

ALIN TOMESCU

PERSONAL INFORMATION

email atom@alum.mit.edu
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WORK EXPERIENCE

*2012–2013,
Summer 2014* PRIVATE MACHINES
*Head of Research
and Development*
Designed, implemented and deployed the first prototype of the CipherRack secure cloud infrastructure.
Designed and implemented cryptographic protocols for CipherLocker, a secure searchable cloud file storage engine, as well as other proprietary cryptographic protocols.

Summer 2011 MICROSOFT
*Software
Development
Engineer in Test
(Intern)*
Developed a flexible performance framework in C# for testing critical Microsoft SQL stored procedures used throughout their AdCenter Business Intelligence system.
Developed an ASP .NET user interface in C# for charting and graphing performance results across release cycles.
Developed an automated code deployment tool for running daily basic viability tests on the latest builds.

2008–2009 STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
*Information
Technology
Specialist*
Developed websites for various programs within the Outreach Division of Stony Brook's Professional Education Program.
Developed and maintained Microsoft Access databases.
Created and administered LISTSERV mailing lists.
Assisted staff with various computer-related issues.

EDUCATION

2015–present MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
*Doctor of
Philosophy*
School: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Advisor: Prof. Srinivas DEVADAS

2013–2015 MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Masters of Science
GPA: 4.7 · Major: Computer Science
Thesis: *PowMail: Want To Fork? Do Some Work.*
Description: This thesis explored the idea of using cryptographic puzzles computed by email users to prevent equivocation in public key directories.
Advisor: Prof. Srinivas DEVADAS

2008–2012 STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
*Bachelors of
Science*
GPA: 3.98 · *Summa Cum Laude* · Major: Computer Science · *Honors*
Advisor: Associate Prof. Radu SION

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Summer 2017
& 2018* VMWARE
Research Intern
Worked on distributed systems research, focusing on scaling and extending cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin and Ethereum.

2013-present COMPUTATION STRUCTURES GROUP

Research Assistant

Focused on cryptocurrencies, public-key distribution, authenticated data structures, secure communication, anonymity and secure web applications.
Affiliations: MIT; CSAIL
Advisor: Prof. Srinivas DEVADAS

2011-2012 NETWORK SECURITY AND APPLIED CRYPTO LAB

Research Assistant

Focused on access pattern privacy research.
Developed PrivateFS, the first oblivious filesystem.
Affiliations: Stony Brook University.
Advisor: Associate Prof. Radu SION

PUBLICATIONS

Catena: Efficient Non-equivocation via Bitcoin · IEEE S&P · 2017 · Alin TOMESCU, Srinivas DEVADAS

PrivateFS: A Parallel Oblivious Filesystem · ACM CCS · 2012 · Peter WILLIAMS, Radu SION, Alin TOMESCU

TALKS

Bandwidth-efficient Transparency Logs via Append-only Authenticated Dictionaries · VISA Research · July 13th, 2018

Bandwidth-efficient Transparency Logs via Append-only Authenticated Dictionaries · Stanford Security Seminar · Stanford University · June 26th, 2018

Append-only Authenticated Dictionaries and Their Applications · Oasis Labs · June 21st, 2018

Append-only Authenticated Dictionaries and Their Applications · LPD · École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) · January 31st, 2018

Catena: Efficient Non-equivocation via Bitcoin · Cambridge Blockchain Meetup · December 13th, 2017

Append-only Authenticated Dictionaries and Their Applications · Security Reading Group · University of Maryland · October 27th, 2017

Catena: Preventing Lies with Bitcoin · New England Security Day (NESD) · Worcester Polytechnic Institute · November 28th, 2016

Secure communication via proof-of-work · CSAIL Advisory Board · MIT · May 3rd, 2016

Pulsar: A Space and Bandwidth Efficient, Trustworthy Public Key Directory · Digital Currency Initiative (DCI) · MIT · April 6th, 2016

PANELS

On “blockchains” · TechConnect · Boston University · February 16th, 2018

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lectures

MIT · Spring 2018 · MAS.S62 Cryptocurrency Engineering and Design · Taught a lecture on Bitcoin-based non-equivocation schemes.

2017-2019 MIT PRIMES

Research Mentor

Mentored 6 high school student groups in computer science research. Planned reasonable research projects for students with deliverables. Met with students weekly to assess progress and discuss research topics.

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| Teaching Assistant at MIT | <p>Spring 2014 INTRODUCTION TO ALGORITHMS (6.006)</p> <p>Taught four recitation sessions each week. Taught two review sessions before midterm exams. Developed programming assignments for the problem sets. Wrote recitation notes for students. Developed questions for the student exams. Helped students on the class discussion board and over email. Held biweekly office hours. Provided additional learning resources for my own section students.</p> |
| Teaching Assistant at Stony Brook University | <p>Spring 2011 ADVANCED C/C++ PROGRAMMING (CSE230)</p> <p>Taught four CSE230 lectures on object oriented design in C++. Helped students with C and C++ programming questions during officer hours.</p> |
| Teaching Assistant at Stony Brook University | <p>Fall 2009 INTRODUCTION TO JAVA (CSE114)</p> <p>Held biweekly, one-hour and twenty-minutes programming labs. Responsible for overseeing, teaching and grading thirty students in CSE114. Helped and advised students during office hours and over email.</p> |
| Exam Reviewer | <p>2009–2012 STONY BROOK COMPUTING SOCIETY</p> <p>Taught review sessions for Java programming, discrete mathematics and data structures exams.</p> |
| OTHER INFORMATION | |
| Awards | <p>Avery Ashdown Leadership Award · <i>Ashdown House, MIT</i> · 2015</p> <p>Academic Excellence in Computer Science · <i>Computer Science Department at Stony Brook University</i> · 2012</p> <p>The SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence · <i>State University of New York (SUNY)</i> · 2012</p> <p>Undergraduate Recognition Award for Academic Excellence · <i>Stony Brook University</i> · 2012</p> <p>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award · <i>Stony Brook University</i> · 2009–2012</p> <p>University Scholars Senior Leadership Award · <i>Stony Brook University</i> · 2011</p> <p>February 2011 Student of the Month Award · <i>National Residence Hall Honorary Chapter at Stony Brook University</i> · 2011</p> |
| Leadership | <p>Graduate Student Leadership Initiative Fellow & Cambridge Fellow · <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> · Spring 2017</p> <p>Secretary of the Ashdown House Executive Committee · <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> · 2014–2015</p> <p>President of the Romanian Student Association · <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> · 2014–2015</p> <p>Student Ambassador for the Stony Brook Computer Science Department · <i>Stony Brook University</i> · 2011–2012</p> <p>Cofounder, Vice-President and President of the Stony Brook Game Developers Club · <i>Stony Brook University</i> · 2009–2010</p> |
| Communication Skills | <p>Best Computer Science Senior Honors Project Presentation Award · <i>Stony Brook University</i> · 2012</p> |
| Languages | <p>ROMANIAN · Native language</p> |

ENGLISH · Fluent
SPANISH · Basic (simple words and phrases only)
FRENCH · Basic (simple words and phrases only)

Interests Piano · Philosophy · Weightlifting · Dance

July 21, 2018