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## CAREER INTERESTS

- Cryptography (PQC), Networking L5/3 Security & IP Routing Algorithms & Protocols, Quantum Computing

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- TTL Logic Gate Design, Digital Design (Verilog), Computer Architecture and Design (MIPs), Advanced Computer Design (Verilog), Application-Specific Design for Cryptosystems (Verilog/SystemVerilog), Information Security, Embedded-System Design, Microprocessor Design, Real-Time Embedded System Co-Design, Algorithms and Data Structure Design (C/C++), Advanced Algorithm Design (C), System Software (C), Operating System Design, Compiler Design (x86), Software Engineering, Software Quality Assurance and Testing, Software Security Technologies, Computer Networks, Computer Network Design, Network Security, Network Architecture and Protocols, Network Programming and Applications, Advanced C Programming, C++ for C Programmers, Server-Side Web Programming, x86 Assembly Language, UNIX/Linux, Shell Scripting, Numerical Analysis and Scientific Computing, Linear Algebra, Calculus-based Physics (Mechanics, E&M, Optics & Waves, & Particle)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Areas:** Applied Cryptography, Internet TCP/IP suite, Post-Quantum Cryptographic Schemes
- **Work:** System Design, Prototyping, Validation, & Testing in software and hardware
- **Domains:** Spans expertise in hardware, software, & firmware domains.
- **Research:** Index-calculus, Cryptography, Post-Quantum Cryptography, Blockchain
- **Applied Math & Physics:** Field arithmetic, proofs, problems and instances of problems on which crypto constructions are built, linear algebra, statistics, probability distributions, FFTs, calculus, differential equations, interference, parallelism, quantum computing
- **Cryptography & Protocols/Algorithms:** Modern, quantum, and post-quantum cryptographic primitives and schemes, sieving, cryptanalysis, block cipher constructions and analysis, cryptographic hash functions, MACs, digital signatures, HMACs, SNARKs, MPC, ZK proofs, succinct arguments, algebraic constructions, rings, modular multipliers, hash-based, lattice-based, code-based, MPKC, multivariate-based, supersingular-ec, rank-based, PKC, symmetric, secret sharing, KEX, PKIs, OWFs, fields, IFP, DLP, ECDLP, NP problems, SIS, SIVP, HPP, SVP, LWE, R-LWE, RSD, oil + vinegar, nonlinear multivariate systems of equations, NP-hard, Montgomery, Blakely, BMM, interleaved multipliers, block cipher constructions and analysis, Fiat-Shamir, DES, AES, RSA, ECC, DH, KECCAK, x509, ECDH, SPHINCS, Rainbow, McEliece, QC-McEliece, NTRU, CFS, Isogeny-based ECC, SIDH, cryptographic hash functions, KECCAK, MACs, HMACs, SNARKs, MPC, ZK proofs, Succinct Arguments, quantum random number constructions, models
- **Information security:** confidentiality, authentication, integrity, secure coding, scanners, viruses, hardware bugs, side-channel analysis, speculative execution, constant-time algorithms, gadgets, ROP/JOP, control-flow attacks, remote code execution, DDoS, oracles, buffer overflows, code injections, sniffers, backdoors, cloud, hypervisors, web, deep web
- **Networking & Protocols/Algorithms:** Signal processing, QAM-64, symbol/bit encoding schemes, error-correction, MACs, CD-MAC, CA-MAC, ARP, NDP, STP, IEEE 802.3, IEEE 802.11x, PPP, Tunneling, VNP, VLANs, QoS, IP (v4/v6), CIDR, MPLS, Multicast, PIM (sparse, dense), IGMP (v4), MLP (v6), IPSec, NAPT, ICMP/v6, DNS, TLS, TCP, UDP, DIJKSTRA, OSPF, IS-IS, iBGP, eBGP, inter-AS routing, intra-AS routing, switching fabric, SDNs, control plane, data plane, Cloud (I/S/P/B as a Service), containers, microservices, sockets, Network OS (e.g., IOS XR), packet analysis
- **Digital & Analog Design:** Combinational & Sequential Circuits; System Memory; Embedded System Design, RTOS, device drivers; assembly language, different microprocessors, LCPExpresso
- **Implementations:** cryptographic algorithms (sw & hw), FSM, pipelining, x86 compiler, processor, hardware verification with test vectors, software development, automated testing of Internet protocols
- **Programming:** systems programming, OOP, C/C++/Java, HDLs: Verilog/SystemVerilog, ISAs: RISC (MIPs) and CISC (x86), Scripting: Python/Shell, Multithreading, Concurrency, Parallel Processing, Virtualization
- **Computer Science:** linear, non-linear, & dynamic data structures (e.g., trees, forests, and graphs), red-black, merkle trees, m-way trees, dynamic programming, complexity theory, space and time algorithmic complexity analysis
- **Industry tools:** Vivado/ISE, FGPAs, embedded devices, Xcode/Pycharm/Eclipse, Visual Studio/MIPs Assembler,

MATLAB, Pytest, TextFSM, Wireshark, routers, switches, line cards, ASR9K, NCSxx, Spirent/Ixia traffic generators, Jenkins, VMs, OS: UNIX/Linux/Windows

- **Public/learning tools:** Cisco Dcloud, Amazon VPC, GNS3, IBM Quantum/Qiskit, virtual classrooms

- **Familiar with:** Go, DAPPs in Solidity

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## EDUCATION

- 2021 **University of Buenos Aires (virtual ECI34), Argentina**  
Certificate of Achievement - [Quantum Random Number Generators](#).
- 2019 - 2018 **San José State University, San José, CA**  
M.Sc. Computer Engineering  
Double Specialization: Networking Systems & Secure Systems  
Thesis: *Reduction-free Multiplication in  $GF(2^n)$  Applicable to Modern and PQC schemes*  
Fully-interleaved Montgomery-type product. Tested with FIPS 186-4 ECDSA curves.  
Bit-parallel hardware implementation matches speed of BMM. Incorporation with other schemes and radices may lead to significant speed up of existing and new cryptographic schemes.  
Applications to PQC schemes, particularly lattice-based schemes.  
Software simulation in Python.
- 2013 - 2017 **San José State University, San José, CA**  
B.Sc. Computer Engineering, Minor Computer Science
- 2010 - 2013 **San José State University, San José, CA**  
A.A. Systems Programming

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 **San José State University, San José, CA**  
NSF Post-Quantum Cryptography Proposal
- 2019 **San José State University, San José, CA**  
Modular Multiplication in  $GF(2^n)$

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - present **Stealth Mode**  
Research & Development Scientist  
- Applied cryptography & networking.
- Fall 2019 **San José State University, San José, CA**  
Graduate Instructional Student Assistant for Network Security  
- Galois Field Arithmetic, Public-key & Symmetric-key Cryptosystems, Digital Signatures, Authentication, Kerberos, PKIs, Certificates, L5/3 Security Protocols  
- Prepared review notes and graded assignments, quizzes, and exams.
- 2018 - 2017 **Cisco Systems, Inc., Milpitas, CA**  
Software Engineer  
- Feature Testing and Automation for next-generation Service Provider.

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## ACADEMIC PROJECTS AT SJSU

- 2019 Steganography-based Application with TLS using virtual datastore
- 2019 Public-Key Infrastructure Application
- 2019 Index-Calculus Research Project
- 2018 Port Scanning Research Project
- 2018 Network Enterprise Project on Embedded Devices
- 2018 - 2017 Testing & Automation for CPU Infrastructure, BSP, & IEEE 802.3ad
- 2017 Numerical Methods to Approximate IVPs
- 2016 FPGA-based Blockchain Accelerator for Ethereum Proof-of-Work
- 2016 Hardware Implementation of AES based on FIPS-197
- 2015 32-bit Pipelined MIPs Processor
- 2014 Crypto Workhorse: Block-Cipher Study with Focus on AES and DES

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## AWARDS & HONORS

- 2019 Best Homework for graduate course in network programming and applications.
- 2017 Cisco You Inspire 2 Award - Energetic engineer who takes up lab activities.
- 2017 Dean's Scholar - 55th annual Honor's Convocation for GPA of 3.64+ for 2+ contiguous semesters.

## LANGUAGES

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Native: English, Spanish; Full professional working: Italian; Professional working: French; Beginner: Russian.

## ACTIVITIES

- IEEE, ACM, IACR, EITCI, Volunteering at St. Lucy Catholic Parish, Running, Mentoring

## AVAILABILITY

- I am always open to exploring promising work and collaboration opportunities.
- 2020 and part of 2021 were interrupted but remained active with research and development in crypto and networking areas, implementing in Python/C and Verilog. Learned the fundamentals of quantum computing, [Quantum Protocols and Algorithms](#), solved chapter exercises, and ran simulations of all said algorithms on different backend simulators and real quantum hardware through IBM's Qiskit textbook and Python simulators (jupyter-lab and jupyter-notebook).