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EDUCATION

PhD Computer Science — Information Assurance

Arizona State University

Research Topics: Email forensics, Chrome OS forensics, Collaborative forensics

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Tempe, AZ

M.S. Computer Science — Information Assurance

Arizona State University

Committee: Gail-Joon Ahn (Chair), Stephen S. Yau, Dijiang Huang

Thesis: Collaborative Digital Forensics: Architecture, Mechanisms, and Case Study

Aug 2011

Tempe, AZ

In order to catch the smartest criminals in the world, digital forensic examiners need a means of collaborating and sharing information that is not prohibitively difficult to use and that complies with standard operating procedures and the rules of evidence. In this work I present the design and implementation of the Collaborative Forensic Framework (CUFF) which is a cloud-based forensic analysis environment that facilitates collaboration among examiners and their trusted colleagues. CUFF makes a positive impact on forensic examiners' efficiency by helping them leverage their network of subject matter experts while also tapping into the scalability and power of the cloud.

B.S. Computer Science — Information Systems

Utah State University

May 2009

Logan, UT

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Research Assistant

Security Engineering for Future Computing (SEFCOM) Lab, ASU

Lab Directors: Gail-Joon Ahn, Adam Doupé

Nov 2009 – Present

Tempe, AZ

Civilian Reserve/Intern

Arizona Department of Public Safety

May 2016 – Aug 2016

Phoenix, AZ

Teaching Assistant

Arizona State University

Aug 2010 – Dec 2015

Tempe, AZ

SAT/ACT Instructor

Minerva Learning, LLC

Sep 2015 – Oct 2015

Chandler, AZ

Summer Intern

Arizona Cyber Threat Response Alliance (ACTRA)

Jul 2015 – Sep 2015

Phoenix, AZ

Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)

Arizona State University

Aug 2011 – Dec 2014

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Student Trainee (Civilian)

US Army

Jun 2013 – Aug 2013, Jun 2014 – Aug 2014

Fort Meade, MD

Graduate Student Summer Intern

Sandia National Laboratories

May 2011 – Jul 2011

Albuquerque, NM

Graduate Student Recruitment Specialist/Webmaster

Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, USU

Jul 2006 – Aug 2009

Logan, UT

Technician Aid

Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, USU

Sep 2006 – Aug 2009

Logan, UT

Store Attendant

Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, USU

Jun 2005 – Sep 2008

Logan, UT

Lab Technician

KWM Electronics Co.

May 1997 – Aug 2002

West Jordan, UT

HONORS AND AWARDS

- DoD Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP) Recipient (5 years) 2012 – 2017
- Inducted into Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) Engineering Honors Society Nov 2010
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America 2002

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Digital Forensics
 - Web and Email Forensics
 - Forensics on Non-Traditional Devices
- Cyber Security
 - Threat Intelligence Sharing
 - Web Security

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**Research Assistant**

Security Engineering for Future Computing (SEFCOM) Lab, ASU

Lab Directors: Gail-Joon Ahn, Adam Doupe

Nov 2009 – Present

Tempe, AZ

- Projects:
 - Researched forensic techniques for **Chrome OS/Chromium OS** by creating tools in **Python** and using **libvirt** to interface with a **KVM/QEMU** hypervisor. (In progress)
Publications: [J1], [P1], [BL1], [BL2]
 - Developed a web email forensic acquisition approach that reestablishes persistent cookie sessions stored by a browser, and automated the process using **Python** and **Selenium**.
Publications: [C2]
 - Designed and implemented the core components of a modular, highly scalable, collaboration-centric digital forensic framework built on the **OpenStack** cloud architecture. Functions of the components included distributed job scheduling, storage management, and concise evidence representation and transmission.
Publications: [C3], [J3], [P3]
- Sponsors
 - Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP)
 - Department of Energy
 - National Science Foundation

PUBLICATIONS**Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings**

- [C1] Wonkyu Han, **Mike Mabey**, and Gail-Joon Ahn. "Simulation-based validation for smart grid environments". In: *Proceedings of the 2013 IEEE 14th International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration, IEEE IRI 2013*. IEEE Computer Society, 2013, pp. 14–21.
- [C2] Justin Paglierani, **Mike Mabey**, and Gail-Joon Ahn. "Towards Comprehensive and Collaborative Forensics on Email Evidence". In: *Collaborative Computing: Networking, Applications and Worksharing (Collaboratecom), 2013 9th International Conference on*. October 2013, pp. 11–20. DOI: 10.4108/icst.collaboratecom.2013.254125.

- [C3] **Mike Mabey** and Gail-Joon Ahn. "Towards Collaborative Forensics: Preliminary Framework". In: *Information Reuse and Integration (IRI), 2011 IEEE International Conference on*. August 2011, pp. 94–99. DOI: 10.1109/IRI.2011.6009527.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters & Journal Papers

- [J1] **Mike Mabey**, Adam Doupé, Ziming Zhao, and Gail-Joon Ahn. "dbling: Identifying extensions installed on encrypted web thin clients". In: *Digital Investigation* 18 (August 2016). The Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual DFRWS Conference, S55–S65. ISSN: 17422876. DOI: 10.1016/j.diin.2016.04.007.
- [J2] Wonkyu Han, **Mike Mabey**, Gail-Joon Ahn, and Tae Sung Kim. "Simulation-Based Validation for Smart Grid Environments: Framework and Experimental Results". In: *Integration of Reusable Systems*. Ed. by Thouraya Bouabana-Tebibel and Stuart H Rubin. Vol. 263. Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing. (Extended version of [C1]). Springer International Publishing, 2014, pp. 27–44. ISBN: 978-3-319-04716-4. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-04717-1_2.
- [J3] **Mike Mabey** and Gail-Joon Ahn. "Towards Collaborative Forensics". In: *Information Reuse and Integration in Academia and Industry*. Ed. by Tansel Özyer, Keivan Kianmehr, Mehmet Tan, and Jia Zeng. (Extended version of [C3]). Springer Vienna, 2013, pp. 237–260. ISBN: 978-3-7091-1537-4. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-7091-1538-1_12.

Invited Talks

- [T1] **Mike Mabey**. "dbling: Identifying Extensions Installed on Encrypted Web Thin Clients". Presentation given at the Sixteenth Annual DFRWS Conference on paper [J1]. August 2016.

Poster Presentations

- [P1] **Mike Mabey**, Jeremy Whitaker, Gail-Joon Ahn, and Adam Doupé. *Towards Forensics for Web Thin Clients. Symposium on Information Assurance Research and Education, ASU*. November 2015.
- [P2] Jeremy Whitaker, **Mike Mabey**, Gail-Joon Ahn, and Adam Doupé. *Forensic Analysis on Mobile Devices. Symposium on Information Assurance Research and Education, ASU*. October 2014.
- [P3] **Mike Mabey**, Justin Paglierani, and Gail-Joon Ahn. *Towards Collaborative Forensics. Workshop on Information Assurance Research and Education, ASU*. April 2012.
- [P4] James Bridges, Kasimir Gabert, and **Michael Mabey**. *Cyber Tracer. University Day, Sandia National Laboratories*. July 2011.

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Computer and Network Forensics
- Advanced Topics in Digital Forensics
- Information Assurance
- Security Toolkit Programming with Python
- Cryptography
- Software Security

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Arizona State University

Aug 2010 – Dec 2015

Tempe, AZ

- CSE 465 Information Assurance with Dr. Gail-Joon Ahn: Fall 2010, Fall 2015.
- CSE 469 Computer and Network Forensics with Dr. Gail-Joon Ahn: Spring 2015.
- FSE 100 Introduction to Engineering with Dr. Ryan Meuth: Spring 2014.
- CSE 423/424 Capstone I and CSE 485/486 Capstone II with Dr. Debra Calliss: Spring 2014.
- CSE 467 Data & Information Security with Dr. Gail-Joon Ahn: Spring 2011.

SAT/ACT Instructor

Minerva Learning, LLC

Sep 2015 – Oct 2015

Chandler, AZ

- Individual tutor for a high school student preparing for the PSAT.

Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)

Arizona State University

Aug 2011 – Dec 2014

Tempe, AZ

- CSE 465 Information Assurance: Fall 2014.
- FSE 100 Introduction to Engineering: Fall 2011 – Fall 2013 (5 semesters).

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS & QUALIFICATIONS

Programming Languages	Python, C/C++, HTML, CSS, \LaTeX
Forensic Tools	FTK, Sleuth Kit & Autopsy, dd, HxD, etc.
Protocols & APIs	JSON, XML, REST, STIX/TAXII, Protocol Buffers
Network Administration/Security	OpenVPN, Wireshark, ufw, Apache, lighttpd
Operating Systems	Windows, Linux, Chrome OS
Databases	MySQL, SQLite

SERVICE

Department

- Team Leader: ASU team in the UCSB International CTF *2009, 2010, 2014, 2015*
- Panelist: PhD Open House Student Panel *Feb 2014, Feb 2015*

Profession

- Student Program Committee Member:
 - IEEE Security & Privacy *2016*
- Conference Proceedings Subreviewer:
 - ACM CODASPY *2013, 2014, 2015, 2016*
 - SACMAT *2014*
 - ASIACCS *2014*
- Student Volunteer:
 - ACM CCS *2014*

Technical Blog Posts

- [BL1] **Mike Mabey.** *How to check out an old version of Chromium OS.* <http://mikemabey.blogspot.com/2016/02/how-to-check-out-old-version-of.html>. February 2016.
- [BL2] **Mike Mabey.** *Fixing repo init to check out Chromium OS code.* <http://mikemabey.blogspot.com/2015/01/fixing-repo-init-to-check-out-chromium.html>. January 2015.
- [BL3] **Mike Mabey.** *Getting into Developer Mode on the HP Pavilion 14 Chromebook.* <http://mikemabey.blogspot.com/2013/05/getting-into-developer-mode-on-hp.html>. May 2013.
- [BL4] **Mike Mabey.** *Debian on Android and my quest for a full-fledged terminal Python IDE.* <http://mikemabey.blogspot.com/2012/06/debian-on-android-and-my-quest-for-full.html>. June 2012.
- [BL5] **Mike Mabey.** *OpenVPN Update: Fixed!* <http://mikemabey.blogspot.com/2012/06/openvpn-update-fixed.html>. June 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Civilian Reserve/Intern

Arizona Department of Public Safety

May 2016 – Aug 2016

Phoenix, AZ

- Updated the content, layout, and topics of the security policy for the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) for clarity and to be in compliance with recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security.
- Created training slides to accompany the new security policy.

Summer Intern*Jul 2015 – Sep 2015*

Arizona Cyber Threat Response Alliance (ACTRA)

Phoenix, AZ

- Designed an operationalized workflow for AZ Infragard member organizations to share **threat intelligence** through a common **STIX/TAXII** platform.

Student Trainee (Civilian)*Jun 2013 – Aug 2013, Jun 2014 – Aug 2014*

US Army

Fort Meade, MD

- Summer internships in connection with DoD IASP scholarship.

Graduate Student Summer Intern*May 2011 – Jul 2011*

Sandia National Laboratories

Albuquerque, NM

- Helped design a dynamic malware analysis framework built on **OpenStack**, allowing incident responders to define customizable analysis environments and use arbitrary analysis tools in triage or manual analysis mode.
- Wrote **Python** scripts to automate the setup process for using a SheevaPlug computer as a wireless intrusion detection agent running **Kismet**.

Graduate Student Recruitment Specialist/Webmaster*Jul 2006 – Aug 2009*

Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, USU

Logan, UT

- Primary responsibilities included maintaining and augmenting the department website using **PHP**, **MySQL**, and other basic web technologies like **CSS**, **JavaScript**, and an **SMTP** server.
- Completed multiple graphics design projects for the department using **Photoshop**, **Illustrator**, and **GIMP**.
- Replaced a **MS Access** database by porting the old data to a **MySQL** server and creating a set of **Python** programs with the **Dabo** framework that interfaced with the database.
- Created a testing environment using an **Apache** web server, **PHP**, **MySQL**, and **SVN**.
- Gathered statistics on web visitors, inquiries from students, and applicants' credentials for the purpose of improving graduate student recruitment processes for the department.
- Responded to inquiries from potential domestic and international graduate students.

Technician Aid*Sep 2006 – Aug 2009*

Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, USU

Logan, UT

- Built and maintained computers for department faculty and student labs.
- Installed and configured various software on Windows machines for faculty, staff, and students.
- Created and restored backup images of lab computers using **Norton Ghost** and **Acronis TrueImage**.
- Protected lab computers using **Faronics Deep Freeze**.

Store Attendant*Jun 2005 – Sep 2008*

Electrical & Computer Engineering Department, USU

Logan, UT

- Maintained equipment and instruments in the labs for electrical engineering students.
- Performed store duties including maintaining inventory, serving customers, cleaning rooms, and running errands.

Lab Technician*May 1997 – Aug 2002*

KWM Electronics Co.

West Jordan, UT

- Worked closely with CEO/Head Engineer to build prototypes of electronic devices.
- Used various soldering techniques on both through-hole and surface-mount parts.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- IEEE (Student Member)
- IEEE Computer Society

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Preparing Future Faculty (GRD 791 at ASU) *Aug 2015 – Present*
The Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program is a year-long series of seminars, discussions and activities designed to expose graduate students and postdocs more fully to the realities of teaching, research and service in higher education.

REFERENCES

Please feel free to contact any of my references.

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