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EDUCATION

- **University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA** Aug. 2014 – May 2020
Ph.D. in Computer Science
Advisor: Prof. Tudor Dumitras
- **Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA** May 2013 – May 2014
Attended in the Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering for Ph.D. program
Transferred to University of Maryland due to Dr. Turner's retirement
Advisor: Prof. Jonathan Turner
- **University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA** Aug. 2011 – May 2013
M.S. in Computer Science
- **Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS), South Korea** Mar. 2003 – Feb. 2011
B.E. in Computer Science and Engineering

APPOINTMENTS

- **University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Knoxville, TN** Aug. 2020 – present
Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- **Symantec Research Labs, Culver City, CA** Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019
Research Intern
- **Korea Electronics Technology Institute (KETI), South Korea** Feb. 2008 – Jul. 2011
Research Intern

HONORS & AWARDS

- Best Student Paper Award, *WISA*, 2022
- Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, *University of Maryland*, 2019
- 2nd and 4th Prizes at Research Competition for Korean Graduate Students, 2018
- 5th Annual NSA Best Scientific Cybersecurity Paper, *NSA*, 2017
- Valedictorian Award, *Dept. of CSE, HUFS*, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Conference Proceedings

- C.19. **Poisoned ChatGPT Finds Work for Idle Hands: Exploring Developers' Coding Practices with Insecure Suggestions from Poisoned AI Models.**
Sanghak Oh, Kiho Lee, Seonhye Park, **Doowon Kim**, and Hyounghshick Kim.
IEEE S&P '24: The 45th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy.
- C.18. **Sharing Cyber Threat Intelligence: Does It Really Help?**
Beomjin Jin, Eunsoo Kim, Hyunwoo Lee, Elisa Bertino, **Doowon Kim**, Hyounghshick Kim.
NDSS '24: The 31st Network and Distributed System Security Symposium.

- C.17. **A Large Scale Study and Classification of VirusTotal Reports on Phishing and Malware URLs.**
Euijin Choo, Mohamed Nabeel, **Doowon Kim**, Ravindu De Silva, Ting Yu, and Issa Khalil.
ACM SIGMETRICS '24: ACM Special Interest Group on Measurement and Evaluation 2024.
- C.16. **A Longitudinal Study of Vulnerable Client-side Resources and Web Developers' Updating Behaviors.**
Kyungchan Lim, Yonghwi Kwon, and **Doowon Kim**.
ACM IMC 2023: The 23rd ACM Internet Measurement Conference.
- C.15. **PyFET: Forensically Equivalent Transformation for Python Binary Decompilation.**
Ali Ahad, Chijung Jung, Ammar Askar, **Doowon Kim**, Taesoo Kim, and Yonghwi Kwon.
IEEE S&P'23: The 44th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland).
- C.14. **Deep Sequence Models for Packet Stream Analysis and Early Decisions.**
Minji Kim, Dongeun Lee, Kookjin Lee, **Doowon Kim**, Sangman Lee, and Jinoh Kim.
LCN'22: The 47th IEEE Conference on Local Computer Networks.
- C.13. **Dazzle-attack: Anti-Forensic Server-side Attack via Fail-free Dynamic State Machine.**
**Best Student Paper Award.*
Bora Lee*, Kyungchan Lim*, JiHo Lee, Chijung Jung, **Doowon Kim**, Kyu Hyung Lee, Haehyun Cho, and Yonghwi Kwon. (*: co-first authors)
WISA'22: The 23rd World Conference on Information Security Applications.
- C.12. **Hiding Critical Program Components via Ambiguous Translation.**
Chijung Jung, **Doowon Kim**, An Chen, Weihang Wang, Yunhui Zheng, Kyu Hyung Lee, and Yonghwi Kwon.
ICSE 2022: International Conference on Software Engineering.
Acceptance rate: 28.5% (197 out of 691).
- C.11. **Defeating program analysis techniques via Ambiguous Translation.**
Chijung Jung, **Doowon Kim**, Weihang Wang, Yunhui Zheng, Kyu Hyung Lee, and Yonghwi Kwon.
ASE 2021 (NIER): 36th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (New Ideas and Emerging Results Track).
- C.10. **Certified Malware in South Korea: A Localized Study of Breaches of Trust in Code-Signing PKI Ecosystem.**
Bumjun Kwon, Sanghyun Hong, Yuseok Jeon, and **Doowon Kim**.
ICICS 2021: The 2021 International Conference on Information and Communications Security.
Acceptance rate: 24.3% (49 out of 202).
- C.9. **Security Analysis on Practices of Certificate Authorities in the HTTPS Phishing Ecosystem.**
Doowon Kim, Haehyun Cho, Yonghwi Kwon, Adam Doupe, Sooel Son, Gail-Joon Ahn, Tudor Dumitras.
AsiaCCS 2021: ACM ASIA Conference on Computer and Communications Security.
Acceptance rate: 19.3% (70 out of 362)
- C.8. **Analyzing Spatial Differences in the TLS Security of Delegated Web Services.**
Joonhee Lee, Hyunwoo Lee, Jongheon Jeong, **Doowon Kim**, Taekyoung "Ted" Kwon.
AsiaCCS 2021: ACM ASIA Conference on Computer and Communications Security.
Acceptance rate: 19.3% (70 out of 362).
- C.7. **TLS 1.3 in Practice: How TLS 1.3 Contributes to the Internet.**
Hyunwoo Lee, **Doowon Kim**, and Yonghwi Kwon.
The Web Conference 2021 (TheWebConf 2021, formerly WWW).
Acceptance rate: 20.6% (357 out of 1736).

- C.6. **Scam Pandemic: How Attackers Exploit Public Fear through Phishing.**
Marzieh Bitaab, Haehyun Cho, Adam Oest, Penghui Zhang, Zhibo Sun, Rana Pourmohamad, **Doowon Kim**, Tiffany Bao, Ruoyu Wang, Yan Shoshitaishvili, Adam Doupé, and Gail-Joon Ahn.
eCrime 2020: The 2020 APWG Symposium on Electronic Crime Research.
- C.5. **The Broken Shield: Measuring Revocation Effectiveness in the Windows Code-Signing PKI.**
Doowon Kim, Bum Jun Kwon, Kristián Kozák, Christopher Gates, and Tudor Dumitraş.
USENIX Security 2018: USENIX Security Symposium.
Acceptance rate: 19.2% (100 out of 520).
- C.4. **Certified Malware: Measuring Breaches of Trust in the Windows Code-Signing PKI.**
Doowon Kim, Bum Jun Kwon, and Tudor Dumitraş.
CCS 2017: ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security.
Acceptance rate: 18.1% (151 out of 836).
- C.3. **Comparing the usability of cryptographic APIs.**
Yasemin Acar, Michael Backes, Sascha Fahl, Simson Garfinkel, **Doowon Kim**, Michelle L. Mazurek, and Christian Stransky. (The authors are alphabetically ordered.)
S&P 2017: IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P).
Acceptance rate: 14.3% (60 out of 419).
- C.2. **An inconvenient trust: User attitudes toward security and usability tradeoffs for key-directory encryption systems.**
Wei Bai, **Doowon Kim**, Moses Namara, Yichen Qian, Patrick Gage Kelley, and Michelle L. Mazurek.
SOUPS 2016: Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security.
- C.1. **You get where you're looking for: The impact of information sources on code security.**
**Awarded the 5th annual NSA Best Scientific Cybersecurity Paper.*
Yasemin Acar, Michael Backes, Sascha Fahl, **Doowon Kim**, Michelle L. Mazurek, and Christian Stransky. (The authors are alphabetically ordered.)
S&P 2016: IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P).
Acceptance rate: 13.4% (55 out of 411).

Refereed Journal & Magazine Articles

- J.4. **fFTP: a fast file transfer protocol for home N-screen platform.**
Doowon Kim, Jinsuk Baek, Paul S Fisher, Sangchul Kim.
Personal and Ubiquitous Computing. October 2017. DOI: 10.1007/s00779-017-1082-5
- J.3. **Balancing security and usability in encrypted email.**
Wei Bai, **Doowon Kim**, Moses Namara, Yichen Qian, Patrick Gage Kelley, and Michelle L. Mazurek.
IEEE Internet Computing: 21 (3), 30-38. 2017
- J.2. **How Internet Resources Might Be Helping You Develop Faster but Less Securely.**
Yasemin Acar, Michael Backes, Sascha Fahl, **Doowon Kim**, Michelle L Mazurek, Christian Stransky.
(The authors are alphabetically ordered.)
IEEE Security & Privacy, vol. 15, no. 2, pp. 50-60, 2017. doi: 10.1109/MSP.2017.24.
- J.1. **An Adaptive Primary Path Switching Scheme for Seamless mSCTP Handover.**
Jinsuk Baek, **Doowon Kim**, Paul S. Fisher, and Minho Jo.
Smart Computing Review (Smart CR) 2014 (Invited Paper).

Refereed Workshop Proceedings

- W.3. **Evaluating Password Composition Policy and Password Meters of Popular Websites.**
Kyungchan Lim, Joshua H. Kang, Matthew Dixon, Hyungjoon Koo, and **Doowon Kim**.
SecWeb 2023: SecWeb Workshop 2023 co-located with IEEE S&P '23.

W.2. Issued for Abuse: Measuring the Underground Trade in Code Signing Certificate.

Kristián Kozák, Bum Jun Kwon, **Doowon Kim**, and Tudor Dumitraş.
WEIS 2018: The Workshop on the Economics of Information Security.

W.1. Lessons learned from using an online platform to conduct large-scale, online controlled security experiments with software developers.

Christian Stransky, Yasemin Acar, Duc Cuong Nguyen, Dominik Wermke, Elissa M. Redmiles, **Doowon Kim**, Michael Backes, Simson Garfinkel, Michelle L. Mazurek, and Sascha Fahl.
CSET 2017: Workshop on Cyber Security Experimentation and Test.

Refereed Posters and Demos

P.5. Poster: Analysis of Reused Private Keys in the Code Signing PKI.

Doowon Kim, S. Gokberk Karaca and Tudor Dumitraş.
NDSS 2019: Network and Distributed System Security Symposium

P.4. An Inconvenient Trust: User Attitudes toward Security and Usability Tradeoffs for Key-Directory Encryption Systems.

Wei Bai, **Doowon Kim**, Moses Namara, Yichen Qian, Patrick Gage Kelley, Michelle L. Mazurek.
Black Hat USA, August 2016.

P.3. You get where you're looking for: The impact of information sources on code security.

Yasemin Acar, Michael Backes, Sascha Fahl, **Doowon Kim**, Michelle L. Mazurek, and Christian Stransky.
SOUPS 2016: Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security. (Previously published paper.)

P.2. Adaptive Video Streaming over HTTP.

Doowon Kim, Jinsuk Baek, and Paul S. Fisher.
ACM SE 2014: The 49th ACM Southeast Conference.

P.1. Implementation of Framework to Identify Potential Phishing Websites.

Doowon Kim, Chaitanya Achan, Jinsuk Baek, and Paul S. Fisher.
IEEE ISI 2013: 2013 IEEE Intelligence and Security Informatics.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Technical Program Committee

- [CCS] ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security – 2021
- [NDSS] Network and Distributed System Security Symposium – 2023, 2024
- [WWW] The Web Conference (security track) – 2022
- [AsiaCCS] ACM Asia Conference on Computer and Communications Security – 2022, 2023, 2024
- [Euro S&P] IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy – 2023
- [RAID] International Symposium on Research in Attacks, Intrusions and Defenses – 2021, 2022, 2023
- [TMA] Network Traffic Measurement and Analysis Conference – 2022, 2023, 2024
- [WiSec] ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks – 2021, 2022
- [CODASPY] ACM Conference on Data and Application Security and Privacy – 2021
- [ICICS] International Conference on Information and Communications Security – 2021, 2022
- [WISA] World Conference on Information Security Applications – 2022, 2023
- [MSN] International Conference on Mobility, Sensing and Networking – 2021
- [CSET] Workshop on Cyber Security Experimentation and Test – 2020, 2021
- [CheckMATE] Man-At-The-Middle Attacks Workshop – 2021, 2022
- [WPES] Workshop on Privacy in the Electronic Society – 2022
- [WebSec] SecWeb Workshop – 2023

Journal Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Computers
- Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers

Program Chair/Co-Chair

- Scholarship/Mentorship Chair: *Korean Computer Scientists and Engineers Association in America Technical Symposium 2022*
- Publication Chair: *IEEE Secure Development Conference (SecDev) 2022*
- Student Travel Grants Chair: *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) 2021*
- Poster Session Chair: *Korean Computer Scientists and Engineers Association in America Technical Symposium 2021*

External Reviewer

- ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) – 2017, 2018, 2019
- The Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS) – 2018, 2019, 2020
- IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P) – 2018, 2019
- USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security) – 2018
- Conference on Data and Application Security and Privacy (CODASPY) – 2020
- Research in Attacks, Intrusions and Defenses (RAID) – 2018, 2019

TEACHING

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| • COSC 469/569: Human Factors in Cybersecurity, <i>UTK</i> , Instructor. | Fall 2023 |
| • COSC 466/566: Software Security, <i>UTK</i> , Instructor. | Spring 2023 |
| • COSC 469/569: Human Factors in Cybersecurity, <i>UTK</i> , Instructor. | Fall 2022 |
| • COSC 366: Introduction to Cybersecurity, <i>UTK</i> , Instructor. | Spring 2021 |
| • COSC 469/569: Human Factors in Cybersecurity, <i>UTK</i> , Instructor. | Fall 2021 |
| • COSC 366: Introduction to Cybersecurity, <i>UTK</i> , Instructor. | Spring 2020 |
| • COSC 469/569: Human Factors in Cybersecurity, <i>UTK</i> , Instructor. | Fall 2020 |
| • CMSC 131: Object-Oriented Programming, <i>UMD</i> , Teaching Assistant. | Spring 2017 |
| • CMSC 131: Object-Oriented Programming, <i>UMD</i> , Teaching Assistant. | Spring 2015 |

SELECTED PRESS

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- [Ars Technica] Hackers infect multiple game developers with advanced malware, May 2020.
 - [Elastic] Introducing Elastic Endpoint Security, Oct. 2019.
 - [Venafi] Dark Web e-Shops Now Distributing Code Signing Certificates for Malware, Jul. 2018.
 - [Help Net Security] Underground vendors can reliably obtain code signing certificates from CAs, Jun. 2018.
 - [The Register] 'No questions asked' Windows code cert slingers 'fuel trade' in digitally signed malware, Jun 2018.
 - [MUO] What Is Code-Signed Malware and How Do You Avoid It?, May, 2019.
 - [Security Affairs] Study confirms the trade of code-signing certificates is a flourishing business, Mar. 2018.
 - [The Register] Suspicious cert-sellers give badware a good name for just a few thousand bucks, Mar. 2018.
 - [ENISA] Valid Digital Certificates Code Signing Malware, Jun. 2018.

- [Schneier on Security] Signed Malware, Feb. 2018.
- [Intezer] Don't Be Fooled By Malware Signed with Stolen Certificates - How Intezer Analyze™ Detects Major Breaches in Security, Dec. 2017.
- [Cyber Defense Magazine] Malware signed with stolen Digital code-signing certificates continues to bypass security software, Nov. 2017
- [Tech Target] Certificate authority business undergoes major changes, Nov. 2017.
- [Security Intelligence] Public Key Infrastructure Concerns Raise Questions Over Internet Authentication System, Nov. 2017.
- [Hacker News] The Rise of Super-Stealthy Digitally Signed Malware - Thanks to the Dark Web, Nov. 2017.
- [Security Affairs] Malware signed with stolen Digital code-signing certificates continues to bypass security software, Nov. 2017.
- [Systweak] Legitimate digitally signed certificates for sale on dark web, Nov. 2017.
- [CPS-VO] Hackers Abusing Digital Certs Smuggle Malware past Security Scanners, Nov. 2017.
- [TechWire Asia] How US\$1000 (or nothing) buys malware access to your network, Nov. 2017.
- [ThreatPost] Assessing Weaknesses in Public Key Infrastructure, Nov. 2017.
- [Ars Technica] Stuxnet-style code signing is more widespread than anyone thought, Nov. 2017.
- [HashedOut] Compromised Code Signing Certificates Aiding Hackers Spread Malware, Nov. 2017.
- [The Register] Hackers abusing digital certs smuggle malware past security scanners. Nov. 2017.

INVITED TALKS

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| • Understanding of the Security Threats in the Software Supply Chain Ecosystem.
<i>Silicon Valley Cybersecurity Conference 2022. Online</i> | Aug. 2022 |
| • Certified Malware and Phishing Attacks.
<i>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Knoxville, TN, USA</i> | May 2022 |
| • Intro to Computer Science and Cybersecurity.
<i>Bearden High School, Knoxville, TN, USA</i> | Apr. 2022 |
| • Understanding of Security Threats in the PKIs.
<i>Soongsil University, Korea (Remote)</i> | Jun. 2021 |
| • Security Analysis on Practices of Certificate Authorities in the HTTPS Phishing Ecosystem.
<i>AsiaCCS 2021, China (Remote)</i> | Jun. 2021 |
| • Intro to Computer Science and Cybersecurity.
<i>Bearden High School, Knoxville, TN, USA</i> | May 2021 |
| • TLS 1.3 in Practice: How TLS 1.3 Contributes to the Internet.
<i>The Web Conference 2021 (Formerly WWW), Virtual</i> | Apr. 2021 |
| • The Code-Signing PKI and Abuse, <i>Research talk at University of Texas at Dallas, TX, USA</i> | Jun. 2020 |
| • How Usability of Crypto APIs and Information Sources Impact Code Security.
<i>Korean Workshop on Usable Security (K-USEC), South Korea</i>
<i>Stony Brook University Korea (SUNY Korea), South Korea</i> | Jan. 2019
Jan. 2019 |
| • End-to-end Measurements of Security Threats in the Code Signing PKI.
<i>Yonsei University, South Korea</i>
<i>Korea University, South Korea</i>
<i>Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), South Korea</i>
<i>Samsung Research, South Korea</i> | Jan. 2019
Jan. 2019
Dec. 2018
Aug. 2018 |

<i>Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), South Korea</i>	Aug. 2018
<i>Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI), South Korea</i>	Aug. 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Broken Shield: Measuring Revocation Effectiveness in the Windows Code-Signing PKI. <i>USENIX Security Symposium</i>, MD, USA 	Aug. 201
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Malware: Measuring Breaches of Trust in the Windows Code-Signing PKI. <i>ACM CCS Conference</i>, Dallas, TX, USA 	Oct. 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You Get Where You're Looking For: The Impact of Information Sources on Code Security. <i>HCIL Annual Symposium</i>, MD, USA 	May 2016
<i>Bowie State University</i> , MD, USA	Apr. 2016

INDUSTRY IMPACT

- Transient revoked code signing certificates in CRLs (USENIX Sec '18): a Certificate Authority fixed the bug in its dissemination system.
- Malformed digital signatures (CCS '17): two Anti-Virus companies fixed the flaw of not checking (even incorrectly) signed malware.

ADVISING

Graduate Students

- Kyungchan Lim (PhD CS; 2021 – present)
- Fujiao Ji (PhD CS; 2022 – present)
- Lu Liu (PhD CS; 2023 – present)

Undergraduate Students

- Mason Hyman (2023 – present)

Visiting Scholars & Interns

- Woonghee Lee (Summer 2022)

Previous Students

- Autumn Henderson (BS, 2022), now at Cadre5
- Zachary Ables (BS, 2021), now at NTT Data
- Megan Stanton (BS, 2021), now at CGI Federal
- Madeline Phillips (MS, 2022)

Committees

- Matthew Dixon (MS, 2023)
- John Sadik (MS, 2023)
- Christopher (Blake) Childress (MS, 2023)
- Sean Oesch (PhD, 2021)
- Austin Saporito (MS, 2021)
- Hunter Price (2021 – 2022)
- Andrei Cozma (2021 – 2022)
- Matthew Dixon (2021 – 2023)
- Parker Collier (2022 – 2023)

- Mike Hughes (2022 – 2022)
- Anthony Roman (2022 – 2022)
- Cole Elliott (2022 – 2022)
- Reed Semmel (2022 – 2022)