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Goal: Computer Security Researcher with extensive experience in networking, parsing algorithms, data-formats, and anomaly detection seeking Systems/Security Engineering roles.

Education

• Ph.D. in Computer Science, **Area: Systems and Network Security**, *Dartmouth College*Thesis: Protecting Systems from Exploits using Language-Theoretic Security

June '22 (Expected)

• M.S. in Computer Science, Dartmouth College

June '17

• B.E. in Computer Science, *College of Engineering Guindy, Chennai, India* CGPA: 8.2/10

May '15

Programming Languages and Technologies

- Languages: Ruby, Python, Dafny, Rust, C, C++, VHDL, HTML, CSS, Javascript, Go, Java, Lisp, R
- Software Tools: Scapy, Rails, Django, Flask, Docker, Wireshark, Linux, Alloy Model Checker, Scikit-Learn, Hammer, Spin, Mysql, PostgreSQL
- Editors: Vim, Emacs, VS Code, Xilinx Vivado, Android Studio, Atom

Publications (Selected)

- IoTHound: Environment-agnostic Device Identification and Monitoring, 10th International Conference on the Internet of Things (IoT 2020), Malmo, Sweden.

 Best Paper Award. October '20
- Scalable Identity and Key Management for Publish-Subscribe Protocols in the Internet-of-Things, 9th International Conference on Internet of Things (IoT 2019), Bilbao, Spain.

 Honorable Mention Award. October '19

Work Experience

SRI International, New York City	June '18 – Sep. '18
across Bluetooth, Zigbee, and WiFi networks	C/C++, Python
SRI International, Menlo Park	June '17 – Sep. '17
nd security posture of Internet-of-Things ecosystems	Python, Alloy
SRI International, Menlo Park	June '16 – Sep. '16
ant clients for Internet-of-Things protocols	C/C++, Ruby, Hammer
	across Bluetooth, Zigbee, and WiFi networks SRI International, Menlo Park nd security posture of Internet-of-Things ecosystems SRI International, Menlo Park

Projects

- Verified Parsing Toolkit for Binary Formats: Built a verified attribute-based parsing expression grammar parser in Dafny, embedded correctness and termination proofs to show that the algorithm is correct
 - Generated at least 4 major changes to PDF specification using a PDF parser written in Rust
 - Detected several commonly-seen packet malformations using a RTPS parser written in Dafny and Go
- Parsing Data Formats in Hardware: Designed and implemented two data-format parsers for FPGAs: (i) based on parsing expression grammars (PEGs), and (ii) building on symbolic register automata
 - Highly parallel VHDL parsers automatically generated from Dafny run in less than 5 clock cycles for large inputs
- Securing Power Grid Networks using Parsers: Built a tool to detect attacks on the power grid network and provide steps to regain control
 - Detected all attempted attacks and malicious operations
 - Recommended steps to successfully restore power supply using automated tools
 - Built tools using Apache Kafka, C, C++, and Python were deployed to a Power Grid network

Additional Experience and Awards

- Patent on "Modeling Cyber-Physical Attack Paths in the Internet-of-Things"
- Dartmouth Activities: (i) Led the Capture the Flag (CTF) team, (ii) organized a Security Reading Group, and (iii) was elected to the Graduate Student Council to represent the Computer Science department
- TCS Award for the Best Senior Thesis