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Research Interests

Formal verification, algorithms, proof assistants, functional programming

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

• PhD in Computer Science, Advisor: Andrew Appel

2020-Current

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

• MSE in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0/4.0

2018-2020

• BA in Mathematics and Computer Science (summa cum laude), GPA: 3.98/4.0

2016-2020

Publications

- Joshua M. Cohen and Philip Johnson-Freyd. "A Formalization of Core Why3 in Coq". In: POPL 2024: 51st ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages. 2024. To appear
- Joshua M. Cohen and Andrew W. Appel. "Specifying and Verifying a Real-World Packet Error-Correction System". In: VSTTE 2023: 15th International Conference on Verified Software: Theories, Tools, and Experiments. 2023. To appear
- Joshua M. Cohen, Qinshi Wang, and Andrew W. Appel. "Verified Erasure Correction in Coq with MathComp and VST". in: CAV 2022: 34th International Conference on Computer-Aided Verification. 2022
- Joachim Breitner, Antal Spector-Zabusky, Yao Li, Christine Rizkallah, John Wiegley, Joshua Cohen, and Stephanie Weirich. "Ready, Set, Verify! Applying hs-to-coq to Real-World Haskell Code". In: Journal of Functional Programming 31 (2021)

Talks

- A Formalization of Why3 in Coq. New Jersey Programming Languages and Systems Seminar (NJPLS). May 2023.
- Verified Erasure Correction in Coq with MathComp and VST. New Jersey Programming Languages and Systems Seminar (NJPLS). May 2022.

EMPLOYMENT

Sandia National Labs - Formal Methods R&D Intern

Summer 2022 - Present

• Working on formal semantics for the Why3 intermediate verification language.

AWS - Applied Scientist Intern

AWS - SDE Intern

Summer 2021

• Used Dafny to prove correctness theorems about the IAM policy evaluator.

• Developed internal tools for AWS Key Management Service HSM team.

Summer 2019

• Used several cryptography libraries to interface with Yubikeys.

KPMG - Data & Analytics Intern

Summer 2018

• Developed Microsoft Office add-in for automated document generation using Javascript, HTML, and Office-JS API.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant - Princeton University

• Programming Languages (COS 510)

Spring 2023

• Theory of Algorithms (COS 423)

Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant - University of Pennsylvania

• Introduction to Algorithms (CIS 320)

Fall 2019, Spring 2020

• Programming Languages and Techniques I (CIS 120)

Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

Gordon Wu Fellowship in Engineering - Princeton University Benjamin Franklin Scholar - University of Pennsylvania IEEE Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society Member - University of Pennsylvania

SKILLS

Verification - Coq, VST, Dafny, Verifast, Liquid Haskell Programming - C, Java, Python, Haskell, OCaml, LaTeX