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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Systems Security, Communication Protocols Security, Software Testing, Applied Cryptography

EDUCATION

- **The Pennsylvania State University** 01/2024 - present
Ph.D. student in Computer Science and Engineering
◦ Advisor: Dr. Syed Rafiul Hussain
University Park, PA
- **The Pennsylvania State University** 08/2021 - 08/2023
M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering
◦ Advisor: Dr. Syed Rafiul Hussain
◦ Thesis: Deviant Behavior Analysis of 5G Core Network Implementations
University Park, PA
- **The Pennsylvania State University** 08/2017 - 05/2021
B.S. in Computer Science
Minor in Cybersecurity Computational Foundations, Computer Engineering, Statistics, and Mathematics Application
◦ Dean's List (Fall 18, Spring 19, Fall 19, Spring 20, Fall 20, Spring 21)
University Park, PA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **The Pennsylvania State University** 08/2022 - 05/2023, 01/2024 - 05/2024
Teaching Assistant (CMPSC 461: Programming Language Concepts)
◦ Prepared questions for assignments and exams for a class of over 250 students.
◦ Held weekly office hours to help students with concepts and assignments.
University Park, PA
- **The Pennsylvania State University** 01/2022 - 05/2022
Learning Assistant (CSE 543: Computer Security)
◦ Designed graduate-level course projects, including cryptography and web security topics.
◦ Held weekly office hours and graded assignments.
University Park, PA
- **The Pennsylvania State University** 08/2020 - 12/2020
Grader (CMPSC 465: Data Structures and Algorithms)
◦ Graded assignments and exams for a class of over 200 students.
University Park, PA

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- **CableLabs** 05/2022 - 08/2022
5G Security Intern
◦ Deployed a test 5G SA network in the lab using SDRs (USRP B210, N310) and open-source implementation.
◦ Modified the OpenAirInterface code to develop a demo PKI solution to prevent fake base station attacks.
◦ Built a SIB message relay to evaluate our solution against potential relay attacks.
Louisville, CO
- **GE Healthcare** 05/2019 - 08/2019
Intern Engineer
◦ Designed a program to provide production data to the new Kanban system.
◦ Developed a web-based document management system using Spring and MySQL.
Shanghai, China

PUBLICATIONS

C=CONFERENCE, J=JOURNAL

- [C4] Syed Md Mukit Rashid, Tianwei Wu, Kai Tu, Abdullah Al Ishtiaq, Ridwanul Hasan Tanvir, Yilu Dong, Omar Chowdhury, Syed Rafiul Hussain. **State Machine Mutation-based Testing Framework for Wireless Communication Protocols**. In *the 2024 ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2024.
- [C3] Rabiah Alnashwan, Yang Yang, Yilu Dong, Prosanta Gope, Behzad Abdolmaleki, Syed Rafiul Hussain. **Strong Privacy-Preserving Universally Composable AKA Protocol with Seamless Handover Support for Mobile Virtual Network Operator**. In *the 2024 ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2024.
- [C2] Kai Tu, Abdullah Al Ishtiaq, Syed Md Mukit Rashid, Yilu Dong, Weixuan Wang, Tianwei Wu, Syed Rafiul Hussain. **Logic Gone Astray: A Security Analysis Framework for the Control Plane Protocols of 5G Basebands**. In *the 33rd USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security)*, 2024. 🏆 **Distinguished Paper Award**
- [C1] Mujtahid Akon, Tianchang Yang, Yilu Dong, Syed Rafiul Hussain. **Formal analysis of access control mechanism of 5G core network**. In *the 2023 ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Cracking the 5G Fortress: Peering Into 5G's Vulnerability Abyss**
BlackHat USA Briefing

08/2024
Las Vegas, NV



REPORTED VULNERABILITIES

- **8 Vulnerabilities in 5G Core Implementations:** CVE-2024-31838, CVE-2024-22728, CVE-2024-33232, CVE-2024-33233, CVE-2024-33236, CVE-2024-33241, CVE-2024-34475, CVE-2024-34476
- **1 Vulnerability in LTE Device:** CVE-2024-32911
- **3 Vulnerabilities in BLE devices:** CVE-2024-20889, CVE-2024-20890, CVE-2024-291554
- **12 Vulnerabilities in 5G commercial baseband:** CVE-2024-28818, CVE-2024-29152, CVE-2023-49927, CVE-2023-49928, CVE-2023-50803, CVE-2023-50804, CVE-2023-52341, CVE-2023-52342, CVE-2023-52343, CVE-2023-52344, CVE-2023-52533, CVE-2023-52534
- **GSMA CVDs:** CVD-2023-0069, CVD-2023-0081






HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Best AI Application Built with Cloudflare** 2024
HackPSU Fall 2024
 - Used LLM to provide interest points of a city specified by a user.
 - Built the web application using Flask and React with TypeScript.
- **Distinguished Paper Award** 2024
the 33rd USENIX Security Symposium
 - Logic Gone Astray: A Security Analysis Framework for the Control Plane Protocols of 5G Basebands [C2].
- **Bug Bounty Reward** 2024
Samsung
 - \$5,700 for reporting several vulnerabilities in 5G implementation [C2].
 - \$2,800 for reporting moderate severity vulnerabilities in BLE [C4].
 - Inducted 6 times in Samsung Product Security Update.
- **Bug Bounty Reward** 2024
Google
 - \$14,250 for high severity vulnerabilities in 5G implementation [C2].
- **Product Security Acknowledgments** 2024
Unisoc
 - Inducted 2 times for identifying security issues in 5G Implementations [C2].
- **Mobile Security Research Acknowledgments** 2023, 2024
GSMA
 - Inducted 2 times in the GSMA Mobile Security Research Acknowledgements (formerly known as Hall of Fame) for identifying security and privacy issues in 5G networks [C1, C2].
- **KCF - Hack the Waiting Room Challenge** 2018
HackPSU Fall 2018
 - Composed sensor data to measure how many people are in a room. Built from scratch in 24 hours.
 - Acted as a major contributor in a 4-person team with no previous experience with Arduino.

SOFTWARE ARTIFACTS FROM RESEARCH

-  **5GBaseChecker (2024):** An automated and scalable security testing framework for 5G basebands.
-  **5GVerif (2023):** A model-based testing framework designed to formally analyze the access control framework of the 5G Core.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPEN-SOURCE PROJECTS

-  **Open5GS**
 - Report a few vulnerabilities that cause AMF or SMF to crash.
-  **free5GC**
 - Report and fix a few vulnerabilities that cause AMF or SMF to crash.
-  **UERANSIM**
 - Report and fix a vulnerability that causes UE to crash.
-  **Magma**
 - Report and fix a few vulnerabilities that cause AMF to crash.
-  **OpenAirInterface CN5G**
 - Report a few vulnerabilities that cause AMF to crash.

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** C, C++, Python, Java, Kotlin, R, Go, Scheme, Rust
- **Web Technologies:** Flask, React.js, Nginx, REST API, JavaScript, TypeScript
- **Other Software and Tools:** Docker, Git, Bash, Wireshark, GDB, OpenSSL, SQL, MongoDB, NumPy, Pandas, protobuf
- **5G-Related Software Stack:** srsRAN, OpenAirInterface, free5GC, Open5GS, UERANSIM, Magma, asn1c
- **Languages:** English (professional), Chinese (native), Japanese (Elementary)