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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., M.S., B.S., Computer Science, Nanjing University, China

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Software security, software engineering, access control, software defined networking, social network analysis, computer forensics.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Software security, software engineering, software quality assurance, software testing, computer security, ethical hacking, programming languages, computer forensics, operating systems, artificial intelligence, computer science I, II, etc.

## EMPLOYMENT

- August 2013 – present: Professor, Department of Computer Science, Boise State University
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- July 2003 – May 2009. Assistant professor (received promotion and tenure), Department of Computer Science, North Dakota State University
- August 2000 – July 2003. Research assistant professor/engineer, Department of Computer Science, Texas A&M University
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- July 1998 – May 1999. Associate department chair, Department of Computer Science and Technology, Nanjing University
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11. Manghui Tu, Dianxiang Xu, Eugene Butler, and Amanda Schwartz. Forensic Evidence Identification and Modeling for Attacks against a Simulated Online Business Information System. *Journal of Digital Forensics, Security, and Law*. Vol. 7, No. 4, 2012.
12. Dianxiang Xu, Manghui Tu, Michael Sanford, Lijo Thomas, Daniel Woodraska, and Weifeng Xu, Automated Security Test Generation with Formal Threat Models, *IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing*, Vol. 9, No.4, July/August 2012, pp. 525-539.
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