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CYBER SECURITY RESEARCHER

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Education

Concordia University

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INFORMATION AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

- **Thesis:** N/A - Ongoing

Montréal, Canada

Sep. 2020 - Present

ImamReza University

MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS IN SECURE COMPUTATION

- **Thesis:** Designing a Framework for Security Assessment in the IoT Application Layer

Mashhad, Iran

Sep. 2017 - July. 2020

Khavaran Institute of Higher Education

BACHELOR OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

- **Thesis:** Designed An Open-source Penetration Testing Framework With A Pipeline And Multi Thread Approach

Mashhad, Iran

Jan. 2014 - Nov. 2016

Kharazmi Khorasan Institute of Higher Education

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

- **Thesis:** Web Application Penetration Testing Based On OWASP ASVS Standard

Mashhad, Iran

Jan. 2012 - Jan. 2014

Skills

Application Security

Vulnerability detection and exploitation based on OWASP ASVS/MASVS

Reverse Engineering

x86/Arm static and dynamic analysis (Linux, Android, Darwin), Binary patch development

Network

Socket programming, Application layer protocols, Linux network administration

Forensics

Web application, Mobile application, Network, Memory

Programming

Rust, Python, Assembly (x86/Arm), C, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, Shell Scripting, Latex

Technologies

eBPF (TC Classifiers, XDP, K/Uprobes), AOSP, Intel SGX (Apache Teaclave), TLS 1.3 Protocol

Experience

Concordia University

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Research on Android runtime (ART) and kernel (goldfish).
- Research on Android security and privacy with obfuscation communications as the primary focus.
- Implementing a hybrid PHP analysis tool based on AST to detect phishing kit backdoors.

Montréal, Canada

Sep. 2020 - Present

Ericsson (Mitacs Accelerate program)

INTERN

- Implemented LURK (Ericsson's cryptographic service) protocol for TLS1.3 client in rustls using apache teaclave (Intel® SGX).

Ericsson (Mitacs Accelerate program)

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- Implemented and measured a rust web server on top of Ericsson's cryptographic service integrated with OpenSSL (Intel® SGX)

Montréal, Canada

May. 2022 - Sep. 2022

Montréal, Canada

May. 2021 - Sep. 2021

CERT of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad

APPLICATION SECURITY SPECIALIST

- Established and lead internal research groups (Web application security auditing, Mobile application security auditing, reverse engineering).
- Consulted and performed penetration testing of more than 380 web applications based on OWASP ASVS.
- Consulted and performed penetration testing of 35 mobile applications based on OWASP ASVS/MASVS
- Performed Reverse engineering and security analysis of SIP-T22P Yealink firmware.

Mashhad, Iran

Nov. 2013 - Apr. 2021

CERT of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad

WEB APPLICATION PENETRATION TESTER

- Consulted and performed penetration testing of more than 60 web applications based on OWASP ASVS.
- Network security assessment of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad.
- Research in HTTP authentication downgrading.

Mashhad, Iran

Apr. 2009 - Nov. 2013

Publications

Leaky Kits: The Increased Risk of Data Exposure from Phishing Kits

BHASKAR TEJASWI, NAYANAMANA SAMARASINGHE, SAJJAD POURALI, MOHAMMAD MANNAN, AMR YOUSSEF
APWG eCrime'22: The Symposium on Electronic Crime Research

Online
Nov 30-Dec 2. 2022

Hidden in Plain Sight: Exploring Encrypted Channels in Android apps

SAJJAD POURALI, NAYANAMANA SAMARASINGHE, MOHAMMAD MANNAN

CCS '22: Proceedings of the 2022 ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security

Los Angeles, USA
Nov 7-11. 2022

Presentation

ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security

PAPER PRESENTER

- Hidden in Plain Sight: Exploring Encrypted Channels in Android apps

Los Angeles, USA
Nov. 2022

First cybersecurity tournament for high school students

PRESENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ISC CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION SECURITY AND CRYPTOLOGY (SECURITY VILLAGE)

- Cyber security awareness for high school students

Mashhad, Iran
Mar. 2019

2nd Conference on Cyberspace Security Incidents and Vulnerabilities

WORKSHOP PRESENTER

- Advanced SQL and NoSQL Injections techniques in Web Applications

Mashhad, Iran
Mar. 2017

First Meeting of Khorasan Province IT Directors

PRESENTER FORM CERT OF FERDOWSI UNIVERSITY OF MASHHAD

- Introduction to Web Application Security and Vulnerability Lifecycle
- Introduction to SQL Injection Attacks and its consequences

Mashhad, Iran
Jul. 2016

Honors & Awards

CTF (IRGEEKS)

2019	1st Place , NSec 2019 Hacking Competition	National, Iran
2018	4th Place , ASIS CTF Finals 2018 Hacking Competition	CTFtime
2018	4th Place , SharifCTF 8 Hacking Competition	CTFtime
2018	5th Place , nullcom HackIM 2018 Hacking Competition	CTFtime
2018	6th Place , RITSEC CTF 2018 Hacking Competition	CTFtime
2016	1st Place , 7th international SharifCTF Hacking Competition	CTFtime
2016	2nd Place , Blaze CTF 2016 Hacking Competition	CTFtime

CVE

2020	CVE-2020-5188 , File upload vulnerability in DNN (DotNetNuke)	NIST - Medium
2020	CVE-2020-5187 , Zip Slip vulnerability in DNN (DotNetNuke)	NIST - Medium
2020	CVE-2020-5186 , Cross-site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in DNN (DotNetNuke)	NIST - Medium
2014	CVE-2014-4424 , SQL injection vulnerability in Wiki Server in Apple OS X Server	Apple Apple Apple
2013	CVE-2013-5117 , SQL injection vulnerability in the ZLDNN DNN-Article module for DotNetNuke	NIST - SecLists
2013	CVE-2013-4649 , Cross-site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in DNN (DotNetNuke)	NIST - PacketStorm
2013	CVE-2013-0722 , Stack-based buffer overflow in Ettercap	NIST - RedHat
2012	CVE-2012-0389 , Cross-site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in MailEnable	NIST - Tenable