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EDUCATION

University of Virginia September 2019 – Current
PhD in Computer Science | Machine Learning and Computer Architecture | GRE: Verbal:167, Quant:168 GPA: 4.0
College of William and Mary August 2016 – May 2019
Bachelors of Science | Double Major in Computer Science and Mathematics GPA: 3.8

SKILLS

Programming Languages C++, Python, C, Zig, SQL, MatLab, Haskell
Software Pandas, Numpy, Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch, sklearn, Linux, GNU PLOT
Specializations Machine Learning, Queuing Theory, Statistics, Probability, CPU/GPU Performance Profiling
Interests Security, Hardware Accelerators, Formal Verification, Hearthstone, FengShui

WORK EXPERIENCE

Stealth Mode Crypto Data Company 2023

- Improved Zig Ethereum implementation performance by ~2x by migrating to an 100x faster AVX512 vectorized hash function

Intel Labs – Architecture Tooling Group | Research Intern Oct 2022 – Jan 2023

- Accelerate SimPoint generation by 200x using hardware performance counters sampling to avoid instrumentation
- Achieve <3% CPI and <10% MPKI estimation accuracy while retaining 1,000,000x benchmarking speedup from SimPoint

University of Virginia – Computer Science Department | PhD Candidate Sep 2019 – Current

- Applied formal verification to ensure that quantized machine learning models remained invulnerable to adversarial attacks using DNNV (<https://github.com/dlshriver/dnnv>), ONNX, and ReluPlex (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.01135>)
- Discovered 2 critical security flaws that threatened execution integrity and data security in modern x86 processors.
- Mentored 5 undergraduate students on computer architecture and machine learning projects, breaking down large projects into digestible chunks, as well as providing instruction on computer architecture, side-channel attacks, machine learning compilers, and ML models (incl. model specification, feature engineering, parameter tuning, and cross-validation).

NXP Semiconductors – Edge Security | ML Research Intern May 2022 – Aug 2022

- Applied statistical and machine learning algorithms (incl. logistic regression, perceptrons, time-convolutional neural networks, decision trees, k-nearest neighbors, random forests, support vector regressions) to monitor CPU performance counters for Spectre and Meltdown type side-channel attacks (Python, scikit-learn, pandas, statsmodels, NumPy, MLJar)
- Leveraged semi-supervised learning-based ML Algorithms (e.g. naive bayes, clustering, mixture models, one-class SVM, isolation forest) to generalize detectors to zero-day attacks with 85% accuracy (Python, scikit-learn)
- Performed usability testing with VP of Edge Software to iterate on detector parameters and maintain usable levels of overhead

Lawrence Berkeley National Lab – Computer Architecture Group | PARADISE++ Project Aug 2020 – Nov 2020

- Implement memory subsystem of an optimistically synchronized parallel discrete-event simulator. C++/Valgrind

SELECTED PROJECTS

ProxyVM – In collaboration with Intel Labs and the Semiconductor Research Corporation Jan 2022 - Current

- Augment profiling tools with differential privacy to enable ML hardware supply chain collaboration without loss of privacy
- Accelerated pre-silicon hardware simulations while maintaining high performance predictability by generating augmented performance traces (basic block vectors augmented with data access pattern vectors).
- Extended existing system to emerging hardware and workloads using LLVM and MLIR as a compatibility layer
- Modify cross-platform machine learning compiler to generate execution traces for benchmarking on CPU, GPU, FPGA, and ASIC

I See Dead Micro-Ops Sep 2019 – Jan 2021

- Analyzed Intel x86 processor design documents to discover potential vulnerability, craft microbenchmarks to reverse undocumented CPU features, and design proof-of-concept exploits for novel vulnerabilities
- Designed micro-architectural benchmarks that characterized undocumented x86 instruction translation mechanisms
- Published novel spectre-type attack in [International Symposium on Computer Architecture](#) (15% acceptance rate).
- Published SMT performance-preserving speculative side-channel defenses to protect processors without compromising performance. [USENIX security](#) (18% acceptance rate)

Equity AI (Honors Thesis, Summa Cum Laude) Dec 2017 – May 2019

- Applied multivariate time-series machine learning to investigate inefficiencies in Chinese stock markets
- Implemented distributed hyperparameter search system to exploit unused computing power in undergraduate computer labs
- Develop paper trading strategies using multi-armed bandit & bayesian optimization for hyperparameter discovery

Int'l Genetically Engineered Machines Contest (iGEM 2017, Int'l 2nd Place & Best Model Award) Oct 2016 – Sep 2017

- Won 2nd place overall & best math model in [international genetic engineering contest](#) (iGEM 2017)
- Modeled behavior of genetic circuits with partial differential models and tested predictions against wet-lab experimental results
- Designed plasmid to implement protein-protease gene circuit to demonstrate novel gene expression rate control method
- Infer physical parameters for PDE protein degradation model using bayesian parameter estimation on Monte Carlo simulations