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## Education

- 08/2016 - 03/2022      Ph.D. in computer science, **National University of Singapore** (Singapore)  
Advised by Prof. Zhenkai Liang and Prof. Min Suk Kang  
Ph.D. thesis: *Handling network attacks exploiting routing information asymmetries*
- 09/2011 - 07/2015      B.S. in computer science, **Vietnam National University** (Vietnam)  
Advised by Prof. Hoang Truong  
Thesis: *Some improvements for regular expression solving in Z3-Regex*

## Work experience

- 09/2022 -                      Postdoctoral researcher, **ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)
- 04/2022 - 08/2022              Research fellow, **National University of Singapore** (Singapore)
- 08/2020 - 03/2022              Research assistant, **National University of Singapore** (Singapore)
- 05/2018 - 08/2018              Intern researcher, **IBM Research** (Singapore)
- 01/2016 - 07/2016              Research assistant, **National University of Singapore** (Singapore)
- 07/2015 - 12/2015              Intern researcher, **National University of Singapore** (Singapore)

## Pedagogical training

- 2024                              *Teaching in the English-speaking classroom, ETH Zurich* (Switzerland)  
*Teaching Portfolio and Teaching Statement, ETH Zurich* (Switzerland)

## Teaching experience

- 2023                      *Advanced Topics in Communication Networks*  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
*Teaching assistant*
- 2020                      *Network Security*  
**National University of Singapore** (Singapore)  
*Teaching assistant*
- 2018                      *Network Security*  
**National University of Singapore** (Singapore)  
*Teaching assistant*
- 2017                      *System Security*  
*Introduction to Operating Systems*  
**National University of Singapore** (Singapore)  
*Teaching assistant*
- 2016                      *Programming language concepts*  
**National University of Singapore** (Singapore)  
*Teaching assistant*

## Guest lectures

- 2023                      *Network security*  
in *Advanced Topics in Communication Networks*  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)
- 2020 - 2022              *Blockchain network security*  
in *Network Security*  
**National University of Singapore** (Singapore)
- 2020                      *Blockchain network security*  
in *Network Security*  
**Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology** (Korea)

## Supervision

✦ indicates a thesis/project which leads to a peer-reviewed publication

- 2024
- Cheng-kang Chen  
**National University of Taiwan** (Taiwan)  
Master's thesis: *Finding storage and function collisions in proxy smart contracts*
- Alessandro Giaconia  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
Semester project: *Manipulating BGP monitors*
- Nikodem Kernbach  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
Master's thesis: *Exploring Morphing DDoS Attacks*
- Dominique Portenier  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
Semester project: *Stealthier BGP Hijacking Attacks*
- 2023
- Kai De Windt  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
Bachelor's thesis: *Network-level Attacks Against Ethereum PoS*
- Kilian Dasen  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
Semester project: *The Ramifications of Physical Failures on the Logical Internet*
- Nguyet-Anh Duong  
**Vietnam National University** (Vietnam)  
Bachelor's thesis: *Securing Cross-chain Bridges with Network-based Obfuscation*
- 2022
- Theo von Arx  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
Master's thesis: *Generalizing Passive Routing Attacks Against Overlay Networks* ✦
- Jonas Konrath  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
Bachelor's project: *Detection of Large-scale Synchronized BGP Hijacking Attacks*

## Publications

- 2024 Muoi Tran, Theo von Arx, Laurent Vanbever  
Routing Attacks on Cryptocurrency Mining Pools  
*45th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P '24)*
- 2023 Theo von Arx, Muoi Tran, Laurent Vanbever  
Revelio: A Network-Level Privacy Attack in the Lightning Network  
*8th IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P '23)*
- Jaehyun Ha, Seungjin Baek, Muoi Tran, Min Suk Kang  
On the Sustainability of Bitcoin Partitioning Attacks  
*27th Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security (FC '23)*
- 2022 Seungjin Baek, Hocheol Nam, Yongwoo Oh, Muoi Tran, Min Suk Kang  
Short paper: On the Claims of Weak Block Synchronization in Bitcoin  
*26th Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security (FC '22)*
- 2021 Muoi Tran, Akshaye Sheno, Min Suk Kang  
On the Routing-Aware Peering against Network-Eclipse Attacks in Bitcoin  
*30th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security '21)*
- 2020 Muoi Tran, Inho Choi, Gi Jun Moon, Anh V. Vu, Min Suk Kang  
A Stealthier Partitioning Attack against Bitcoin Peer-to-Peer Network  
*41st IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P '20)*
- 2019 D. Gong, Muoi Tran, Shweta Shinde, H. Jin, Vyas Sekar, Prateek Saxena, Min Suk Kang  
Practical Verifiable In-network Filtering for DDoS defense  
*39th IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS '19)*
- Muoi Tran, Min Suk Kang, Hsu-Chun Hsiao, W.H. Chiang, S.P. Tung, Y.S. Wang  
On the Feasibility of Rerouting-based DDoS Defenses  
*40th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P '19)*
- 2018 Muoi Tran, Loi Luu, Min Suk Kang, Iddo Bentov, Prateek Saxena  
Obscuro: A Bitcoin Mixer using Trusted Execution Environments  
*34th Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC '18)*

## Preprints

Wen-yi Chu, Cheng-Kang Chen, Muoi Tran, Hsun Lee, Laurent Vanbever,  
Hsu-Chun Hsiao

Uncovering All Proxy Smart Contracts in Ethereum

Georgia Fragkouli, Pavlos Nikolopoulos, Muoi Tran, Laurent Vanbever,  
Katerina Argyraki

Detecting Network Service-Level Agreement Violations with Aether

Wonhoi Kim, Hochoel Nam, Muoi Tran, Amin Jalilov, Zhenkai Liang, Sang Kil Cha,  
Min Suk Kang

Fork State-Aware Differential Fuzzing for Blockchain Consensus Implementations

## Honors

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| 2022        | Dean's Research Excellence Award<br><b>National University of Singapore</b> (Singapore)  |
| 2021        | Distinguished Shadow Program Committee Reviewer<br><b>41st IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy</b> (United States)  |
| 2019 - 2020 | President's Graduate Fellowship<br><b>National University of Singapore</b> (Singapore)   |
| 2019        | Microsoft Research Asia Fellowship<br><b>Microsoft</b> (China)<br><br>Dean's Research Achievement Award<br><b>National University of Singapore</b> (Singapore) |
| 2017        | I&E Practicum@SoC, 10K SGD<br><b>National University of Singapore</b> (Singapore)  |
| 2016 - 2019 | Research Scholarship<br><b>National University of Singapore</b> (Singapore)  |
| 2015        | Young Engineer and Scientist's (Y-E-S) Award<br><b>Honda Foundation</b> (Vietnam)  |

## Services

- 2024
- 45th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P)  
*Poster PC member*
  - 31th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)  
*Technical PC member*
  - 9th IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P)  
*Technical PC member*
- 2023
- 44th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P)  
*Poster PC member*
- 2022
- 43rd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P)  
*Poster PC member*
- 2021
- 9th International Workshop on Security in Blockchain and Cloud Computing (SBC)  
*Technical PC member*
  - The Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS) 2021  
*External reviewer*
- 2020
- 42nd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P)  
*Poster and Shadow PC member*
  - 27th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)  
*External reviewer*
  - 15th ACM Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security (AsiaCCS)  
*External reviewer*
  - 24th International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security (FC)  
*External reviewer*
- 2017
- 18th World Conference on Information Security Applications (WISA)  
*External reviewer*
  - Int. Conf. on Verification, Model Checking, and Abstract Interpretation (VMCAI)  
*External reviewer*
- 2016
- ACM Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages & Applications (OOPSLA)  
*External reviewer*

## Invited talks

- 2024                      When Cryptocurrency Meets Network Security: the layers, attacks, and defenses  
**EPFL** (Switzerland)  
**Vietnam National University** (Vietnam)
- 2022                      Attacking and Fixing the Bitcoin Network  
**Syracuse University** (United States)  
**Vietnam National University** (Vietnam)  
**University of Cambridge** (United Kingdom)
- 2021                      Handling Network Attacks Exploiting Routing Information Asymmetries  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
**CISPA Helmholtz Center for Information Security** (Germany)
- On the Routing-Aware Peering against Network-Eclipse Attacks in Bitcoin  
**Theory and Practice of Blockchains** (Online)
- 2019                      Recent Bitcoin Partitioning Attacks  
**Microsoft Research Asia** (China)

## References

- Postdoctoral advisor                      Associate professor, Dr. Laurent Vanbever  
**ETH Zurich** (Switzerland)  
[lvanbever@ethz.ch](mailto:lvanbever@ethz.ch)
- Main Ph.D. advisor                         Associate professor, Dr. Min Suk Kang  
**Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology** (Korea)  
[minsukk@kaist.ac.kr](mailto:minsukk@kaist.ac.kr)
- Caretaker Ph.D. advisor                      Associate professor, Dr. Zhenkai Liang  
**National University of Singapore** (Singapore)  
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