Julien Gamba

Internet Measurement Researcher





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I am a computer scientist performing Internet measurement research at Cisco ThousandEyes as a senior data scientist. Always driven by curiosity, I initially focused on BGP with a keen interest for privacy and security, which led me to work on the Android operating system for my PhD thesis. I am now working on endpoint network monitoring.

EXPERIENCE

CISCO THOUSANDEYES | SENIOR DATA SCIENTIST

2022 - 2024 | Working remotely from Madrid, Spain

- I am part of Cisco ThousandEyes' research team, working on endpoint monitoring. I am responsible for designing and developing novel and innovative algorithms to improve the quality and accuracy of our network monitoring platform.
- I am leading the work on dynamic tests, i.e., the monitoring of native apps and single-page applications, ensuring our endpoint agent accurately measure their network performance.
- I designed a media flow detection algorithm for video-conferencing apps now used by close to 400 000 users in production, and participated in the submission of 3 US patents.

IMDEA NETWORKS INSTITUTE | ASSISTANT RESEARCHER

2017 - 2022 | Madrid, Spain

- My thesis focuses on the software supply chain of Android devices and its openness, and measuring the consequences for users' privacy and security.
- Pre-installed apps are usually not publicly available and run with a higher level of privilege, which creates unprecedented risks for users.
- I designed a crowd-sourcing method to collect upwards of 1.5 million apps pre-installed on real users devices and developed tools to analyze said apps, bringing to light numerous privacy and security issues.

ICUBE LABORATORY | ASSISTANT RESEARCHER

2017 | Strasbourg, France

• I designed rules for the conception of IGP and iBGP topologies that ensure BGP stability and correctness when using route reflectors.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Full publication list with PDFs available at: https://jgamba.eu/publications.html

LOG:IT'S BIG, IT'S HEAVY, IT'S FILLED WITH PERSONAL DATA! MEASURING THE LOGGING OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION IN THE ANDROID ECOSYSTEM

USENIX SECURITY 2023

A. Lyons, J. Gamba, A. Shawaga, J. Reardon, J. Tapiador, S. Egelman, N. Vallina-Rodríguez

AN ANALYSIS OF PRE-INSTALLED ANDROID SOFTWARE | IEEE SYMPOSIUM ON SECURITY AND PRIVACY 2020

J. Gamba, M. Rashed, A. Razaghpanah, J. Tapiador & N. Vallina-Rodriguez

A LONG WAY TO THE TOP: SIGNIFICANCE, STRUCTURE, AND STABILITY OF **INTERNET TOP LISTS** | ACM INTERNET MEASUREMENT CONFERENCE 2018

Q. Scheitle, O. Hohlfeld, J. Gamba, J. Jelten, T. Zimmermann, S. D. Strowes, & N. Vallina-Rodriquez

EDUCATION

UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE **MADRID**

PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE 2022 | Madrid, Spain Thesis: "Do Android Dream of Electric Sheep? On Privacy in the Android Supply Graduated "sobresaliente" cum laude

UNIVERSITÉ DE STRABOURG

MASTER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE 2017 | Strasbourg, France Thesis: Conception rules for IGP and iBGP topologies to ensure BGP correctness Ranked 1st out of 17 students

AWARDS

Best practical paper IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy, 2020

Google PhD Fellowship recipient privacy and security, 2020

Consumer Reports Digital Lab Fellowship recipient, 2020

AEPD Emilio Aced Prize, for our paper on pre-installed Android applications, 2020

NortonLifeLock PhD Fellowship recipient, 2019

CNIL-INRIA Privacy Protection Award, for our paper on pre-installed Android applications, 2019

ACM IMC'18, community contribution award for our paper on Internet top-lists, 2018

RIPE 74, RACI recipient to present our work on BGP fragmentation, 2017