- Program Committee, *IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland)*, 2024
- Program Committee, *ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec)*, 2023
- Program Committee, *ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec)*, 2022

Others (International & Domestic)

- Artifact Evaluation Committee, *USENIX Security Symposium (Security)*, 2023
- Organization Committee, *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2021
- Organization Committee, *Conference on Information Security and Cryptography Summer (CISC-S)*, 2021

Teaching Experience

Programming Structures for Electrical Engineering (EE209 at KAIST)	Fall 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.65 / 5	
Software development environment and tools practice (EE485-A at KAIST)	Fall 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.43 / 5	
My Life and Career in EE II (EE485-C at KAIST)	Fall 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.70 / 5	
Software Security (EE595-B at KAIST)	Spring 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 5 / 5	
My Life and Career in EE I (EE485-C at KAIST)	Spring 2022
• Evaluation – Average: 4.65 / 5	
Programming Structures for Electrical Engineering (EE209 at KAIST)	Fall 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.34 / 5	
Software development environment and tools practice (EE485-A at KAIST)	Fall 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.34 / 5	
My Life and Career in EE II (EE485-C at KAIST)	Fall 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.57 / 5	
Software Security (EE595-B at KAIST)	Spring 2021
• Evaluation – Average: 4.9 / 5	

Honors & Awards

Academic awards

Best Teaching Award, KAIST Electrical Engineering	Sep. 2021
Jay Lepreau Best Paper Award, USENIX OSDI 2018	Aug. 2018
Distinguished Paper Award, USENIX Security 2018	Aug. 2018
KISA Bug Bounty Program's Hall of Fame	2013

Hacking competitions

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, 1st place (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

Vulnerability discovery reward (by me)

PSV-2021-0304: afpd auth bypass (\$300), NETGEAR	Mar. 2021
Pwn2Own Apple Safari with a kernel privilege escalation (\$70,000), Zero Day Initiative, with Yonghwi Jin and Jungwon Lim	Mar. 2020
Apple Safari sandbox escape (\$20,000), 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

Vulnerability discovery reward (by students)

Type confusion in V8 (\$7,000), Google, by Haein Lee	Mar. 2023
LTE authentication bypass in Exynos (\$14,760), Samsung, by Eunsoo Kim and CheolJun Park	Feb. 2022

Scholarships

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

International

Title: How to build Skynet — a system that hacks systems Keynote speech at TyphoonCon, Seoul, Korea	Jun. 2023
Title: HardsHeap: A Universal and Extensible Framework for Evaluating Secure Allocators Presented at ACM CCS 2021, Online	Nov. 2021
Title: Automatic Techniques to Systematically Discover New Heap Exploitation Primitives Presented at USENIX Security 2020, Online	Aug. 2020
Title: QSYM: A Practical Concolic Execution Engine Tailored for Hybrid Fuzzing Presented at USENIX Security 2018, Baltimore, MD	Aug. 2018
Title: APISan: Sanitizing API Usages through Semantic Cross-checking Presented at USENIX Security 2016, Austin, TX	Aug. 2016

Domestic

Title: Human-friendly binary analysis Presented at Korea Computer Congress (KCC), Seoul, Korea	Jun. 2023
Title: Exploit in the wild Presented at ETRI, Daejeon	Jun. 2023
Title: Hacking 101 Presented at WISC, Seoul	Sep. 2022
Title: Attack and Defenses for Heap Vulnerabilities in 2022 Seminar at ETRI, Daejeon	Apr. 2022
Title: Comparative Analysis of Baseband Software and Cellular Specifications for Finding Vulnerabilities Seminar at UNIST, Ulsan	May. 2023
Seminar at Security@KAIST, Online	Jun. 2022
Seminar at Cyber Operations Command, Seoul	Jun. 2022
Title: Scalable and Automatic Vulnerability Discovery Beyond Random Testing Seminar at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, Mar. 2019	
Title: Memory Allocator Security	

Presented at Best of Best (BoB), Seoul	Feb. 2023
Presented at Computer System Society Conference (CSC), Pyeongchang	Feb. 2023
Seminar at UNIST, Online	May. 2022
Seminar at Yonsei university, Online	Apr. 2022
Seminar at Sungkyunkwan university, Online	Apr. 2022
Seminar at ETRI, Daejeon	Jan. 2022
Seminar at National Security Research Institute (NSRI), Daejeon	Dec. 2021
Seminar at Securty@KAIST, Online	Nov. 2021
Seminar at KAIST GSIS, Online	Nov. 2021
Title: Browser Security: Hacking & Research	
Presented at Open Theori Research Seminar #6, Online	Dec. 2021
Seminar at Hanyang University, Online	Nov. 2021
Presented at KR Becks Meetup #1 by LINE, Online	Aug. 2021
Seminar at Security@KAIST, Online	Jun. 2021

Advising and Mentoring

- **Ph.D./M.S Students**

- Haein Lee

Starting from Spring 2022

- **M.S. Students**

- Minwoo Baek
 - Wonyeong Jung
 - Junyeong Park
 - Dongok Kim

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Starting from Spring 2023

- **Alumni**

- Hyunsik Jeong (Co-advising with Yongdae Kim)
 - First employment: S2W
- Hyunseok Han (Co-advising with Yongdae Kim)
 - First employment: Postdoc at Georgia Tech

M.S. in Fall 2021
Ph.D. in Fall 2022