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PhD student specializing in vulnerability detection through program analysis.

🎓 Education

Texas A&M University

Ph.D., Computer Science

09/2019 – 12/2025(Expected)

College Station, TX

Wuhan University

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science

09/2014 – 06/2018

Wuhan, China

📁 Work Experience

SRI International

Summer Intern

05/2020 – 08/2020

Menlo Park, CA, USA

⚙️ Android Application Analysis, Data Analysis

- Identified two vulnerabilities in the design of popular COVID tracking apps
- Assessed the risks posed by two vulnerabilities in 10+ popular COVID tracking apps

Texas A&M University

Teaching Assistant

Ongoing

Texas, USA

⚙️ Computer Security, Reverse Engineering, Risk Analysis

- CSCE 465: Computer & Network Security, Assisted the professor in teaching
- CSCE 451/652: Software Reverse Engineering, Assisted students in solving CTF challenges
- CSCE 477/703: Cybersecurity Risk, Set up class CTF

🔬 Projects

🎓 Blackbox Fuzzing on Web Application with LLM Assistance

Ongoing

⚙️ Fuzzing, LLM Agent Development, JavaScript Instrumentation

- Designed an LLM-driven framework for client-side fuzzing of web applications.
- Evaluating the framework on open-source web applications and conducting large-scale testing on Docker Hub images.

🎓 Security Analysis on Ethereum Name Service (ENS)

2024

⚙️ Android Reverse Engineering, Android Instrumentation, Security Analysis

- Discovered a unique security vulnerability in ENS.
- Identified inconsistencies in ENS domain normalization across popular wallets, dApps, and ENS controllers.
- **Identified security risks in 200+ widely used dApps** and collaborated with vendors to mitigate them.

🎓 Security Analysis of One-Time Tokens in Web Applications

In Submission

⚙️ Threat Modeling, JavaScript Static Analysis

- Identified discrepancies between RFC specifications and real-world implementations.
- Defined the lifecycle and essential security properties of One-Time Tokens in web applications.
- Developed an automated tool to detect and assess the security properties of One-Time Tokens.
- Evaluated the security of One-Time Tokens in popular Node.js web applications, **uncovering 20+ vulnerabilities**.

🎓 Zero Trust Framework Design and Implementation

2023

⚙️ Linux Kernel, System Programming, Software-Defined, Intrusion Detection

- Developed `sysflow` [Controller](#) [Dataplane](#), a Zero Trust Framework. Implemented the telemetry in Linux Kernel and communication channel between the dataplane and the controller.
- Implemented an application with `sysflow` to provide context-aware access control in web applications by applying privileges defined application-level to files.

🎓 Security Framework Based on Service Worker

2022

⚙️ Web Security, Client-side Defenses

- Contributed to the development of a Service Worker-based security framework [SWAPP](#). Designed and implemented the storage management pipeline the communication channel between DOM and service worker

- > Designed and implemented two security applications within the framework to defend against information leakage and MITM attacks on the client-side

🎓 Hidden Property Abusing in the Node.js Ecosystem

2021

🔧 *JavaScript Static/Dynamic Analysis, Taint Analysis*

- > Developed an automated tool [Final Release](#) [Development Repository](#) to detect hidden properties in Node.js programs with a combination of static and dynamic taint analysis.
- > Evaluated the tool on over 70 widely used Node.js libraries and **identified 15+ vulnerabilities**.

🎓 Security Analysis of SDN Controllers

2018-2020

🔧 *Java Static Analysis, Taint Analysis*

- > Conducted security analysis of the top open-source SDN controllers.
- > **Discovered 18 vulnerabilities** related to unintended data dependency creation.
- > Developed a tool to identify sensitive methods in SDN controllers and generate data dependencies for targeted attacks.

👤 iOS Application Analysis

2017

🔧 *iOS Reverse Engineering, iOS Instrumentation*

- > Developed an automated tool [Corgi](#) to identify key functions of specific features in iOS applications.
- > Uncovered critical vulnerabilities in WeChat SDK and Meituan.

🏆 Awards

TAMUCTF 2024 – 4th (TAMU), 50th Overall

2024

- > Competed individually and solved **all Web challenges**.

BCTF 2015 - 1st Place

2015

- > Focused on Web challenges

oCTF 2015 - 3rd Place

2015

- > Focused on Web challenges

Software-Defined Networking (SDN) Development Competition - 2nd Prize

2015, China

- > Designed a moving target defense mechanism with OpenDayLight, which rotates IP addresses in the network to obfuscate the topology

📖 Publications

Curtain: Keep Your Hosts Away from USB Attacks

ISC 2017

- > *Jianming Fu, Jianwei Huang, and Lanxin Zhang*

Chaos: An SDN-Based Moving Target Defense System

SCN 2017

- > *Yuan Shi, Huanguo Zhang, Juan Wang, Feng Xiao, Jianwei Huang, Daochen Zha, Hongxin Hu, Fei Yan, Bo Zhao*

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

DEF CON 26, 2018

- > *Feng Xiao, Jianwei Huang, Peng Liu*

Unexpected Data Dependency Creation and Chaining: A New Attack to SDN

IEEE S&P 2020

- > *Feng Xiao, Jinquan Zhang, Jianwei Huang, Guofei Gu, Dinghao Wu, Peng Liu*

Abusing Hidden Properties to Attack the Node.js Ecosystem

USENIX Security 2021

- > *Feng Xiao, Jianwei Huang, Yichang Xiong, Guangliang Yang, Hong Hu, Guofei Gu, Wenke Lee*

Practical Speech Reuse Prevention in Voice-driven Services

RAID 2021

- > *Yangyong Zhang, Sunpreet Arora, Maliheh Shirvanian, Jianwei Huang, Guofei Gu*

SWAPP: A New Programmable Playground for Web Application Security

USENIX Security 2022

- > *Phakpoom Chinprutthiwong, Jianwei Huang, and Guofei Gu*

SysFlow: Towards a Programmable Zero Trust Framework for System Security

IEEE TIFS 2023

- > *Hong Sungmin, Lei Xu, Jianwei Huang, Hongda Li, Hongxin Hu, and Guofei Gu*

Beyond Visual Confusion: Understanding How Inconsistencies in ENS Normalization Facilitate Homoglyph Attacks

- > *Jianwei Huang, Sridatta Raghavendra Chintapalli, Mengxiao Wang, Guofei Gu*

🔧 Skills

Languages C, Python, Java

Program Analysis Static(Soot, esprima), Dynamic(Jalangi, ExpoSE)

GenAI Agent Development