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RESEARCH
INTERESTS

Web security, systems security, privacy, programming languages, software engineering

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California USA

Ph.D. Graduate Student, Computer Science, Expected May 2013
Advised by Dawn Song

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island USA

M.S., Computer Science, May, 2007
B.S., Computer Science & History, May 2007

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Brown University: graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 2007

ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Student Researcher **September, 2008 - present**
Includes current Ph.D. research and coursework with a focus on security.

Graduate Student Instructor **January, 2010 - May, 2010**
Graduate student instructor for advance undergraduate computer security course. Shared responsibility for leading sections, developing coursework including homeworks and projects, and grading.

Course Work
Security, Program Analysis, Programming Languages, Network Security, Systems, Cryptography, Intellectual Property Law, Surveillance and Society

Brown University

Teaching Assistant **September, 2005 - present**
Held office hours, created and graded assignments, and led lab sections for Computer Systems, Computer Security, and Operating Systems courses.

Selected Course Work
Operating Systems, Programming Languages, Dynamic Access Control and Verification, Combinatorial Optimization, Computer Networks

REFEREED
PUBLICATIONS

Felt, A., Finifter, M., Weinberger, J., Wagner, D. *Diesel: Applying Privilege Separation to Database Access.* To appear at ACM Symposium on Information, Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS), 2011.

Finifter, M., Weinberger, J., and Barth, A. *Preventing Capability Leaks in Secure JavaScript Subsets.* Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS), 2010.

Barth, A., Weinberger, J., and Song, D. *Cross-Origin JavaScript Capability Leaks: Detection, Exploitation, and Defense.* USENIX Security Symposium, 2009.

Gordon, C., Meyerovich, L., Weinberger, J., and Krishnamurthi, S. *Composition with Consistent Updates for Abstract State Machines.* International ASM Workshop, 2007.

TECHNICAL
REPORTS

Felt, A., Finifter, M., Weinberger, J., and Wagner, D. *Diesel: Applying Privilege Separation to Database Access.* University of California Technical Report EECS-2010-149, 2010.

Meyerovich, L., Weinberger, J., Gordon, C., and Krishnamurthi, S. *ASM Relational Transducer Security Policies.* Brown University Technical Report CS-05-12, 2006.

RESEARCH

Web Application Sanitization
Examining how web applications perform sanitization, both on the server and on the client. Looking at ways of identifying sanitization checks on the server and client. Building tools to create and enforce sanitization policies in web applications.

JavaScript Heap Analysis
Instrumenting a JavaScript engine to map JavaScript objects and their relationships to one another. Using this tool to verify the security of web browsers and web applications, as well as finding vulnerabilities in them.

Database Privilege Separation
Creating a system for applying the principle of least privilege to software database access. Allows for a single database connection to be securely shared among program modules while guaranteeing minimum access rights to the database for each module.

Verification of Web Programs
Modeled an access control system for a web application and developed an atomic update module operator for Abstract State Machines (ASMs).

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Sun Microsystems, San Francisco, California USA

Software Engineer **July 2007 - July 2008**
Full-time software engineer in the Fishworks advanced development team on Sun Storage 7000 NAS products. Worked on iSCSI and FTP integration, clustering interface support, and appliance stack management. Worked on operating system, application, and AJAX web development.

VMware, Palo Alto, California USA

Intern Software Engineer **June 2006 - August 2006**
Intern in the VMware ESX Core Kernel group. Developed shared memory infrastructure and signal handling capabilities.

TECHNICAL SKILLS
Programming Languages: C/C++, Java, JavaScript, PHP, Python, BASH, Scheme

Computer Systems: Linux, Solaris, MacOS X, Windows

INTERESTS
Rock climbing, tap dance, skiing (alpine and water), road biking, running, history