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RESEARCH INTEREST

Machine Learning & Security, Data-driven Security, Authentication, Usable Security

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant

University of Maryland, College Park - Maryland Cybersecurity Center

Sep 2023 – Present

College Park, MD, USA

Software Engineer

Samsung Electronics - Security & Privacy Team, Samsung Research

Mar 2018 – Jul 2023

Seoul, Republic of Korea

- Developed EDP (Enhanced Data Protection) using End-to-End Encryption for Samsung Multi-Device Environment (Knox Matrix)
- Researched seamless authentication using bio-acoustics for wearable devices (e.g., AR glasses).
- Researched and developed CMFA (Continuous Multi-Factor Authentication) for mobile devices (Knox SDK 3.8 Advanced Access Control).
- Researched and developed voice liveness detection for secure voice-assistant.

Auxiliary Police

Republic of Korea Army

Oct 2015 – Jul 2017

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Intern

Samsung Electronics - Security Lab, Software R&D Center

Jul 2014 – Aug 2014

Suwon, Republic of Korea

- Developed voice-password unlock application.
- Developed motion-sensor based smartphone controller of Arduino driving car.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sungkyunkwan University - Security Lab

Mar 2014 – Sep 2015

Suwon, Republic of Korea

- Researched practical smudge attack on Android pattern lock of mobile devices.

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Advisor: Tudor Dumitras

College Park, MD, USA

Sep 2023 – Present

Sungkyunkwan University

B.S. in Software Engineering

Advisor: Hyounghick Kim

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Mar 2012 – Feb 2018

PUBLICATIONS

C = Conference, J = Journal

- [J2] “On the Long-Term Effects of Continuous Keystroke Authentication: Keeping User Frustration Low through Behavior Adaptation”

Jun Ho Huh, **Sungsu Kwag**, Iljoo Kim, Alexandr Popov, Younghan Park, Geumhwan Cho, Juwon Lee, Hyounghick Kim and Choong-Hoon Lee

Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies, Vol 7, No. 2, Article 58, June 2023 (IMWUT/UbiComp)

- [J1] “Voice Spoofing Detection through Residual Network, Max Feature Map, and Depthwise Separable Convolution”

Il-Youp Kwak, **Sungsu Kwag**, Junhee Lee, Youngbae Jeon, Jeonghwan Hwang, Hyo-Jung Choi, Jong-Hoon Yang, So-Yul Han, Jun Ho Huh, Choong-Hoon Lee, and Ji Won Yoon

IEEE Access, 2023 (Access)

- **[C3] “Towards Usable and Secure Location-based Smartphone Authentication”**
Geumhwan Cho, **Sungsu Kwag**, Jun Ho Huh, Bedeuro Kim, Choong-Hoon Lee, and Hyounghick Kim
The 17th Symposium On Usable Privacy and Security, 2021 (SOUPS)
- **[C2] “ResMax: Detecting Voice Spoofing Attacks with Residual Network and Max Feature Map”**
Il-Youp Kwak, **Sungsu Kwag**, Junhee Lee, Jun Ho Huh, Choong-Hoon Lee, Youngbae Jeon, Jeonghwan Hwang and Ji Won Yoon
The 25th International Conference on Pattern Recognition, 2020 (ICPR)
- **[C1] “Boosting the Guessing Attack Performance on Android Lock Patterns with Smudge Attacks”**
Seunghun Cha, **Sungsu Kwag**, Hyounghick Kim and Jun Ho Huh
The 10th ACM Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security, 2017 (AsiaCCS)

TEACHING

- **ENEE 324 - Engineering Probability (Teaching Assistant)**, University of Maryland, College Park, Fall 2023

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- **Dean’s Fellowship**, University of Maryland, College Park, 2023-2024
- **The 2nd Prize (Minister’s Award), The 4th Software Secure Coding Contest**, KISA, 2017
- **Samsung Talent Program Scholarship**, Samsung Electronics, 2015
- **National Science & Engineering Scholarship**, Korea Student Aid Foundation, 2014-2017
- **Sungkyun Software Scholarship**, Sungkyunkwan University, 2012-2013

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages	: Python, C/C++, Java
Libraries	: Keras, Pytorch, scikit-learn
Dev. Platform	: Android, Tizen
Databases	: SQLite, MySQL
Tools	: Git, Latex

(Updated, Dec 2023)