ALAN WANG

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EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant @ University of California, Berkeley

August 2025 – Current

- Researching practical mobile microarchitectural attacks
- Analyzing the Linux kernel and exploiting it using microarchitectural side channel attacks

Software Developer Intern @ Jane Street

May - August 2024

- Worked with billions of trade orders submitted to the SEC
- Improved the efficiency and utilization of server's used by the entire firm

Computer Science Intern @ D. E. Shaw Research

May - August 2023

- Researched docking and non-equilibrium FE calculation methods
- Wrote system software which ran thousands of simulations on Anton3 ASICs and achieved a 2.5x performance improvement

Research Assistant @ FPSG Lab

September 2021 – May 2025

- Explored new microarchitectural side channel attacks, resulting in attacks exploiting mobile phones and the Linux kernel
- Reverse engineered microarchitectural structures to determine their semantics
- Modelled non-speculative information flow to decrease mitigation overhead by up to 21%

Research Aide @ Argonne National Lab

May 2022 – May 2023

- Worked with NVIDIA's Bluefield-3 Data Processing Unit (DPU) for zero trust network architectures
- Found critical errors by instrumenting Portable Batch System (PBS) for Argonne's extreme scale systems
- Developed and programmed a command line interface for Argonne's UserBase3 and used by all Argonne admins
- Designed and collected data for a Python concurrency research project for the Operations division director

Visiting Student @ Argonne National Lab

Feb – May 2022

- Led the design of a ROS2 interface for Argonne's self-driving lab
- Built key infrastructure for Argonne's self-driving lab

Undergraduate Research Assistant @ Northwestern University

Feb 2021 – June 2022

- Researched the vulnerability INTEL-SA-00086 to gain access to Intel's most secure piece of hardware (microcode project)
- Worked on the FPVM project led by Professor Peter Dinda

DoE College Bound Research Intern (CBRP) @ Argonne National Lab

June - August 2021

- Started the design of a ROS2 interface for Argonne's self-driving lab
- Created important building blocks for future work in Argonne's self-driving lab

SEAP Intern @ Office of Naval Research

June – August of 2019 and 2020

- Led the development of autonomous bomb-defusing robots
- Repaired a variety of programming errors related to navigation, object recognition, and arm manipulation

PUBLICATIONS:

- [Redacted], planned for submission to computer security conference
- **Pixnapping**, first author, to appear at ACM CCS '25
- EMT, to appear in OSDI '25
- Peek-a-Walk, first author, IEEE S&P (Oakland) '25
- **Declassiflow**, second author, ACM CCS '23
- Mars Ice Thermal Harvesting Rig & ISRU Laboratory (MITHRIL), ASCEND '22

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- NSF GRFP Honorable Mention, NSF, 2025
- Bronze Tablet Scholar Award, UIUC, 2025
- Siebel Scholar Award, 2025
- Dean's List, UIUC's Grainger College, 2021-2023
- 2nd Place Overall, NASA RASC-AL competition, 2022
- Round 2 qualifier, Google Codejam competition, 2021

EDUCATION:

PhD in Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley

2025-2030

• **GPA:** N/A **Advisor:** Professor Christopher Fletcher

BSMS in Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2021-2025

• **GPA:** 4.0 **Advisor:** Professor Christopher Fletcher

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Taught a free month-long Java course to over 100 K-12 students in the Chicagoland area, June 2020
- Taught a free month-long competitive programming course to 30 K-12 students in the Chicagoland area, Jan 2021
- ACM Mentor Helping incoming freshman transition to college life, June 2022 May 2025