

# Michele Pasqua

# Academic Curriculum Vitæ

# Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

Department of Computer Science - University of Verona, Italy Scientific Sector INFO-01/A (Computer Science)

# Education

2015–2018 PhD in Computer Science, University of Verona, Italy.

Scholarship holder

2013–2015 MSc in Computer Science and Engineering, University of Verona, Italy, 110/110 cum laude.

Curriculum: Software Engineering and Security

#### PhD Thesis

Title "Hyper Static Analysis of Programs – An Abstract Interpretation-Based Framework for Hyper-properties Verification"

Supervisor Prof. Isabella Mastroeni

Referees Prof. Antoine Miné, Prof. David A. Naumann

Description In my PhD I have developed a methodology to verify, trough static analysis, hyperproperties of

computer programs. In particular, the focus is on information-flow hyperproperties, which are very pervasive in systems security. The approach is based on abstract interpretation, a very powerful formal framework for the approximation of programs' semantics. My thesis represents the first systematic approach leveraging abstract interpretation to hyperproperties verification.

Available at https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6584085

# Masters Thesis

Title "A semantic approach to Software Watermarking – A general model based on Abstract

Interpretation", Original: "Approccio semantico al Software Watermarking – Un modello

generale basato su Interpretazione Astratta"

Supervisor Prof. Mila Dalla Preda

Description The thesis gives a semantic formulation of software watermarking. In particular, the thesis

presents a general mathematical definition for watermarking systems, based on abstract interpretation. With this latter, it is possible to measure the features (e.g., resilience, secrecy, accuracy) of existing watermarking techniques and to perform comparisons between different

watermarking techniques.

# PhD Schools

2018 Midlands Graduate School in the Foundations of Computing Science (MGS18), University of Nottingham, UK.

2017 Italian Summer School of Logic, The University of Milan, Italy.

2016 **Security and Trust of Next Generation Enterprise Information Systems**, *FBK – Bruno Kessler Foundation*, Italy.

2014 International Summer School on Information Security and Protection (ISSISP14), *University of Verona*, Italy.

# Teaching and Supervising

# **Teaching**

- AY 2024/2025 **Professor (Course Coordinator)**, *University of Verona*, Italy, Course: "Principles and Applications of Abstract Interpretation".
  - PhD Programme in Computer Science
- AY 2023/2024 **Professor (Lab Instructor)**, *University of Verona*, Italy, Course: "Cyber-security for IoT". MSc in Computer Engineering for Robotics and Smart Industry
- AY 2021/2022 **Professor (Course Coordinator)**, *University of Verona*, Italy, Course: "Informatics and multimedia production".
- AY 2023/2024 MSc in Publishing and Journalism
- 2020 to 2023 **Lecturer and Instructor**, *University of Verona*, Italy, "Training program in cybersecurity". CyberChallenge.IT
- AY 2017/2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Verona*, Italy, Course: "Logic". BSc in Computer Science
- AY 2016/2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Verona*, Italy, Course: "Programming for Bioinformatics". BSc in Bioinformatics
- AY 2015/2016 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Padova*, Italy, Course: "Automata and Formal Languages". BSc in Computer Science

#### Supervising

- 2024 **MSc Thesis Supervisor**, *University of Verona*, Italy (Scientific Sector: Informatics). MSc in Computer Science and Engineering *Supervisor of 3 MSc theses*
- 2023 to 2024 **MSc Thesis Supervisor**, *University of Verona*, Italy (Scientific Sector: Informatics). MSc in Publishing and Journalism *Supervisor of 4 MSc theses*
- 2022 to 2024 **MSc Thesis Co-Supervisor**, *University of Verona*, Italy (Scientific Sector: Informatics). MSc in Computer Science and Engineering *Co-Supervisor of 6 MSc theses* 
  - 2022 **MSc Thesis Co-Supervisor**, *University of Udine*, Italy (Scientific Sector: Informatics). MSc in Computer Science *Co-Supervisor of 1 MSc thesis*
  - 2022 **BSc Thesis Co-Supervisor**, *University of Udine*, Italy (Scientific Sector: Informatics). MSc in Computer Science *Co-Supervisor of 1 BSc thesis*
- 2018 to 2022 **BSc Thesis Co-Supervisor**, *University of Verona*, Italy (Scientific Sector: Informatics). BSc in Computer Science *Co-Supervisor of 3 BSc theses*

# Research

My main research interests are in the fields of **software engineering** and **formal methods** for programming languages; with particular attention to functional and security testing, program verification and semantics, language-based security, distributed systems design, code protection and malware detection. Some keywords:

- abstract interpretation
- property and hyperproperty verification
- system semantics
- o (modular) static analysis
- type systems
- process algebra
- bisimulation theory
- IoT and CPS security

- REST APIs
- black-box testing
- o software watermarking and obfuscation
- metamorphic malware
- event-driven architecture
- autonomic systems
- security testing
- statistical model-checking

Actually, I am exploring new research topics, such as the security/correctness of blockchain-based programs (smart-contracts) and the verification of quantum programming languages.

#### **Indicators**

Total citations 292 (Scholar) :: 187 (Scopus) :: 239 (ResearchGate)

H-index 11 (Scholar) :: 8 (Scopus) :: 9 (ResearchGate)

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#### Past Positions

- Jan 1, 2022 Assistant Professor, University of Verona, Italy, Department of Computer Science.
- Sep 30, 2024 Scientific Sector: INF/01 (Computer Science)
- Oct 1, 2021 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Verona, Italy, Department of Computer Science.
- Dec 31, 2021 Project: Automatic Black-Box Testing of RESTful API
- Supervisor: Prof. Mariano Ceccato
- Oct 1, 2020 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Udine, Italy, Department of Mathematics, Computer
- Sep 30, 2021 Science and Physics.
- Sep 30, 2021

  Project: Methods and Tools for Trustworthy Smart Systems: Innovative Programming Models and Paradigms
  - Supervisor: Prof. Marino Miculan
- Oct 1, 2018 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Verona, Department of Computer Science.
- 20 200 Project: Security Static Analysis for Android Things
- Sep 30, 2020 Supervisor: Prof. Massimo Merro

# Participation in Research Projects

- Research Assistant, PRIN project "Smartitude: Automated Testing and Security Assessment of Smart Contracts" (2023-2025), Funded by "Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italy)", Coordinator: Dr. Dario Di Nucci.
- 2021 **Principal Investigator**, *PON project "Integrazione di servizi rivolti al cittadino per facilitare la corretta raccolta differenziata dei rifiuti urbani" (2021-2024*), Funded by "Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italy)", Coordinator: Prof. Mariano Ceccato.
  - 2023 **Research Assistant**, *Project "Automated Testing of REST APIs"*, Funded by "Muscope Cybersecurity Srl", Coordinator: Prof. Mariano Ceccato.
  - 2023 **Research Assistant**, *Project "Machine Learning for automated testing of REST APIs"*, Funded by "Equixely Srl", Coordinator: Prof. Mariano Ceccato.
- 2022 to 2023 **Principal Investigator**, SNSF project "Metamorphic Hyperproperty Testing" (2022-2023), Funded by "Swiss National Science Foundation (Switzerland)", Coordinator: Prof. Paolo Tonella.
  - 2021 **Research Assistant**, *Joint project "Build Trust Proof of Concept" (2021)*, Funded by "University of Verona and Build Trust Srl", Coordinator: Prof. Franco Fummi.
- 2020 to 2022 **Research Assistant**, *PRIN project "IT MATTERS Methods and Tools for Trustworthy Smart Systems"* (2019-2022), Funded by "Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italy)", Coordinator: Prof. Rocco De Nicola.
- 2019 to 2022 **Research Assistant**, *PRIN project "ASPRA Analysis of Program Analyses"* (2019-2022), Funded by "Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italy)", Coordinator: Prof. Roberto Giacobazzi.
- 2018 to 2020 **Research Assistant**, *Joint project "SAINTS Security Static Analysis for Android Things"* (2018-2020), Funded by "University of Verona (Italy) and JuliaSoft Srl", Coordinator: Prof. Massimo Merro.
- 2018 to 2020 **Research Assistant**, *Project "ARES Analyzing Modern Software Security" (2018-2020)*, Funded by "University of Verona (Italy)", Coordinator: Prof. Isabella Mastroeni.
- 2016 to 2017 **Research Assistant**, FIRB project "FACE Formal Avenue for Chasing Malware" (2014-2018), Funded by "Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italy)", Coordinator: Prof. Mila Dalla Preda.

#### **Fundings**

2023 Direct Allocation, Technology consulting agreement, Amia Verona Spa (Italy). Consulting activities concerning the information system and the IoT infrastructure, for a total compensation of € 15'660 before VAT. 2023 **Competitive Grant**, Fondo Italiano per le Scienze Applicate (FISA) 2022, Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italy).

Principal Investigator of the project "Distributed Reactive Internet of Things" (proposal n. FISA-2022-00571, Information and Communication Technology), selected for a funding amount of € 1'070'000 (project not funded due to budget saturation).

2022 **Competitive Grant**, *SNSF Scientific Exchange Programme 2022*, Swiss National Science Foundation (Switzerland).

Principal Investigator of the project "Metamorphic Hyperproperty Testing" (proposal n. IZSEZO\_213565), granted with a funding amount of CHF 18'500.

#### Research Visits

- 2022 to 2023 **Software Institute Università della Svizzera Italiana (Lugano, Switzerland)**, *SNSF project "Metamorphic Hyperproperty Testing" (2022-2023)*, Funded by "Swiss National Science Foundation (Switzerland)", Coordinator: Prof. Paolo Tonella (6 months).
  - 2018 Laboratoire d'informatique de Paris 6 Sorbonne Université (Paris, France), ERC project "MOPSA: Modular Open Platform for Static Analysis" (2016-2021), Funded by "European Research Council (Consolidator Grant Agreement 68139)", Coordinator: Prof. Antoine Miné (2 months).

## International Collaborations

2022 Academic, Software Institute - USI, Lugano (Switzerland).

Present Topic: Hypertesting of Program

Main contact: Prof. Paolo Tonella

2021 to 2022 Academic, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta (USA).

Topic: REST API Testing

Main contact: Prof. Alessandro Orso

2021 to 2022 Industrial, IBM Research, Yorktown Heights (USA) and Haifa (Israel).

**REST API Testing** 

Main contacts: Dr. Saurabh Sinha and Dr. Rachel Tzoref-Brill

2018 to 2020 **Academic**, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm (Sweden).

Topic: Formal Methods for IoT Security Main contact: Prof. Musard Balliu

### Committees and Reviewing

ISSTA25 **Program Committee Member**, 34<sup>th</sup> ACM International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis, June 25-28, 2025.

Trondheim, NO

ICST25 **Publicity Co-Chair**, 18<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation, May, 2025.

Naples, IT

SCAM24 **Program Committee Member**, 24<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation – Research Track; New Ideas and Emerging Results Track, October, 2024.

Flagstaff, US

NSAD24 **Program Co-Chair**, 10<sup>th</sup> ACM SIGPLAN International Workshop on Numerical and Symbolic Abstract Domains, October 22, 2024.

- PeerJ CS Editorial Board Member, PeerJ Computer Science, Journal, PeerJ (from March 22, 2024).
  - SAS24 **Program Committee Member**, 31<sup>st</sup> Static Analysis Symposium, October 20-22, 2024. Pasadena, US
- LiSSAI24 **Organizing Committee Member**, *Lipari Summer School on Abstract Interpretation*, September 1-7, 2024.

  Lipari, IT
  - ECAl24 **Program Committee Member**, 27<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Artificial Intelligence, October 19-24, 2024.

Santiago de Compostela, ES

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- ASE24 **Program Committee Member**, 39<sup>th</sup> IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering, April 12-November 1, 2024.

  Sacramento, US
- ICSE24 **Program Committee Member**, 46<sup>th</sup> IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering Demonstrations Track, April 12-21, 2024.
  Lisbon, PT
- EMSE Reviewer, Empirical Software Engineering, Journal, Springer (2024).
- THMS Reviewer, Tran. on Human-Machine Systems, Journal, IEEE (2024).
- COSE Reviewer, Computers and Security, Journal, Elsevier (2024).
- FMSD Reviewer, Formal Methods in System Design, Journal, Springer (2023 2024).
  - TIFS Reviewer, Tran. on Information Forensics and Security, Journal, IEEE (2023 2024).
- SCAM23 **Program Co-Chair**, 23<sup>rd</sup> IEEE International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation New Ideas and Emerging Results Track, October 2-3, 2023.

  Bogotà, CO
  - ECAl23 **Program Committee Member**, 26<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Artificial Intelligence, October 1-6, 2023.

    Kraków, PL
    - JSS **Reviewer**, Journal of Systems and Software, Journal, Elsevier (2022 2024).
    - TSE Reviewer, Tran. on Software Engineering, Journal, IEEE (2022 2024).
- TOSEM Reviewer, Tran. on Software Engineering and Methodology, Journal, ACM (2022 2024).
- COMCOM Reviewer, Computer Communications, Journal, Elsevier (2023).
  - SCAM22 **Program Committee Member**, 22<sup>nd</sup> IEEE International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation Research Track, October 3-4, 2022. Limassol, CY
  - SCAM22 **Proceedings and Local Chair**, 22<sup>nd</sup> IEEE International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation Research Track, October 3-4, 2022. Limassol, CY
    - AUSE Reviewer, Automated Software Engineering, Journal, Springer (2022).
    - SCN Reviewer, Security and Communication Networks, Journal, Wiley and Hindawi (2022).
  - VALID19 **Program Co-Chair**, 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Advances in System Testing and Validation Lifecycle Formal Methods for Software Analysis and Verification Special Track, November 26, 2019.

    Valencia, ES

# Other Research Activities

- Jul 24, 2023 Public Tender Committee Member, Amia Verona Spa, Call 8839319 CIG 9534845302.
- Technology consultant regarding the information system and the IoT infrastructure for the public tender entitled "Accordo quadro con un unico operatore economico per la fornitura di sistema integrato ed intelligente per la raccolta differenziata "4.0" di rifiuti. Valore stimato: € 19.000.000,00 + IVA, oneri pari a zero."
- Dec 14, 2023 **Evaluation Committee Member**, *University of Verona*, Italy, AdR 4387/23 (Informatics). Research contract entitled "Smartitude: Automated Testing and Security Assessment of Smart Contracts"
- Jun 21, 2023 **Evaluation Committee Member**, *University of Verona*, Italy, AdR 4218/23 (Informatics). Research contract entitled "Verifica e integrazione di REST API"
- Dec 1, 2022 Evaluation Committee Member, University of Verona, Italy, AdR R4094/22 (Informatics).
- Dec 6, 2022 Research contract entitled "Automated software engineering and software protection for securing edge computing in IoT artificial intelligence applications"
- Dec 1, 2022 Evaluation Committee Member, University of Verona, Italy, AdR R4095/22 (Informatics).
- Dec 6, 2022 Research contract entitled "Automated software engineering and secure software-hardware interfacing for securing edge computing in IoT artificial intelligence applications"

# **Publications**

#### Articles in International Journals with Referee

- TCS24 Behavioral Equivalences for AbU: Verifying Security and Safety in Distributed IoT Systems Pasqua M. and Miculan, M. In: Theoretical Computer Science (pp. 1–23), Elsevier, 2024
- TCS23 AbU: A Calculus for Distributed Event-driven Programming with Attribute-based Interaction Pasqua M. and Miculan, M. In: Theoretical Computer Science (pp. 1–32), Elsevier, 2023
- JSS23 Enhancing Ethereum smart-contracts static analysis by computing a precise Control-Flow Graph of Ethereum bytecode *Pasqua M., Benini A., Contro F., Crosara M., Dalla Preda M. and Ceccato M.* In: Journal of Systems and Software (pp. 1–18), Elsevier, 2023
- ACCESS23 The AbU Language: IoT Distributed Programming Made Easy *Pasqua, M., Comuzzo, M. and Miculan, M.* In: IEEE Access (pp. 1–14), IEEE, 2023 (to appear)
  - STVR22 Automated Black-Box Testing of Nominal and Error Scenarios in RESTful APIs *Corradini, D., Zampieri, A., Pasqua M., Viglianisi, E., Dallago, M. and Ceccato, M.* In: Software Testing, Verification and Reliability (pp. 1–33), John Wiley & Sons, 2022
  - TOPS21 Friendly Fire: Cross-App Interactions in IoT Platforms *Balliu, M., Merro, M., Pasqua M. and Shcherbakov, M.* In: ACM Trans. on Privacy and Security (pp. 1–40), ACM Press, 2021
  - MSCS19 Semantics-based Software Watermarking by Abstract Interpretation *Dalla Preda, M. and Pasqua, M.* In: Mathematical Structures in Computer Science (pp. 339–388), Cambridge University Press, 2019
- ENTCS17 Software Watermarking: A Semantics-based Approach *Dalla Preda, M. and Pasqua, M.* In: Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science (pp. 71–85), Elsevier, 2017

# Articles in International Conferences with Referee

- ASE24 DeepREST: Automated Test Case Generation for REST APIs Exploiting Deep Reinforcement Learning *Corradini, D., Montolli, Z., Pasqua, M. and Ceccato, M.* In: Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (to appear), ACM, 2024
- ISoLA24 Local Reasoning and Attribute-based Memory Updates for Enforcing Global Invariants in Collective Adaptive Systems *Pasqua, M., and Miculan, M.* In: Proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium On Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation (to appear), Springer, 2024
- ICSE24 Hypertesting of Programs: Theoretical Foundation and Automated Test Generation *Pasqua, M., Ceccato, M. and Tonella, P.* In: Proceedings of the 46<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software Engineering (pp. 1409–1420), ACM, 2024
- SAS23 Domain Precision in Galois Connection-less Abstract Interpretation *Mastroeni, I. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proceedings of the 30<sup>th</sup> Static Analysis International Symposium (pp. 434–459), Springer, 2023
- ISSTA23 Enhancing REST API Testing with NLP Techniques Kim, M., Corradini, D., Pasqua, M., Ceccato, M., Orso, A., Sinha, S. and Tzoref-Brill, R. In: Proceedings of the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (pp. 1232–1243), ACM, 2023
- ICSE23 Automated Black-box Testing of Mass Assignment Vulnerabilities *Corradini, D., Pasqua, M. and Ceccato, M.* In: Proceedings of the 45<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software Engineering (pp. 2553–2564), IEEE, 2023
- ICSME22 RestTestGen: An Extensible Framework for Automated Black-box Testing of RESTful APIs Corradini, D., Zampieri, A., Pasqua, M. and Ceccato, M. In: Proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (pp. 504–508), IEEE, 2022
- IECON22 Integrating Smart Contracts in Manufacturing for Automated Assessment of Production Quality Gaiardelli, S., Spellini, S., Pasqua, M., Ceccato, M. and Fummi, F. In: Proceedings of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society (pp. 1–6), IEEE, 2022
  - SAC22 Verifying Opacity by Abstract Interpretation *Mastroeni, I. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proceedings of the 37<sup>th</sup> ACM/SIGAPP Symposium On Applied Computing (pp. 1817–1826), ACM, 2022

- ICTCS22 Distributed Programming of Smart Systems with Event-Condition-Action Rules (Short Paper) *Miculan, M. and Pasqua, M.* In: 23<sup>rd</sup> Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science (pp. 1–6), CEUR-WS, 2022
- SEFM21 On the Security and Safety of AbU Systems *Pasqua, M. and Marino, M.* In: Proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software Engineering and Formal Methods (pp. 178–198), Springer, 2021
- SCAM21 Empirical Comparison of Black-box Test Case Generation Tools for RESTful APIs *Corradini, D., Zampieri, A., Pasqua, M. and Ceccato, M.* In: Proceedings of the 21<sup>st</sup> International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation (pp. 226–236), IEEE, 2021
- ICSME21 Restats: A Test Coverage Tool for RESTful APIs *Corradini, D., Zampieri, A., Pasqua, M. and Ceccato, M.* In: Proceedings of the 37<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (pp. 594–598), IEEE, 2021
- ICTAC21 A Calculus for Attribute-based Memory Updates *Miculan, M. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium on Theoretical Aspects of Computing (pp. 366–385), Springer, 2021
- FormaliSE20 Impact Analysis of Cyber-Physical Attacks on a Water Tank System via Statistical Model Checking *Munteanu, A., Merro, M. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Formal Methods in Software Engineering (pp. 34–43), ACM, 2020
  - CSF19 Securing Cross-App Interactions in IoT Platforms *Balliu, M., Merro, M. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proc. of the 32<sup>th</sup> Computer Security Foundations Symposium (pp. 319–334), IEEE, 2019
  - SAC19 Statically Analyzing Information Flows: An Abstract Interpretation-based Hyperanalysis for Non-Interference *Mastroeni, I. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proceedings of the 34<sup>th</sup> ACM/SIGAPP Symposium On Applied Computing (pp. 2215–2223), ACM, 2019
  - SAS18 Verifying Bounded Subset-Closed Hyperproperties *Mastroeni, I. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proc. of the 25<sup>th</sup> Static Analysis International Symposium (pp. 263–283), Springer, 2018
  - SAS17 Hyperhierarchy of Semantics: A Formal Framework for Hyperproperties Verification *Mastroeni, I. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proceedings of the 24<sup>th</sup> Static Analysis International Symposium (pp. 232–252), Springer, 2017
  - ICTCS17 On topologies for (hyper)properties *Pasqua, M. and Mastroeni, I.* In: Proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science (pp. 1–12), CEUR-WS, 2017

# Articles in International Workshops with Referee

- VALID19 Chameleon: The Gist of Dynamic Programming Languages *Buro, S. and Pasqua, M.* In: Proceedings of VALID 2019 Special track: Formal Methods for Software Analysis and Verification (pp. 1–5), IARIA, 2019
- FMW19 An abstract domain for objects in dynamic programming languages *Arceri, V., Pasqua, M. and Mastroeni, I.* In: Proceedings of the Formal Methods 2019 International Workshops (pp. 136–151), Springer, 2019

# Extended Abstracts and Technical Reports

- ITASEC22 Security and Safety of IoT Systems Based on ECA Rules (Extended Abstract) *Pasqua, M. and Miculan, M.* In: 6<sup>th</sup> Italian Conference on CyberSecurity (pp. 1–12), 2022
  - TR21b On the Security and Safety of AbU Systems (supplementary material) Pasqua, M. and Miculan, M. Technical Report: Zenodo October/2021, https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo. 5570332, 2021
  - TR21a A Calculus for Attribute-based Memory Updates (supplementary material) *Miculan, M. and Pasqua, M.* Technical Report: Zenodo July/2021, https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo. 5057165, 2021
- ITASEC20 Friendly Fire: Cross-App Interactions in IoT Platforms (Extended Abstract) *Balliu, M., Merro, M. and Pasqua, M.* In: 4<sup>th</sup> Italian Conference on CyberSecurity (pp. 1–12), 2020
  - TR16 A semantics-based approach to software watermarking by abstract interpretation *Dalla Preda, M. and Pasqua, M.* Technical Report: RR 98/2016 University of Verona, 2016

# Public Talks

#### Invited Talks and Lectures

- Sep 11, 2024 **Formally Prove and Empirically Disprove Program Hyperproperties**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer School on Security Testing and Verification, Brussels, BE.

  Invited Lecturer
- May 25, 2023 **Static Analysis Properties as Program Hyperproperties**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium on Challenges of Software Verification, Venice, IT.
  Invited Speaker

# Conference Presentations

- Apr 17, 2024 **Hypertesting of Programs: Theoretical Foundation and Automated Test Generation**, 46<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software Engineering, Lisbon, PT.
- Oct 22, 2023 **Domain Precision in Galois Connection-less Abstract Interpretation**, 30<sup>th</sup> Static Analysis International Symposium, Cascais, PT.
- Sep 9, 2022 **Distributed Programming of Smart Systems with Event-Condition-Action Rules**, 23<sup>rd</sup> Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science, Rome, IT.
- Dec 8, 2021 **On the Security and Safety of AbU Systems**, 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software Engineering and Formal Methods, (virtual).
- Sep 10, 2021 **A Calculus for Attribute-based Memory Updates**, 18<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium on Theoretical Aspects of Computing, Nur-Sultan, KZ (virtual).
- Feb 6, 2020 **Friendly Fire: Cross-App Interactions in IoT Platforms**, 4<sup>th</sup> Italian Conference on Cyber-Security, Ancona, IT.
- Oct 8, 2019 **An abstract domain for objects in dynamic programming languages**, 8<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Numerical and Symbolic Abstract Domains, Porto, PT.
- Jun 27, 2019 **Securing Cross-App Interactions in IoT Platforms**, *32<sup>th</sup> IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium*, Hoboken, USA.
- Apr 10, 2019 Abstract Interpretation of Information Flows: A Sound Static Analyzer for Non-Interference, 34<sup>th</sup> ACM/SIGAPP Symposium On Applied Computing, Limassol, CY.
- Aug 30, 2018 **Verifying Bounded Subset-Closed Hyperproperties**, *25<sup>th</sup> Static Analysis International Symposium*, Freiburg im Breisgau, DE.
- Sep 27, 2017 **On topologies for (hyper)properties**, 18<sup>th</sup> Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science, Naples, Italy.
- Sep 1, 2017 **Hyperhierarchy of Semantics: A Formal Framework for Hyperproperties Verification**, 24<sup>th</sup> Static Analysis International Symposium, New York, USA.
- Aug 29, 2016 **Software Watermarking: A Semantics-based Approach**, 7<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Numerical and Symbolic Abstract Domains, Edinburgh, UK.

#### Seminars

- Sep 21, 2022 **A gentle introduction to hyperproperties**, *Università della Svizzera Italiana*, Switzerland.
- May 3, 2019 **Semantics-based Software Watermarking by Abstract Interpretation**, *University of Verona*, Italy.

  MSc course "Software Security"
- May 2, 2018 **Hyperproperties and their verification**, *Sorbonne University*, France. Invited talk
- Mar 15, 2018 **Hyperproperties and Temporal Logics**, *University of Verona*, Italy. PhD course "Temporal Logic"
- Nov 22, 2017 **Semantics-based Software Watermarking by Abstract Interpretation**, *University of Verona*, Italy.

  MSc course "Software Security"

Dec 21, 2016 Semantics-based Software Watermarking by Abstract Interpretation, University of Verona, Italy.

MSc course "Software Security"

Measurements in Quantum Computing, University of Verona, Italy. May 27, 2016

PhD course "Quantum Computing"

Languages

Italian Mothertongue

English Advanced

CEFR B2 Certificate - University of Verona

# Affiliations and Awards

2024 Wiley Top Cited Article 2022-2023, Software Testing, Verification and Reliability - Journal, John Wiley & Sons.

Paper: Automated black-box testing of nominal and error scenarios in RESTful APIs

2023 Distinguished Reviewer Award, Tran. on Software Engineering - Journal, IEEE.

2022-Present Member of GRIN, Gruppo di Informatica.

2020-Present CyberChallenge.IT, University of Verona team.

2019-Present Member of ACM, Association for Computing Machinery.

2017-Present Member of EATCS, European Association for Theoretical Computer Science, Italian Chapter.

2019–2022 **Member of IEEE**, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

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