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EXPERIENCE

• University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug 2021 - Present

• Programming III: Assisting students and teams who are struggling with advanced data structures and algorithms. My responsibilities include developing weekly practical assignments and delivering guest lectures.

• Microsoft Research

Bangalore, IN

Software Engineer

Feb 2018 - Present

- o Blockchain: Worked on building backend for Blockene, a high throughput blockchain protocol running on mobile devices. Improved performance by 25% to over 1000tps and deployed a solution for sybil attacks using mobile TEE
- o Flask Web Framework: Developed and deployed a Project Management System for NGOs to make philanthropic donations more transparent and accountable using the above blockchain protocol.
- Intel SGX: Developed a Practical and Secure DNN Inference Service using Intel SGX in C++. I lead the effort to discover, analyze, solve and implement access-pattern based side-channel attack on the system.

• Singapore Management University

Singapore

Research Assistant

Jun 2016 - Dec 2016

- Lifestyle Analytics: Developed a system to identify item interactions of customers in a retail store through sensor data fusion from smartwatches, smartphones and distributed BLE beacons. Presented our work in ISWC '18.
- Side Channel Attack: Explored the possibility of using the inertial sensor data obtained from a smartwatch as a side-channel to infer what is being typed on the smartphone. Presented our work in WristSense Workshop '17.

• Nexleaf Analytics

Los Angeles, CA

Full Stack Developer

May 2015 - Sep 2015

- Ruby on Rails: The Coldtrace Project aims to bring real time transparency into vaccine supply chains. A smartphone is placed inside a refrigerator with medicines which communicates with the sensors to monitor the internal conditions. Developed a dashboard which shows real time information from the smartphones.
- Android: Developed an App Manager for the smartphone which relays data to and from the central server. Implemented compression techniques and partial requests to address problems of unreliable network conditions.

• Backpack Labs

New Delhi, IN

Full Stack Developer

May 2014 - Mar 2015

- o Ruby on Rails: Backpack is a Learning Management System built for instructors. Lead the development of two product features from conception to production release. Implemented web caching to speed up the website.
- Android: Developed the Android App supporting all the features of the website. Enabled offline support using SQLite databases. Integrated Google Analytics and supported greater than 500 daily sessions.

PUBLICATIONS

- Sambhay Satija, Apury Mehra, Sudheesh Singanamalla, Karan Grover, Muthian Siyathanu, Nishanth Chandran, Divya Gupta, Satya Lokam. Blockene: A High-throughput Blockchain Over Mobile Devices. In OSDI 2020: USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation.
- Karan Grover, Shruti Tople, Shweta Shinde, Ranjita Bhagwan, Ramachandran Ramjee. Privado: Practical and Secure DNN Inference. CoRR abs/1810.00602
- Sougata Sen, Archan Misra, Vigneshwaran Subbaraju, Karan Grover, Meera Radhakrishnan, Rajesh Krishna Balan, Youngki Lee. I4S: capturing shopper's in-store interactions. In ISWC 2018: Proceedings of ACM International Symposium on Wearable Computer.
- Sougata Sen, Karan Grover, Vigneshwaran Subbaraju, Archan Misra, Inferring smartphone keypress via smartwatch inertial sensing. In WristSense 2017: IEEE International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Communications Workshops (PerCom Workshops).
- Karan Grover, Vinayak Naik. Monitoring of Android devices using SNMP. In COMSNETS 2016: 8th International Conference on Communication Systems and Networks.

PROJECTS

- **Dockerized SDN Switch using P4 Language**: Implemented a L2 Switch and Router in a mininet network using P4 Programming Language. Also implemented the switch in docker to create a read-to-use docker image.
- Automatic Video Annotation for Cricket Videos: Developed a system for auto annotation of cricket videos from video and commentary text. Developed a Question-Answer system on top to answer questions about the cricket match.
- Linux File System Emulator using C++: Implemented basic commands in C++ to read, write and move files in linux while enforcing permissions. Implemented custom ACLs to override DAC using setuid(and related) system calls.
- SDN Switch using POX in a mixed topology: Implemented Firewall, Packet Analyzer, Load Balancer and L2 Switch using POX Controller and tested them on multiple topologies on the Mininet Network Emulator

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Winner, Securing the Grid Hackathon: Organized by Ministry of Power in the Government of India. A 'Capture The Flag' event in which we were supposed to break into a SCADA system.
- Winner, Hack InOut, SVNIT: Biggest Community Hackathon in India with over 50 teams participating. Built a voice layer over Google Search that could answer users' queries over phones. Developed for rural areas with no internet.
- Winner, Hardware Hackathon: Developed Smart Plant Pots using Raspberry Pi which alert their owners about watering them based on soil humidity and weather prediction.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Mentor, Rails Girls Summer of Code: Mentored a team of 2 students in their Open Source contribution to OpenLMIS project for a period of three months.
- Representative, Student Council: As the member of the Student Council, I started a weekly mentorship program in my university where senior students can volunteer to mentor junior students in their academics.
- Speaker, Open Source Developer Conference: I conducted a two hour workshop for students in Delhi on the basics and internals of Git. Helped around 150 students collaborate on their first project through Github.
- Organizer, Mid Semester Hackathon: Helped Organize the Mid Semester Exam in the form of a hackathon for the course CSE 648: Privacy and Security in Online Social Media.

EDUCATION

• University of Wisconsin-Madison

MS in Computer Science

Madison, Wisconsin Aug 2021 – Present

• Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology
Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science

Delhi, India Aug 2013 – Dec 2017