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2014 - Current

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EDUCATION

Information

University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advisors: Giovanni Vigna, and Christopher Kruegel

Expected Graduation Date: June 2020

Università di Pisa, Italy

M.Sc. in Computer Engineering

Grade: 110 Cum Laude / 110

Thesis: Access control in distributed file systems: design and realization on Pepys fs

Università di Pisa, Italy

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering

Grade: 103 / 110

RESEARCH PROJECTS

• angr Python framework for analyzing binaries

• BootStomp Vulnerabiliy detection tool for bootloaders of embedded devices

SASI Abstract domain for sound and precise value set analyses

• Autofacts Framework to test and evaluate static analysis tools

• LoopMC Android malware detection tool based on loops

EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania, PA

Apr 2019 - Jun 2019

Visiting Researcher Advisor: Mayur Naik

Activity: Research and improve the state-of-the-art of code debloating techniques based on static analyses.

University Of California, Santa Barbara, CA

Sep 2013 - Feb 2014

Visiting Researcher

Advisors: Giovanni Vigna, and Christopher Kruegel

Activity: Design an abstract domain to precisely estimate the set of values that the variables of a program might assume.

Università di Pisa, Italy

Mar 2013 - Aug 2013

Research Scholarship Advisor: Luciano Lenzini

Activity: Design an Android tool to precisely estimate the bandwidth of wireless links. We integrated this tool in Portolan, a crowdsourcing research project to discover the topology and the structure of the Internet.

Alcatel-Lucent Bell-Labs, Ireland

Jul 2012 - Nov 2012

Internship

Advisor: Tommaso Cucinotta

Activity: Design a new access control model for distributed file-systems, which we integrated in the Osprey operative system.

HACKING

- · Member of the Shellphish hacking team, and iCTF organizer
- Qualified for several CTF finals, such as DEFCON, ruCTF, and TCTF
- BootStomp presented at Nullcon and CCC
- CVE-2018-11560, CVE-2018-12640, CVE-2017-14948, CVE-2019-17532

Skills

- Advanced knowledge in static and dynamic program analysis techniques and theory
- · Reverse engineering and exploitation

- Main programming languages: C/C++, Python, Ruby, Java, and Javascript
- Network architectures and protocols (e.g., TCP, OSPF, BGP, and ARP)
- · Linux Kernel

PUBLICATIONS

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- [7] Eric Gustafson, Marius Muench, Chad Spensky, Nilo Redini, Aravind Machiry, Yanick Fratantonio, Davide Balzarotti, Aurelien Francillon, Yung Ryn Choe, Christopher Kruegel, Giovanni Vigna, "Toward the Analysis of Embedded Firmware through Automated Re-hosting". Symposium on Research in Attacks, Intrusion, and Defenses (RAID), Beijing, Sep, 2019.
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- [5] Aravind Machiry, Nilo Redini, Eric Gustafson, Hojjat Aghakhani, Christopher Kruegel, Giovanni Vigna, "Towards Automatically Generating a Sound and Complete Dataset for Evaluating Static Analysis Tools". Workshop on Binary Analysis Research (BAR), San Diego, Feb, 2019.
- [4] Aravind Machiry, Nilo Redini, Eric Gustafson, Yanick Fratantonio, Yung Ryn Choe, Christopher Kruegel, Giovanni Vigna, "Using Loops For Malware Classification Resilient to Feature-unaware Perturbations". Proceedings of the 34th Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC), San Juan, Dec, 2018.
- [3] Nilo Redini, Aravind Machiry, Dipanjan Das, Yanick Fratantonio, Antonio Bianchi, Eric Gustafson, Yan Shoshitaishvili, Christopher Kruegel, Giovanni Vigna, "BootStomp: On the Security of Bootloaders in Mobile Devices". 26th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX), Vancouver, Aug, 2017.
- [2] Francesco Disperati, Dario Grassini, Enrico Gregori, Alessandro Improta, Luciano Lenzini, Davide Pellegrino, Nilo Redini, "SmartProbe: a Bottleneck Capacity Estimation Tool for Smartphones". IEEE International Conference on Green Computing and Communications and IEEE Internet of Things and IEEE Cyber, Physical and Social Computing (GreenCom-iThings-CPSCom), Beijing, 2013.
- [1] Tommaso Cucinotta, Gianluca Dini, Nilo Redini, "Access Control for the Pepys Internet-wide File-System". In Proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Plan 9 (IWP9 2012), Dublin, Nov, 2012.

ACTIVITIES /
Leadership

Teaching assistant for Christopher Kruegel's course on compilers at UCSB	2016
Reviewer for Computers & Security journal	2018
Reviewer for Engineering Reports journal	2019
Reviewer for IET Information Security journal	2016
• Active member of the charitable organization Operazione Mato Grosso (OMG)	2002 - 2005

Awards

Active member of the charitable organization Operazione Mato Grosso (OMG)	2002 - 2005
 First place in CSAW Embedded Security Challenge (ESC) Winner of research scholarship at Università di Pisa 	2019 2013
• Winner of the "Erasmus Placement" for a paid internship in a company of the European Uni	ion 2012

References

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