EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, TX

B.S., Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics

May 2024

- 3.67/4.00 Cumulative GPA
- 3.66/4.00 Major GPA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Rice University, Houston, TX

Undergraduate Research Assistant

August 2023-Present

- Working with Dr. Nathan Dautenhahn on analyzing the information leaked by programs running in containers.
- Combining static program analysis and process time measurements to extract secret values through side channels in process lists.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

March-August 2022

- Worked with Dr. Dan. Wallach on a TypeScript implementation of Microsoft's ElectionGuard SDK for our partner, Enhanced Voting.
- Implemented robust codecs interoperable with the python reference implementation using *fp-ts* and *io-ts*.
- Wrote property-based tests and unit tests using *fast-check* and *jest* to achieve statement coverage of over 90%.
- Contributed new CLI commands to generate and submit test ballots to the opensource electionguard-python implementation.

Max Planck Institute for Security and Privacy, Bochum, Germany

Software Security Research Intern

May-August 2023

- Worked with Dr. Marcel Böhme on quantifying information leakage of programs from just a small number of samples using statistical methods from ecology.
- Optimized experiment runtime from 20 to 2 hours by using fewer resamples and parallelizing mutual information computation in the Jackknife estimator.
- Implemented a prototype of our method in Python and plotted its mutual information estimates alongside those of state-of-the-art methods to find anomalies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RiceApps, Houston, TX

Tech Lead

August 2022-May 2023

- Led a team of eight developers to build an app for in-community music sharing.
- Helped developers use Flutter to build the cross-platform frontend and NodeJS with TypeScript to develop the backend.
- Prototyped backend routing and database design using *Koa* and *TypeORM*.

Software Developer

August 2021-May 2022

- Developed the Rice Carpool React app with a team of seven other developers.
- Made over 15 pull requests fixing issues across the stack, including GraphQL performance improvements and preventing invalid rides from being created.
- Implemented email notifications in our Node.js backend using *nodemailer*, allowing users to receive real-time notifications of ride changes.

Cummins Inc., Indianapolis, IN

Software Engineering Intern

June-August 2022

- Fixed issues with the E-Commerce search system, including incorrect handling of edge-case queries and missing results.
- Enhanced the product checkout experience, improving accessibility and resolving bugs such as an inconsistent subproduct order for some products.
- Participated in code reviews, quality assurance, and DevOps, performing thorough testing and managing deployments.

Pashi, Remote

Software Engineering Intern

May-July 2020

- Built a prototype for Pashi's interactive, visual programming language with JQuery and HTML5 Canvas.
- Worked with a REST API that controlled production lines to connect user-written code to real-world effects.
- Explored React and vanilla JavaScript as alternate stack choices by creating interactive, minimally viable demos.

MANUSCRIPTS

[1] S. Lee, S. Minocha, and M. Böhme, "Accounting for missing events in statistical information leakage estimation," **In submission**.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rice University, Houston, TX

Instructor

Introduction to CTFs (COLL 123)

- Spring 2023
- Developed and taught an activity-based course introducing students to capture-the-flag competitions.
- Covered the basics of web exploitation, reverse engineering, binary exploitation, cryptography, and digital forensics through lectures and demos.
- Eleven students enrolled; Overall quality rating of 1.22 vs. Rice mean of 1.72 (1 = Outstanding, 5 = Poor).

Teaching Assistant

• Introduction to Concurrent Program Design (COMP 318)

Fall 2023

• Systems Software (COMP 621)

Summer 2023

• Introduction to Computer Systems (COMP 321)

Fall 2022, Spring 2023

LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH

Rice Information Security Club

President

Fall 2023-Present

· Co-founder and Vice President

Spring 2023

HackRice 13 CTF, Co-organizer and challenge developer

Fall 2023

• Organized a 36-hour capture-the-flag competition for over 25 participants.

RiceApps OSA Mentor

June-August 2022

• Introduced six students to full-stack development six students.

AWARDS

- Rice Undergraduate Scholars Program

 2023–24

 Selected in a cohort of 25 students to receive a \$1000 honors thesis grant.
- Second Place Team, HackRice 12 September 2022

 Built an encrypted chat platform to connect students with mental health resources.
- Eighth Place Team, UTCTF 2023

March 2023

• US-Canada Top 15 Team, CSAW CTF '22 Qualifiers

September 2022

- Second Place Team, Education Track, HackRice 11 September 2021

 Built a tool to generate lecture summaries from audio lectures.
- Google Code-in 2018 Grand Prize Winner
 Completed over 20 tasks for Wikimedia Foundation.