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Research Interests

Network measurement, networks, censorship circumvention, improving digital privacy/security, and predicting financial markets through stochastic models.

Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst

M.S. Computer Science

Amherst, MA

May 2018 – May 2020

- Advisor: Phillipa Gill

University of Massachusetts Amherst

B.S. Computer Science, Minor: Mathematics

Amherst, MA

Sep. 2016 – May 2018

- Advisor: Phillipa Gill
- Notable Courses: Machine Learning (CS 589), Detecting Interference in Networks (CS 690B), Artificial Intelligence (CS 383), Financial Mathematics (M 537)

Research

Calipr Lab

Advisor: Phillipa Gill

Amherst, MA

Jan. 2017 – Current

- **Multi-CDN**

A study into performances of CDNs over time, varied by country, source AS, destination AS, and client. Compared local vs. remote caching, and do studies on developing regions and IPV4 vs. IPV6. Pinpointed strategies in Microsoft's and Apple's deployment of CDNs for delivering software updates to clients, and identified impacts of client CDN migration and changes in CDN routing.

- **China's Firewall and Unpublished Tor Bridges**

A revisit to a series of papers published in 2012 and 2015, taking an updated look at how the Great Firewall of China (GFC) blocks unpublished tor relays, specifically bridge relays. We performed in-depth fingerprinting of GFC active scanners, how the GFC performs deep packet inspection (DPI) to determine the presence of Tor traffic, and proposed and tested circumvention methods for Chinese Tor users.

Experience

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Departmental Assistant

Amherst, MA

May 2018 – Sep. 2018

- Departmental assistant in Computer Science department to perform research in Calipr Lab, focused in network theory and coding theory. Working on multiple networks projects, such as Multi-CDN and analyzing China's firewall.

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Research Experience for Undergraduates

Amherst, MA

May 2017 – Sep. 2017

- Awarded stipend from grant to work in Calipr Lab at UMass on network measurement projects, most notably MultiCDN. Worked on projects throughout the summer, and did key parts of analysis for the final paper.

Aura Political Group

Information Technology Specialist

Atlanta, GA

Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2016

- Developed software and websites for clients. Deployed and managed encrypted communication servers for secure communications between firm and clients.

nMomentum Corporation

DevOps

Atlanta, GA

Jan. 2010 – Current

- Deploy & manage critical network infrastructure (web/storage servers, encrypted file systems, secure remote file synchronization). Develop websites and software for company and its clients.

Publications

1. Arun Dunna, Ciarán O'Brien, and Phillipa Gill. Analyzing China's Blocking of Unpublished Tor Bridges. Submitted to *USENIX Workshop on Free and Open Communications on the Internet (FOCI)*. Baltimore, MD. Aug. 2018.
2. Rachee Singh, Arun Dunna, and Phillipa Gill. Characterizing the Deployment and Performance of Multi-CDNs. Submitted to *ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC)*. Boston, MA. Oct. 2018.

Presentations

- *A Study of Tor Relay Blocking in China*
 - CS 690B Course Presentation – Amherst, MA (May 2018)

Skills

- **Languages:** Bash, Bro, C, C++, C#, CSS, HTML, Java, JavaScript, LaTeX, Lua, PHP, Python, R, Ruby, SQL, XML
- **Platforms:** Android, Unix, Windows
- **Specializations:** Cryptography, cybersecurity, Internet measurement, machine learning, networking, software/web development, Unix systems

Projects

- **sCTF**, <https://sctf.io> *Dec. 2014 – Jan. 2018*
Founded online capture-the-flag competition focused on K-12 students. Largest had over 4000 competitors (K-12 and university students, industry professionals), and 56000 problem submissions.
- **STASiS**, <https://github.com/adunna/STASiS> *Oct. 2016*
Situational Analysis System: A tool for automatically monitoring for specific situations, such as a fire or a drunk driver, through visual input (picture or video), machine learning, and statistical analysis, all packaged with a nice front-end. Developed in 36 hours at HackUMass 2016, winner of MITRE Award.

Awards

- **NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates** *May 2017 - Sep. 2017*
National Science Foundation
- **Dean's List Honors** *Sep. 2016 - May 2018*
University of Massachusetts Amherst
- **Chancellor's Award Scholarship** *Sep. 2016 - May 2018*
University of Massachusetts Amherst
- **MITRE Award (STASiS)** *Oct. 2016*
HackUMass