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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Computer Science — Information Assurance *(expected) Dec 2017*
Arizona State University | GPA 3.76 Tempe, AZ
Committee: Gail-Joon Ahn (Co-Chair), Adam Doupé (Co-Chair), Stephen S. Yau, Jooyung Lee, Ziming Zhao
Research Topics: Web environment forensics, Email forensics, Chrome OS forensics

M.S. Computer Science — Information Assurance *Aug 2011*
Arizona State University | GPA 3.58 Tempe, AZ
Committee: Gail-Joon Ahn (Chair), Stephen S. Yau, Dijiang Huang
Thesis: Collaborative Digital Forensics: Architecture, Mechanisms, and Case Study

B.S. Computer Science — Information Systems *May 2009*
Utah State University | GPA 3.25 Logan, UT

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant *Nov 2009 – Present*
Security Engineering for Future Computing (SEFCOM) Lab, ASU Tempe, AZ
Lab Directors: Gail-Joon Ahn, Adam Doupé, Ziming Zhao
Sponsors: Department of Energy, National Science Foundation

- Created a method for identifying extensions installed on **Chrome OS** by analyzing the encrypted files on the hard drive. Wrote an accompanying crawler in **Python** (and using **Ansible**, **Celery**, **MySQL**, **sshfs**, and **OpenStack**) to download all extensions on the Chrome Web Store and analyze them.
- Developed a forensic acquisition approach for web email that reestablishes persistent cookie sessions stored by a browser, and automated the process using **Python** and **Selenium**.
- 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.
- Maintained fifteen servers for the lab, including a public-facing router, an **OpenVPN** server, a reverse-proxy web server with **TLS** certificate management, an **OpenStack** cloud, switches transmitting **VLAN**-tagged traffic, and a **GitLab** server.

Civilian Reserve/Intern *May 2016 – Aug 2016*
Arizona Department of Public Safety 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 Arizona 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
Grade: GG-09 Step 1 *Service*: Excepted *Tenure*: Permanent

- 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 for triage or manual analysis.
- 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 graphic design projects for the department using **GIMP**, **Adobe Photoshop**, and **Adobe Illustrator**.

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

[1] Erik Trickel, Francesco Disperati, Eric Gustafson, Faezeh Kalantari, **Mike Mabey**, Naveen Tiwari, Yeganeh Safaei, Adam Doupé, and Giovanni Vigna. "Shell We Play A Game? CTF-as-a-service for Security Education". In: *2017 USENIX Workshop on Advances in Security Education (ASE 17)*. USENIX Association, August 2017.

[2] **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), S55–S65. ISSN: 17422876. DOI: 10.1016/j.diin.2016.04.007.

[3] **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. Springer Vienna, 2013, pp. 237–260. ISBN: 978-3-7091-1537-4. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-7091-1538-1_12.

[4] 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 Conference on*. October 2013, pp. 11–20. DOI: 10.4108/icst.collaboratecom.2013.254125.

[5] **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.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS & QUALIFICATIONS

Research Interests	Digital Forensics, Cyber Security
Programming Languages	Python, C/C++, HTML, CSS, LaTeX
Forensic Tools	FTK, Sleuth Kit & Autopsy, dd, HxD, etc.
Protocols & APIs	JSON, XML, AMQP, REST, STIX, RabbitMQ
Network Administration/Security	OpenVPN, ufw, lighttpd, Caddy, Wireshark
Operating Systems	Windows, Linux, Chrome OS
Cloud Architectures	OpenStack, Amazon EC2
Databases	MySQL, SQLite

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

- DoD Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP) Recipient (5 years) *2012 – 2017*
- Team Leader — ASU team in the UCSB International CTF *2009, 2010, 2014, 2015*
- Inducted into Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) Engineering Honors Society *Nov 2010*
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America *2002*