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EDUCATION

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

March 2019 - present

Ph.D. in Computer Science

University of California, San Diego

Sep 2015 - June 2018

M.S. in Computer Science

University of Arizona

Aug 2011 - May 2015

B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

B.S. in Computer Science

Magna Cum Laude, with Honors

- PUBLICATIONS [10] "Practical Data-Only Attack Generation". B. Johannesmeyer, A. Slowinska, H. Bos, C. Giuffrida. USENIX Security 2024.
 - [9] "Kasper: Scanning for Generalized Transient Execution Gadgets in the Linux Kernel". B. Johannesmeyer, J. Koschel, K. Razavi, H. Bos, C. Giuffrida. NDSS 2022.
 - [8] "On the Effectiveness of Same-Domain Memory Deduplication". A. Costi, B. Johannesmeyer, E. Bosman, C. Giuffrida, H. Bos. ACM EuroSec 2022.
 - [7] "Triton: A Software-Reconfigurable Federated Avionics Testbed". S. Crow, B. Farinholt, B. Johannesmeyer, K. Koscher, S. Checkoway, S. Savage, A. Schulman, A. Snoeren, K. Levchenko. USENIX CSET 2019.
 - [6] "FaCT: A DSL for Timing-Sensitive Computation". S. Cauligi, G. Soeller, B. Johannesmeyer, F. Brown, R. Wahby, J. Renner, B. Gregoire, G. Barthe, R. Jhala, D. Stefan. ACM PLDI 2019.
 - [5] "FaCT: A Flexible Constant-Time Programming Language". S. Cauligi, G. Soeller, F. Brown, B. Johannesmeyer, Y. Huang, R. Jhala, D. Stefan. IEEE SecDev 2017.
 - [4] "Dead Store Elimination (Still) Considered Harmful". Z. Yang, B. Johannesmeyer, S. Lerner, K. Levchenko. USENIX Security 2017, August 2017.
 - [3] "A Generic Approach to Automatic Deobfuscation of Executable Code". B. Yadegari, B. Johannesmeyer, B. Whitely, S. Debray. IEEE S&P 2015. CSAW Applied Research 2015 Finalist.
 - [2] "Identifying and Understanding Self-Checksumming Defenses in Software". J. Qiu, B. Yadegari, B. Johannesmeyer, S. Debray. ACM CODASPY 2015.
 - [1] "A Framework for Understanding Dynamic Anti-Analysis Defenses". J. Qiu, B. Yadegari, B. Johannesmeyer, S. Debray. PPREW 2014.

EXPERIENCE Graduate Research Assistant

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Advisor: Herbert Bos

Developed Kasper, a speculative execution gadget scanner for the Linux kernel, which identified hundreds of previously undiscovered gadgets [9].

Developed EINSTEIN, a data-only attack exploitation pipeline, which generated hundreds of mitigation-bypassing exploits for common server applications [10].

Interim Engineering Intern

Jun 2018 - Sept 2018

Mar 2019 - present

Qualcomm Product Security Initiative

Advisor: Frédéric Basse

Investigated the risk of side-channel attacks in digital signal processors and evaluated mitigation strategies.

Graduate Research Assistant

Sept 2015 - Jun 2018

University of California, San Diego

Advisor: Kirill Levchenko

Discovered and fixed instances where compilers introduced security issues because of optimizations such as dead store elimination [4].

Helped design a domain-specific language and compiler for writing constant-time code [5–6].

Reverse the engineered communications management units used in avionics systems to identify security issues [7].

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jun 2012 - May 2015

University of Arizona Advisor: Saumya Debray

Developed programs that employed state-of-the-art anti-tampering techniques (e.g., multi-guard checksums, self-modifying checksums) and obfuscation techniques (e.g., emulation-based obfuscation, return-oriented programming) [1–3].

AWARDS AND HONORS

| Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Finalist | June 2022 |
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| CSAW Applied Research Finalist | November 2015 |
| University of Arizona Computer Science Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award | May 2015 |
| Eta Kappa Nu Member and Officer | Sep 2013 |
| Tau Beta Pi Member | Sep 2013 |
| Phi Beta Kappa Member | May 2013 |
| Arizona Board of Regent's High Honors Tuition Scholarship | Aug 2011 |
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TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

P2 2021, P2 2022

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Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: Network Security

Teaching Assistant

P1 2019, P1 2020

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: Computer and Network Security

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017, Spring 2018

University of California, San Diego, CSE 127: Introduction to Computer Security

Lab Teaching Assistant

Fall 2014, Spring 2015

University of Arizona, ECE 340A: Introduction to Communications