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EDUCATION

University at Buffalo

NY, U.S.

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering, GPA: 3.91/4.00

2021–Current

- Advisor: Prof. Ziming Zhao

- Research Area: System Security

University at Buffalo

NY, U.S.

M.S. in Engineering Science (Robotics), GPA: 3.89/4.00

2019-2021

Fuzhou University

Fujian, China

B.E. in Software Engineering

2015-2019

RESEARCH TOPICS

System security with a focus on embedded systems

2021-Current

Cortex-M Systematization of Knowledge

- This research provides an overview of the security landscape of Arm Cortex-M microcontroller-based systems, analyzing hardware security limitations and issues, conducting a deep study of the software stack, categorizing reported implementation issues, and systematizing efforts to secure Cortex-M systems.
- Submitted to IEEE S&P 2023

Cortex-M Return to Non-Secure World Attack

- This research presents a new attack vector on Cortex-M TrustZone, ret2ns, which exploits the return from a secure state to a non-secure state to escalate privilege and execute arbitrary code, and proposes two mechanisms to mitigate the attack.
- Submitted to DAC 2023

EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo

NY, U.S.

CyberTruck Challenge 2022 Participant

Summer 2022

Team member of Cacti for MITRE eCTF 2022 (5th place)

Spring 2022

Team member of Cacti for Baidu AutoDriving CTF (6th place)

Summer 2021

CSE573 Computer Vision and Image Processing Group Project

Spring 2020

- Visual Welcome Center, Group Leader
- In this project, we developed an interface to interact with visitors to the CSE department. The system has features of real-time facial recognition, background database and business card OCR reader. The project was written in Python.

MAE593 Robotics I Group Project

Fall 2020

- FANUC Robot Manipulator, Group Member
- In this project, we used a FANUC Robot LR Mate 200iD Robot as the base model, and derived the corresponding robotics dynamic equations from the physical parameters. The calculation was done in Matlab.

- Robot Vacuum Cleaner Simulation, Group Leader
- In this project we simulated a robot cleaner with laser sensor in ROS and implemented some path planing algorithm to build the room map. The goal is to construct the shortest comprehensive motion path.

Fujian, China **Fuzhou University** Graduation Thesis Spring 2019

- Spam Message Machine Learning Classification Model Based on TensorFlow and NLP Technology
- The subject mainly applies machine learning classification models such as support vector machine, naive Bayes and word embedded NN neural network, and fits the source training data after training through NLP algorithm.

West2Online - A student operated software outsourcing studio Formal Member / iOS Developer

Fujian, China 2016-2019

- Ctrl-Ctrl App Development, Founder and Group Leader
- Awarded 1st Prize in Software Design Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition, Fuzhou U & Jiangsu Shidadimei Data Processing Company
- Launch a business plan: to equip unused mobile phones with multi-functions (cloud storage, remote monitoring, signal transferring and etc.)
- FZUHelper App Development, Group Member
- Accessible in iOS App Store
- Responsible for the development and maintenance

Internship

State Grid Corporation of China

Shanxi, China

Network Test Assistant

Jan~2016--Feb~2016

- Assisted with network set-up in Intelligent Meter Cabinet facilities
- Install new hardware or software systems or components, ensuring integration with existing network systems. Configure wide area network (WAN) or local area network (LAN) routers or related equipment.

Programming Skills

• Programming Languages: Python, C, C++, Java, MATLAB, LaTeX, etc.

Extracurricular Activities

• Teaching Assistant	2021–Current
for UB CSE 4/589: Modern Networking Concepts	
• Member of West2Online	2016–2019
participated in development outsourcing projects	
• Technical Consultant at Fuzhou University Yiban Service Center	2016–2017
deal with computer problems and teach employees computer skills	
• Member at Student Associations in Fuzhou University	2015–2016
video-maker in the Network Department	