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Bio

My research interests are in **system security and availability**. I work with immense zeal to build secure systems and mitigate bugs or vulnerabilities in the context of real-world systems.

Education

2014-2018 Bachelor in Computer Science - Wuhan University

Rank of Grade Top 1 out of 40

GPA 3.87 (Major 3.92) out of 4

Publications

S&P'20 Attacking Information Flows in the SDN Control Plane.

Feng Xiao, Jingquan Zhang, Jianwei Huang, Peng Liu, Guofei Gu.

Under Review

DEFCON 26 Hacking the Brain: Customize Evil Protocol to Pwn an SDN Controller.

Feng Xiao, Jianwei Huang, Peng Liu.

Accepted to appear Video

CCS'18 PatternListener: Cracking Android Pattern Lock Using Acoustic Signals.

Man Zhou, Qian Wang, Jingxiao Yang, Qi Li, Feng Xiao, Zhibo Wang, Xiaofeng Chen.

Accepted to appear

MobiCom'17 Enabling Secure Location Authentication in Drone. (poster)

Feng Xiao, Man Zhou, Youcheng Liye, Jingxiao Yang, Qian Wang.

Accepted to appear

ToN LinkBait: Active Link Obfuscation to Thwart Link-flooding attack.

Qian Wang, Feng Xiao, Man Zhou, Zhibo Wang, Qi Li.

Under review

SCN CHAOS: An SDN-Based Moving Target Defense System.

Yuan Shi, Huanguo Zhang, Juan Wang, Feng Xiao, Jianwei Huang, Daochen Zha.

Accepted to appear

Project Experiences

SDN Custom Attack

Description: Proposed the first SDN attack that can remotely compromise SDN software stack to simultaneously

cause multiple kinds of attack effects in SDN controllers.

(Finished in Oct 2018)

Outputs: (1) Discover 19 related 0days from 5 most popular SDN controllers, and constructs 23 exploit

chains that can bring serious attack effects

(2) Designed a backward taint analysis and logic reasoning framework to automatic detect such

vulnerabolities (3,100+ LoC).

(3) This work was accepted by the top industrial conference **DEFCON 26** as an official talk.

Reference: DEFCON Talk Attack Video Demo

Windows Kernel Rootkit

Description: Designed a driverless method that bypasses Windows Kernel Protection (i.e., PG, DSE) on

ALL Windows platform (Till April 2018).

(Finished in April 2018)

Outputs: Developed a comprehensive Windows all platform Rootkit (40,000+ LoC) with DNS C&C

tunnel, keylogger, etc.

Reference: No public disclosure due to ethic concerns.

Android App Cryptography Insecurities

Description: Discovered a new universal security risk shared by the majority of mobile apps, which can be

exploited to forge apps' cryptographically consistent messages to abuse mobile services.

(Finished in August 2016)

Outputs: (1) Develop a dynamic hook framework StupidHam to semi-automatically verified such risks.

to bring serious attack effects

(2) The most serious vulnerability, found from Chinese largest food delivery company Eleme, was

honored as the most valuable vulnerability by Wooyun, the biggest bug hunting community.

Reference: Bug Disclosure on Wooyun App Injection Framework

Honors & Awards

Oct 2018 ACM CCS Student Travel Grant Award (\$1000).

Oct 2017 ACM SIGMOBILE Student Travel Grant Award (\$1000).

Oct 2017 LeiJun Scholarship (Top 1 out of 310).

Dec 2016 National Scholarship (The highest student honor in China, awarded to top 0.2% students nationwide).

Aug 2016 First Prize of National Undergraduate Information Security Contest.

Oct 2015 Yuanyi Scholarship (Top 1 out of 310).

Aug 2015 Second Prize and Most Potential Student Prize of National SDN Programming Contest.

Work Experiences

Aug 2017 - Security Platform Department, Tencent

Sep 2017 Internship

Security Engineer

- I proposed a new XSS mitigation method leveraging the feature of Content Security Policy, and the method is gradually deploying in all servers of Tencent.
- I captured and mitigate one 0day attack (CVE 2017-9805) towards our companies' servers, and I found 8 high risk vulnerabilities from the products of Tencent.

List of Vulnerability I discovered

CVE-2018-1132 Opendaylight's SDNInterfaceapp SQL injection.

CVE-2018-15595 Opendaylight's TSDR Denial of Service.
CVE-2018-1999020 ONOS Controller Directory Traversal.
CVE-2018-1000614 ONOS Controller Notification XXE.

CVE-2018-1000615 ONOS Controller OVSDB Remote Denial of Service. **CVE-2018-1000616** ONOS Controller XMLCONFIGPARSER XXE.

CVE-2018-1000617 Atlassian Floodlight Controller Remote Denial of Service.

CVE-2018-1000163 Atlassian Floodlight Controller Web Console Cross-Site Scripting.