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Education

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Minneapolis, USA

PhD, Computer Science and Engineering, GPA: 3.93/4

2015 - 2020

Advisor: Professor Stephen McCamant

Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA

M.S., Computer Science and Engineering, GPA: 3.95/4

2013 - 2015

Thesis: Continuous User Authentication and Identification Using User Interface Interactions

Advisor: Professor Richard Enbody

Mumbai University, India

B.E., Computer Engineering, Aggregate: 68%

2003 - 2007

Work Experience

Applied Scientist III, Amazon.com Services LLC, Nov 2024 – present
 I work on applying automated reasoning techniques to prove correctness of AWS Identity services.

Applied Scientist III, Amazon.com Services LLC, Feb 2022 – Nov 2024
 I worked on applying automated reasoning techniques to assure payments applications used in Amazon.

Applied Scientist II, Amazon Web Services, Inc., Feb 2020 – Feb 2022
 I worked on applying automated reasoning techniques to solve problems faced by customers of AWS IoT Events.

Research Assistant, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Sept 2015 – May 2019
 Extended a binary-level symbolic execution-based tool (FuzzBALL) for automatic synthesis of binary wrapper code which creates equivalence between two functions

• Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, Aug 2013 – Aug 2015

Delivered in-class presentations, conducted lab sessions, for 3 undergraduate-level courses

• Samsung Research India - Bangalore, Browser Development, June 2012 – June 2013

Developed web page rendering modules in WebKit2EFL browser engine used in the Tizen operating system

• Bally Technologies, Operating System Development, March 2010 – June 2012 Integrated a WebKitGtk+ browser engine with the slot machine operating system

• Amdocs Development Center India, Order Management, Aug 2007 – March 2010
Maintained a Tuxedo-based backend of an order management system used by telecommunication companies

Publications

- "State Merging with Quantifiers in Symbolic Execution", David Trabish, Noam Rinetzky, Sharon Shoham, Vaibhav Sharma, Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE) 2023 and at the KLEE 2024 workshop
- "Automated Analysis of IoT Event Monitoring Systems", Andrew Apicelli, Sam Bayless, Ankush Das, Andrew Gacek, Dhiva Jaganathan, Saswat Padhi, **Vaibhav Sharma**, Michael W. Whalen, Raveesh Yadav, Computer Aided Verification (CAV) 2023 (PDF)
- "Java Ranger: Supporting String and Array Operations in Java Ranger (Competition Contribution)", Soha Hussein, Qiuchen Yan, Stephen McCamant, Vaibhav Sharma, Michael W. Whalen, Tools and Algorithms for Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS) 2023

- Soha Hussein, Sanjai Rayadurgam, Stephen McCamant, Vaibhav Sharma, Mats P. E. Heimdahl, "Counterexample-Guided Inductive Repair of Reactive Contracts," FormalisE, 2022
- Vaibhav Sharma, Soha Hussein (joint first author), Michael W. Whalen, Stephen McCamant, Willem Visser, "Java Ranger: Statically Summarizing Regions For Efficient Symbolic Execution Of Java," Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE), 2020
- Vaibhav Sharma, "Adapter Synthesis: Synthesizing And Repairing Programs Using Scalable Symbolic Execution", Doctoral Thesis, 2020, University of Minnesota
- Vaibhav Sharma, Navid Emamdoost, Seonmo Kim, Stephen McCamant, "It Doesn't Have to Be So Hard: Efficient Symbolic Reasoning for CRCs," Binary Analysis Research (BAR) Workshop, 2019
- Vaibhav Sharma, Soha Hussein, Michael W. Whalen, Stephen McCamant, Willem Visser, "Java Ranger at SV-COMP 2020 (Competition Contribution)," Tools and Algorithms for Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS), 2020
- Vaibhav Sharma, Kesha Hietala, Stephen McCamant, "Finding Substitutable Binary Code by Synthesizing Adaptors," *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering*, 2019
- Taejoon Byun, Vaibhav Sharma, Abhishek Vijayakumar, Sanjai Rayadurgam, Darren Cofer, "Input Prioritization for Testing Neural Networks," 1st IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Testing, 2019
- Navid Emandoost, Vaibhav Sharma, Taejoon Byun, Stephen McCamant, "Binary Mutation Analysis of Tests Using Reassembleable Disassembly," Binary Analysis Research (BAR) Workshop, 2019
- Vaibhav Sharma, Taejoon Byun, Stephen McCamant, Sanjai Rayadurgam, Mats Heimdahl, "Contract Discovery From Black-box Components," Workshop on Automated Specification Inference (WASPI), 2018
- Vaibhav Sharma, Stephen McCamant, "Synthesizing Adaptors For Binary Code Using Symbolic Execution," Second International Workshop on Usages of Symbolic Execution (USE), 2018, Best Presentation Award
- Vaibhav Sharma, Kesha Hietala, Stephen McCamant, "Finding Substitutable Binary Code for Reverse Engineering by Synthesizing Adaptors," 11th IEEE Conference on Software Testing, Verification, and Validation (ICST), 2018
- Vaibhav Sharma and Richard Enbody, "User Authentication And Identification From User Interface Interactions on Touch-Enabled Devices," 10th ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks (WiSec), 2017, Best Paper Award Runner-up
- Vaibhav Sharma, Michael W. Whalen, Stephen McCamant, Willem Visser, "Veritesting Challenges in Symbolic Execution of Java," *Java Pathfinder Workshop*, 2017
- Vaibhav Sharma, Taejoon Byun, Stephen McCamant, Sanjai Rayadurgam, Mats Heimdahl, "Discovering Instructions for Robust Binary-level Coverage Criteria," *Proceedings of 2017 ACM International Workshop on Testing Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems (TECPS)*, 2017
- Taejoon Byun, Vaibhav Sharma, Sanjai Rayadurgam, Stephen McCamant, Mats P.E. Heimdahl, "Towards Rigorous Object-Code Coverage Criteria," The 28th International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE), 2017
- Vaibhav Sharma, Kesha Hietala, Stephen McCamant, "Finding Semantically-Equivalent Binary Code by Synthesizing Adaptors," arXiv:1707.01536, 2017
- Vaibhav Sharma, Kesha Hietala, Stephen McCamant, "Finding Semantically-Equivalent Binary Code by Synthesizing Adaptors," Minnesota Supercomputing Institute Research Exhibition, 2017 (poster)
- Vaibhav Sharma, Kesha Hietala, Stephen McCamant, "Finding Semantically-Equivalent Binary Code by Synthesizing Adaptors," *Midwest PL Summit*, 2016 (poster)
- Vaibhav Sharma, "Continuous User Authentication and Identification Using User Interface Interaction On Mobile Devices", Master's Thesis, 2015, Michigan State University

• Vaibhav Sharma and Richard Enbody, "Context-Aware Implicit Authentication For Mobile Devices" MSU Engineering Graduate Research Symposium, 2015 (poster)

Service

- Served on the Program Committee of the Industrial Innovation Track of the 32nd IEEE International Requirements Engineering (RE) 2024
- Served on the Program Committee of the technical track of International Conference of Software Testing (ICST) 2024
- Sub-reviewed for Michael W. Whalen on the technical track of Formal Methods in Computer-Aided Design (FMCAD) 2023
- Served on the Program Committee of the Industrial Innovation track at the 31st IEEE International Requirements Engineering (RE) 2023
- Served on the Program Committee of the Java Pathfinder (JPF) Workshop 2022, co-located with ASE 2022
- Served on the Program Committee of International Colloquium on Theoretical Aspects of Computing (ICTAC) 2022
- Served on the Program Committee of the Industry track at ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE) 2022
- Sub-reviewed for Michael W. Whalen on the technical track of International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2022
- Served on the Program Committee of the New Ideas and Emerging Results (NIER) track at Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2021
- Served on the Program Committee of the NIER track at the IEEE International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation (SCAM) 2021
- Served on the Program Committee of the Industry track at ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE) 2021
- Reviewed for the Transactions of Software Engineering (TSE) journal
- Served on the Program Committee of the New Ideas and Emerging Results (NIER) track at Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2020
- Served as Artifact Evaluation Committee member at the International Symposium of Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA) 2020
- Served as Artifact Evaluation Committee member at Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2020
- Served on the Program Committee for Binary Analysis Research Workshop 2020 (co-located with NDSS 2020)
- Served as Jury Member and Program Committee member of the International Competition of Software Verification (SV-COMP) 2020
- Reviewer for Journal of Software Testing, Verification and Reliability (STVR) (May 2019-Dec 2019)
- Contributed optimization features, bug fixes, system call support to FuzzBALL
- Supported development of an Android app for navigating the Michigan State University campus

Patents

• IoT event detector correctness verification, US12093160B1, Vaibhav Bhushan Sharma, Andrew Jude Gacek, Michael William Whalen, Saswat Padhi, Andrew Apicelli, Raveesh Yadav, Samuel Bayless, Roman Pruzhanskiy, Rajat Gupta, Harshil Rajeshkumar Shah, Fernando Dias Pauer, Ankush Das, Dhivashini Jaganathan, granted Sep 17, 2024

Awards

- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2019
- Best Paper Runner-up Award, WiSec 2017
- NSF Conference Travel Grant, WiSec 2017
- ACM Conference Travel Grant, WiSec 2017
- Richard Reid Fellowship (College of Engineering, Michigan State University), Summer 2014

Academic Projects

- "Increasing Symbolic PathFinder Performance with Bounded Static Symbolic Execution," Google Summer of Code, Summer 2017, UMN
- "Link Prefetching: A Defense Against Website Fingerprinting on Tor," Course project, Introduction to Computer Security, Fall 2015, UMN
- "Continuous User Authentication and Identification Using User Interface Interaction On Mobile Devices", Master's Thesis, Summer 2015, MSU
- "Fraudulent Resume Detection," Course project, Data Mining, Fall 2014, MSU
- "Using GA-based Feature Selection In Ensemble Classifier For Network Intrusion Detection," Course Project, Evolutionary Computation, Fall 2014, MSU
- "NFC-Powered Wireless Multi-hop Sensor Network," Course Project, Advanced Computer Networks and Communication, Fall 2013, MSU
- "Optimal Placement of Annotation Labels in Geometric Objects," B.E. Thesis, 2007

Graduate Courses

- Programming Languages
- Introduction to Compilers
- Security/Privacy in Computing
- Introduction to Computer Security
- Data Mining
- Pattern Recognition

Skills

- Programming Languages: C, C++, Java, OCaml
- Revision Control Systems: Git
- Operating Systems: various Linux flavors