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EDUCATION

Postdoc., Georgia Tech, *School of Computer Science, College of Computing*   Jun 2019 – Dec 2020
- Adviser: Taesoo Kim (Systems Software & Security Lab)
- Research Area: Software Security, Artificial Intelligence for Security

Ph.D., Stony Brook University, *Department of Computer Science*   Aug 2013 – May 2019
- Adviser: Michalis Polychronakis (Hexlab)
- Research Area: Binary Protection, Software Diversification against Code Reuse Attacks
- Thesis: Practical Software Specialization against Code Reuse Attacks

M.Sc., Korea University, *Information Management and Security*   Mar 2008 – Feb 2010
- Adviser: Sangjin Lee (Digital Forensic Lab)
- Thesis: Pre-detection Model for Trusted Insider's Leaks and Manipulation from a Forensic Perspective

B.Sc., Hanyang University, *Industrial Engineering*   Mar 1998 – Aug 2005
- Graduated with College Honors Cum Laude

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- A Transformer-based Function Symbol Name Inference Model from an Assembly Language for Binary Reversing, Hyunjin Kim, Jinyeong Bak, Kyunghyun Cho, and **Hyungjoon Koo**, *In the 18th ACM Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS '23)*, 2023 [*]
- SmartMark: Software Watermarking Scheme for Smart Contracts, Taeyoung Kim, Yunhee Jang, Chanjong Lee, **Hyungjoon Koo**, and Hyoungshick Kim, *In the 45th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE '23)*, 2023 [*]
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- Software Watermarking via a Binary Function Relocation Honggoo Kang, Yonghwi Kwon, Sangjin Lee, and **Hyungjoon Koo**. *In the 37th Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC '21)*, 2021 [*]
- Slimium: Debloating the Chromium Browser with Feature Subsetting, Chenxiong Qian, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Changseok Oh, Taesoo Kim, and Wenke Lee. *In the 27th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS '20)*, 2020
- Compiler-assisted Code Randomization, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Yaohui Chen, Long Lu, Vasileios P. Kemerlis, and Michalis Polychronakis. *In the 39th IEEE Symposium on Security & Privacy (S&P '18)*, 2018 *Top 10 Finalist, Cyber Security Awareness Week (CSAW '18), 2018* [*]
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- Juggling the Gadgets: Binary-level Code Randomization using Instruction Displacement, **Hyungjoon Koo** and Michalis Polychronakis. *In the 11th ACM Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS '16)*, 2016 [*]
- Identifying Traffic Differentiation in Mobile Networks, Arash Molavi Kakhki, Abbas Razaghpanah, Anke Li, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Rajeshkumar Golani, David Choffnes, Phillipa Gill, and Alan Mislove. *In the 15th ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC '15)*, 2015

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WORKSHOPS, POSTERS

- Evaluating Password Composition Policy and Password Meters of Popular Websites, Kyungchan Lim, Joshua Hankyul Kang, Matthew Dixson, **Hyungjoon Koo**, and Doowon Kim, Workshop on Designing Security for the Web (SecWeb '23; Co-located with S&P '23), 2023
- Inference of Compiler Provenance from Malware, Hohyun Jang and **Hyungjoon Koo**, Poster in the the 22nd World Conference on Information Security Applications (WISA '21), 2021 [*]
- Semantic-aware Binary Code Representation with BERT, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Soyeon Park, Daejin Choi and Taesoo Kim (ArXiv), 2021 [*]
- Configuration-Driven Software Debloating, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Seyedhamed Ghavamnia, and Michalis Polychronakis. *In the 12th European Workshop on Systems Security (EuroSec '19; Co-located with EuroSys '19)*, 2019 [*]
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WORK EXPERIENCES

Research Assistant, *Stony Brook University*   May 2014 – May 2019

- System / Software Security (Michalis Polychronakis)
- Traffic Differentiation / Internet Censorship (Philipa Gill)

Intern, *Fujitsu Laboratories of America*   Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

Teaching Assistant, *Stony Brook University*   Aug 2013 – Dec 2017
- [CSE102] Introduction to Web Design and Programming (Ahmad Esmaili), Fall 2013
- [CSE130] Introduction to Programming in C (Ahmad Esmaili), Fall 2013
- [CSE312] Legal, Social, and Ethical Issues in Information Systems (Robert Johnson), Spring 2014
- [CSE408] Network Security (Undergraduate level; Robert Johnson), Spring 2014
- [CSE508] Network Security (Graduate level; Michalis Polychronakis), Fall 2017

Intern, *Fujitsu Laboratories of America*   Jun 2016 – Aug 2016

Lecturer   Mar 2013 – Jul 2013
- Security Essentials, Korea Productivity Center, July 2013
- Network Security for Rwanda government officials, KISA, Mar 2013

Security Researcher at Security Compliance Team, *Shinhan Bank*   Jul 2011 – Sep 2012

Assistant Manager at Information Security Team, *Samsung SDS*   Jan 2006 – Jul 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Committee Services
- General Chair in Information Security Conference (ISC 2025)
- Program Committee in the Workshop on Large AI Systems and Models with Privacy and Security Analysis (Co-located with CCS 2025)
- Program Committee in the 1st Workshop on Software Understanding and Reverse Engineering (Co-located with CCS 2025)
- Program Committee in 8th Deep Learning Security and Privacy Workshop (Co-located with S&P 2025)
- Program Co-chair for the Security & Privacy Domain in International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Systems (ICPADS 2024)
- Program Committee in IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P 2024)
- Organizing Committee in IEEE Secure Development Conference (SecDev 2023-24)
- Program Committee in Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC 2023-25)
- Program Committee in International Symposium on Foundations & Practice of Security (FPS 2022-25)
- Program Committee in NYU's Cybersecurity Games and Conference (CSAW 2019-2024)

Journal Services as a Reviewer or an Editor
- The Journal of Supercomputing (2025)
- Korea Institute of Information Security & Cryptology (KIISC, 2024-25)
- ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM, 2024)
- IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE, 2024)
- Editor, Journal of Information Processing Systems (JIPS, 2024-25)
- Neurocomputing (2024)
- Information and Software Technology (IST, 2024)
- IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC, 2022)
- Computers and Security (COSE, 2023, 2021)
- IEEE Internet Computing (IC, 2022)
- International Journal of Information Security (IJIS, 2020-21)
- IEEE Security & Privacy Magazine (S&P, 2019-21, 2024)
- Frontiers of Information Technology & Electronic Engineering (FITEE, 2020, 2024)
- International Journal of Information Security (IJIS, 2020)
- IEEE Access (2019)
- IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (TON, 2019)

Patents
- Device and Method for Program Behavior Generation Using Under-Constrained State Mutation for Automated Root Cause Analysis, Younggi Park, Hwiwon Lee, Huykang Kim, **Hyungjoon Koo**; (KR) App No. 10-2025-0065904
- Relative readability index for Decompiled Codes, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Sungjae Hwang, Haeun Eom, Dohee Kim, Sori Lim; (KR) App No. 10-2024-0105125

- Methods and apparatus for inferring function symbols from assembly code in transformer-based executable binary, and recording medium, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Hyunjin Kim, and Jinyeong Bak, (KR) Patent No. 10-2781464; (US) App No. 18-674-646
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- System and method for responding DDoS offensive, Changryul Huh, Bonjae Koo, Bonghui Park, **Hyungjoon Koo**, Kyutae Jeong, (KR) Patent No. 10-2010-0065260

Awards/Grants
- Distinguished Paper Award (Title; BENZENE: A Practical Root Cause Analysis System with an Under-Constrained State Mutation) at IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy 2024 (May 2024)
- Best Paper Award (Title; RoBERTa-based Obfuscated Binary Code Similarity Detection) at Conference on Information Security and Cryptography-Summer 2024 (Jun. 2024)
- Best Paper Award (Title; A Study of Executable Binaries with Emerging Compilation Tools) at Conference on Information Security and Cryptography-Winter 2024 (Jun. 2022)
- Student Grant for the 26th USENIX Security Symposium in Vancouver (Aug. 2017)

Invited Talks
- Executable Binary Analysis with AI, Workshop on Information Security and Cryptography (WISC '23) (Sep. 2023)
- A Transformer based Function Symbol Name Inference Model from an Assembly Language for Binary Reversing, Kyunghee University Seminar (Aug. 2023)
- Understanding of Advanced Code Reuse Attacks and Defenses, UNIST Seminar (Dec. 2022)
- A Practical Binary Similarity Detection Approach, Sejong Cybersecurity Workshop 0x01 (Oct. 2022)
- Binary Code Representation for Deep Learning and its Applications, Software Convergence Symposium (SWCS '22) (Apr. 2022)
- Semantic-aware Binary Code Representation with Deep Learning, Fall KAIST Security Colloquium (Nov. 2021)
- Executable Binary Code Representation with Deep Learning, In the 21ST KOCSEA Technical Symposium Program (Nov. 2021)
- Crash Course on Deep Learning for Security, Soongsil University (Jul. 2021)
- Toward (Better) Binary Code Representation with Deep Learning, Seoul National University (Jun. 2021)
- Software Protection via Code Randomization, University of Tennessee (Nov. 2020)
- Practical Software Specialization against Code Reuse Attacks, Sungkyunkwan University and KAIST (Feb. 2019)
- Practical Software Hardening against Code Reuse Attacks, Georgia Tech (Nov. 2018)
- Software Hardening with Code Diversification, CS Colloquium at SUNY Korea (Jun. 2018), Korea University and Samsung Research (May 2018)
- Software Hardening, Cyber Symposium by the Stony Brook Computing Society (Apr. 2018)
- Elaborate Attacks with Existing Tools, National Computing & Information Agency (May 2013)
- Anonymizing Yourself with Tor, Korea Internet & Security Agency (Apr. 2013)

Invited Lectures
- Binary Reversing with AI, Lecture Series on AI Applications by KIISC, Korea Institute of Information Security and Cryptography (Aug. 2024)
- Software Security, Seoul Science High School (Jan. 2022-2024)
- Security with AI, Kepco KDN (Nov. 2021)

Translation of Technical Books/Articles into Korean
- Gray Hat C# (ISBN: 1593277598, 2018)
- Logging and Log Management (ISBN: 1597496359, 2014)
- Practical Malware Analysis (ISBN: 1593272901, 2013)
- Malware Analyst's Cookbook and DVD (ISBN: 0470613033, 2011)

- Cryptography Engineering (ISBN: 0470474246, 2010)
- OWASP Top10, SANS Top20, and ISM Top10 (2007, 2010)

Write-ups
- Keychain Analysis for Mac OS X, Kyeongsik Lee and **Hyungjoon Koo** (2013)
- Hunting OS X Rootkit in Memory, Kyeongsik Lee, Jinkook Kim, and **Hyungjoon Koo** (2013)
- A Guidebook for Building and Operating CERT by KISA (2007)