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Education

- 2017 2019 Ph.D., College of Computer and Information Science, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, Advisor: Prof. Long Lu.
- 2014 2017 Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, Stony Brook University (transferred to Northeastern University), Stony Brook, NY, Advisor: Prof. Long Lu. GPA:3.90/4.00
- 2013 2013 Exchange Student, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2010 2014 B.Sc., Department of Computer Science, Tongji University, Shanghai, China.

Research Interests

My research interests mainly include Bug Finding Automation, Program Analysis, Binary Exploit Mitigations, Virtualization, Operating System and Mobile Security.

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Experiences

 ${\bf Dec.\ 2019-Research\ Scientist}, {\it Infrastructure\ Security\ Team}, {\bf Facebook}.$

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May. 2017 - Research Assistant, RiS3 Lab, Northeastern University.

Oct. 2019

Sep. 2018 - Research Intern, Software Analysis Team, Google.

Dec. 2018

June. 2018 - Research Intern, System Security and Privacy Research, Microsoft Research.

Aug. 2018

Feb. 2018 - Research Intern, X-Lab, Baidu USA.

May. 2018

May. 2017 - Research Intern, B2B Lab, Samsung Research America.

Sep. 2017

May. 2016 - Research Intern, B2B Lab, Samsung Research America.

Sep. 2016

Aug. 2014 - Research Assistant, RiS3 Lab, Stony Brook University.

May. 2017

Publications

SAVIOR: Towards Bug-Driven Hybrid Testing, Yaohui Chen, Peng Li, Jun Xu, Shengjian Guo, Rundong Zhou, Yulong Zhang, Taowei, Long Lu, In the proceeding of the 41th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland'20).

FUDGE: Fuzz Driver Generation at Scale, Domagoj Babic, Stefan Bucur, Yaohui Chen, Franjo Ivancic, Tim King, Markus Kusano, Caroline Lemieux, Laszlo Szekeres and Wei Wang, In the proceeding of The ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'19), (Best Paper Award).

Ptrix: Efficient Hardware-Assisted Fuzzing for COTS Binary, Yaohui Chen, Dongliang Mu, Zhichuang Sun, Jun Xu, Wenguo Shen, Xinyu Xing, Long Lu, Bing Mao, In Proceedings of the 14th ACM on Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security (AsiaCCS'19).

Compiler-assisted Code Randomization, Hyungjoon Koo, Yaohui Chen, Long Lu, Vasileios P. Kemerlis, Michalis Polychronakis, In the proceeding of the 39th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland'18), (Final list, CSAW 2018).

InstaGuard: Instantly Deployable Hot-patches for Vulnerable System Programs on Android, Yaohui Chen, Yuping Li, Long Lu, Yueh-Hsun Lin, Hayawardh Vijayakumar, Zhi Wang, Xinming Ou, In Proceedings of the 2018 Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS'18).

Norax: Enabling Execute-Only Memory for COTS Binaries on AArch64, Yaohui Chen, Dongli Zhang, Ruowen Wang, Rui Qiao, Ahmed Azab, Long Lu, Hayawardh Vijayakumar, Wenbo Shen, In the proceeding of the 38th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland'17), (Third Place of Best Paper Award in Applied Cyber Security Research, CSAW 2017).

Secure Integration of Web Content and Applications on Commodity Mobile Operating Systems, Drew Davidson, Yaohui Chen, Franklin George, Long Lu, Somesh Jha, In Proceedings of the 12th ACM on Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security (AsiaCCS'17).

Shreds: Fine-grained Execution Units with Private Memory, Yaohui Chen, Sebassujeen Reymondjohnson, Zhichuang Sun, Long Lu, In the proceeding of the 37th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland'16).

Research Projects

June. 2018 -Aug. 2018

June. 2018 - Hyper-V hypervisor coverage feedback-guided fuzz testing.

- Studied the existing automatic testing solutions for Hyper-V hypervisor.
- Designed and implemented code coverage guided fuzzer for Hyper-V hypervisor.
- The end-to-end solution involved Intel-PT virtualization support for hardware tracing.
- Discovered 3 real bugs in the newest Hyper-V hypervisor and they have been fixed.
- The solution has been adopted into Hyper-V hypervisor testing process before release.

May. 2017 - Harnessing Efficiency of Fuzzing and Soundness of Symbolic Execution.

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- Studied the inefficiency of symbolic execution and unsoundness of fuzzing.
- Modified KLEE to support on-demand symbolic execution.
- Developed light-weight static analysis to guide symbolic execution.
- Developed infrastructure to coordinate KLEE, AFL and static analysis components.
- Evaluated the framework on real-world programs including ARM TrustZone TAs, commonly fuzzed applications and showed it out-performed the state-of-the-art.

Services

- 2016 IET Information Security, Journal Reviewer.
- Present
 - 2016 Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing, External Reviewer.
 - 2020 The 29th USENIX Security Symposium (Security), External Reviewer.
- 2019 2020 The Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS), External Reviewer.
 - 2020 IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P), External Reviewer.
 - 2019 ACM Symposium on Information, Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS), External Reviewer.
 - 2018 ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), External Reviewer.
 - 2018 IEEE Secure Development Conference (SecDev), External Reviewer.

Honors and Awards

- 2019 Best Paper Award, ACM ESEC/FSE.
- 2019 Google Fellowship Nomination, Northeastern University.
- 2018 RSA Scholarship, RSA Conference 2018, U.S.A.
- 2017 Best Paper Award, CSAW, U.S.A.
- 2014 Chair Fellowship, Department of Computer Science, Stony Brook University.
- 2013 Exchange Student Scholarship, Department of Computer Science, Tongji University.
- 2012 Second-Class Scholarship, Department of Computer Science, Tongji University.

Professional Skills

- OS Linux, Android, Windows.
- Programming C, C++, Java, Python, System-verilog, ARM/x86/Sparc/MIPS assembly.
 - Compiler Clang, LLVM.
 - Misc Kubernetes, Reverse Engineering, Program Analysis, ELF Binary Linking Loading Toolchain.