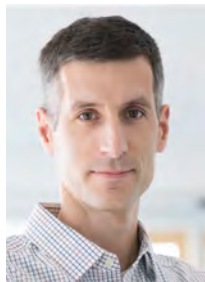# COMPUTER SECURITY FACULTY

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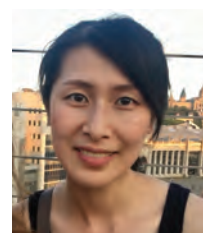**Norman Sadeh**

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Networks, distributed systems, overlay networks, peer-to-peer, availabilty, Internet measurement, wireless & ad-hoc networks.

I study the "systems" side of networks: How to improve the availability, performance, and usability of Internet-based and wireless and mobile systems. My research emphasizes building real systems and conducting real-world measurements to provide a better understanding of these networks.

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Software and systems security, usable security and privacy, machine learning and security

My research interests span many areas of computer security and privacy. I like building systems that better protect users' security and privacy, particularly when we can empirically show that these systems actually help users and formally show that the protections are robust. My recent work focuses on understanding the risks of relying on machine learning algorithms, as well as on using machine learning to find software bugs and help users make better security decisions.

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I'm interested in the spectrum of program correctness, from building exploits to finding bugs to verifying (parts of) real systems. Recent projects include compilation tools for cryptographic applications and verified passes in browser just-in-time compilers.
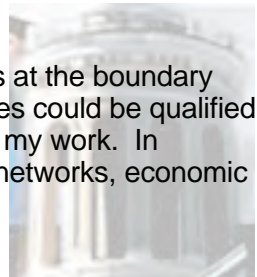
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Security measurements, human factors

My research interest is in computer and information systems security. Most of my work is at the boundary of systems, networking and policy research. While a good portion of my research activities could be qualified as applied research, I try as much as possible to rely on strong theoretical foundations in my work. In addition, Most of my recent work is informed by empirical data measurements (of users, networks, economic transactions...) so that the term "security analytics" is an appropriate short qualifier.

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Usable privacy and security, technology and public policy

My current projects involve privacy decision making, user-controllable security and privacy, usable cyber trust indicators, and usable and secure passwords.

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Programming languages and security

My research interests are in applying programming language technology to improve the development, maintenance, and performance of software systems. I am particularly interested in the application of type theory to systems programming, in mechanization of the metatheory of programming languages, in type-oriented compilation strategies, in type-based certification of machine code, and in the design of practical, high- or low-level programming languages.

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Privacy, Cryptocurrencies, Machine Learning, Networks

I am broadly interested in networked, distributed systems. My research typically involves some combination of designing algorithms, proving theoretical properties about them, and/or testing them in real systems. Some of my recent projects have focused on improving the scalability and privacy of cryptocurrencies at the networking layer, increasing the diversity and robustness of generative adversarial networks, and designing countermeasures for cyberbullying in anonymous online forums.

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Security and privacy

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Mobility, Privacy Protection, Trustworthy Computing Platforms and Devices

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Constraint Programming, Boolean Satisfiability and Optimization, Software Verification, Program Synthesis

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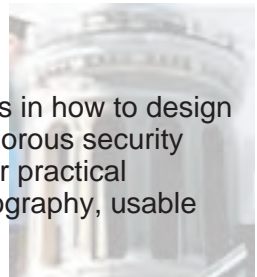
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Programming languages, Logic & Type theory

At the heart of my research lies the desire to understand the principles of programming languages. Programming languages are the key to the programming process and therefore of fundamental importance to computer science. Well-designed programming languages allow fast program development, ease software maintenance, and increase confidence in the correctness of implementations.

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Usable Security and Privacy, Machine Learning, User Modeling, Natural Language Processing, Crowdsourcing, Intelligent Assistants

My research interests lie at the intersection of security, privacy, human computer interaction and artificial intelligence. I am currently leading two of the largest national research projects in privacy, namely "the Usable Privacy Policy Project" and the "Personalized Privacy Assistant Project". These projects focus on helping computers understand the text of privacy policies, discover available privacy settings and learn people's privacy preferences to help them configure available settings. In general, I am always looking for the next research problem to work on. I like problems that are both intellectually challenging and have a practical societal significance.

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Networking & Security

My research spans networking, security, and systems. This includes work on: design and management of network appliances or "middleboxes", various aspects of network and systems security, content/video delivery systems, and network monitoring and measurement.

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Cryptography, algorithms, distributed systems

I am broadly interested in cryptography, algorithms, and distributed systems. I've also worked on creating a mathematical foundation for decentralized blockchains, and using programming language techniques to make it easier to program cryptographic systems.

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Computer Architecture, Operating Systems, Security

My research bridges computer architecture and operating systems focusing on performance and security. My work follows two central themes: (a) uncovering security vulnerabilities and building defenses at the boundary between hardware and OS, and (b) re-designing abstractions and interfaces between the two layers to improve performance and scalability.

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hardware and software security, systems, and applied cryptography

I am interested in building secure software and hardware systems, especially ones that require bridging the gap between theory and practice. Recently I've been thinking about probabilistic proofs, distributed systems, elliptic curves, compilers for cryptographic applications, and blockchain privacy.
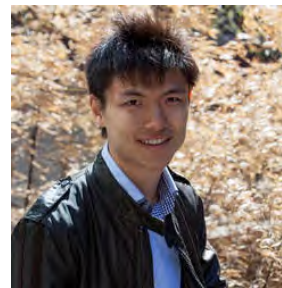
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Machine Learning, Privacy Algorithmic Fairness, Game Theory

My work builds theoretical foundations for responsible machine learning (ML) and studies both (1) the societal impacts of ML as well as (2) the impacts of social and economic forces on the performances of ML. In studying the societal impacts of ML, I am interested in making ML better aligned with important societal values, especially privacy and fairness. For example, my work on data privacy provides a broad set of tools for privacy-preserving data analyses subject to the rigorous criterion of differential privacy. In studying the impacts of social and economic forces on ML, my work develops methods and models to understand how to ensure ML methods work reliably within social and economic dynamics. A particular focus is to study the effects of strategic manipulations on ML algorithms when they interact with agents who have incentives to manipulate their data and influence automated decisions.
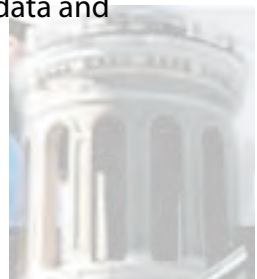
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System Security and Applied Cryptography

I am broadly interested in system security and applied cryptography. I take inspiration from the privacy and security challenges that people face today, and I like to solve such problems by building practical and secure systems via a co-design of systems and cryptography. One of my recent interests is in building systems that enable "sharing without showing": multiple organizations can jointly compute on their collective sensitive data while only learning their own input and the final result. Overall, my goal is to democratize advanced cryptography so that its capabilities are made accessible to everyone.