

# Viet-Sang NGUYEN

*PhD Candidate in Cryptography*

## Experience

- 2023–\* **PhD Candidate in Cryptography**, *University of Lyon*, Saint-Étienne, France.
- 2021–2022 **Cryptography Engineer**, *CryptoExperts*, Paris, France.  
*White-Box Cryptography*: Designed and developed white-box implementations of cryptographic primitives. Developed libraries for building arithmetic circuits.  
*Obfuscation with Secure Element*: Designed and developed an automated framework to obfuscate a C program and securely execute cryptographic primitives with secret keys (tamper resistance) in a lightweight secure element. Applied on NIST lightweight cryptography candidates and EdDSA.
- 2021 **Cryptography Engineer Intern**, *CryptoExperts*, Paris, France.  
(6 months) *Secure wallet app for cryptocurrency*: Designed and developed a wallet capable of sending and receiving coins with considerations of security and privacy. Studied and applied White-box Cryptography and countermeasures against physical attacks on ECDSA.
- 2020 **Cryptography Research Intern**, *Research Institute XLIM*, University of Limoges, France.  
(3 months) *Pre-filtering in Pub/Sub systems*: Studied and implemented an encrypted matching scheme. Embedded Cuckoo Filter into broker in order to pre-discard costly matching operation in case of being known definitely not to match (2x speedup compared to Bloom Filter)
- 2018 **Machine Learning Intern**, *Knorex*, HoChiMinh City, Vietnam.  
(3 months) *Language Detection*: Evaluated and improved 60% in accuracy when detecting Malaysian and Indonesian. Added the ability to detect 5 new languages.  
*Keys Mining*: Evaluated and improved 10-20% in accuracy to extract keywords related to a certain topic in passages. Added the ability to extract keywords for 5 new languages.
- 2018–2019 **Research Student**, *ML4U Group*, HoChiMinh University of Technology, Vietnam.  
*NLP Techniques*: Collected new techniques through papers and applied to project of Question-Answering.  
*Knowledge sharing*: Weekly intensively reading seminars in Machine Learning coordinated by lecturer at HCMUT.

## Education

- 2023–\* **PhD Candidate in Cryptography** .  
University of Lyon, France
- 2019–2021 **Master Cryptis in Information Security** , GPA: 15.01/20, Rank 2/20.  
University of Limoges (UNILIM), France  
*Courses*: Cryptology Advanced, Smart Cards and Secure Implementation, Security of ICT Usages, Cryptographic Mechanisms and Applications, Complexity and Computability
- 2015–2019 **Bachelor Engineer in Computer Science**, *Honors Program*, GPA: 8.35/10.  
HoChiMinh University of Technology (HCMUT), Vietnam  
*Thesis (9.6/10)*: Built a Question-Answering model working on Vietnamese using Deep Learning  
(Exact Match: 61.0%, F1-score: 76.6%)

## Projects

- 2021 Studied and implemented Power Analysis Attack and Correlation Analysis Attack on AES with  
(2 weeks) a given set of traces; Differential Fault Analysis attack on AES

- 2020 (2 weeks) Studied and implemented the attack Information Set Decoding and the protocol of key exchange BIKE-2 (Bit Flipping Algorithm in NIST PQC competition).
- 2020 (3 months) Built a real-time Network Intrusion Detection System based on a Deep Learning model. Used Snort, Kafka, Zeek, Spark.
- 2020 (2 weeks) CertifPlus: Built a server to securely distribute and verify electronic attestations using signatures and timestamp.

## Technical Skills

- Programming C/C++, Python, Sagemath, Java, GPGPU, Android, SQL, Scalar, MATLAB, Shell Scripts
- Other Familiar with Unix-like OS, Git, Docker

## Honors/Awards

- 2021,2022 3rd Prize in International Olympiad in Cryptography NSUCRYPTO with 2 best solutions.
- 2019 Scholarship of Anduin Transaction Vietnam in coding competition for HCMUT students.
- 2017–2018 Scholarship for Outstanding Students in Honors Program at HCMUT.
- 2015 Honourable Mention Prize in National Excellent Student Competition in Physics.

## Languages

- Vietnamese Mother tongue
- English Full professional proficiency
- French Level B1

## Social Activites/Services/Hobbies

- Captain Spring Voluntary Campaign: Provided orphaned children with food and handmade toys; collected and recycled garbage in district 10, HoChiMinh City (January, 2016)
- Vice-Captain Green Summer Voluntary Campaign: Planted trees at HCMUT; Fixed computers and provided new facilities for a primary school (June, 2016)
- Hobbies Drum, Football, Reading