



# NORTHWEST INSTITUTE FOR CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



## CySER Virtual Seminar



### VICEROY PIs

- Bernard Van Wie (WSU)
- Clement Izurieta (MSU)
- James Alves-Foss (UI)
- Matthew Boehnke (CBC)
- LTC Andrew Van Den Hoek (CWU)





- Project Overview & Goals
- Reports from Each Institution:
  - Central Washington University
  - Columbia Basin College
  - Montana State University
  - University of Idaho
  - Washington State University
- Reports include:
  - Number of undergraduate and graduate students involved
  - Research activities
  - Internship activities
  - Coursework activities
  - Student clubs and cyber competitions
  - Seminars: WSU will list



- CySER Website: [cyser.wsu.edu](https://cyser.wsu.edu)

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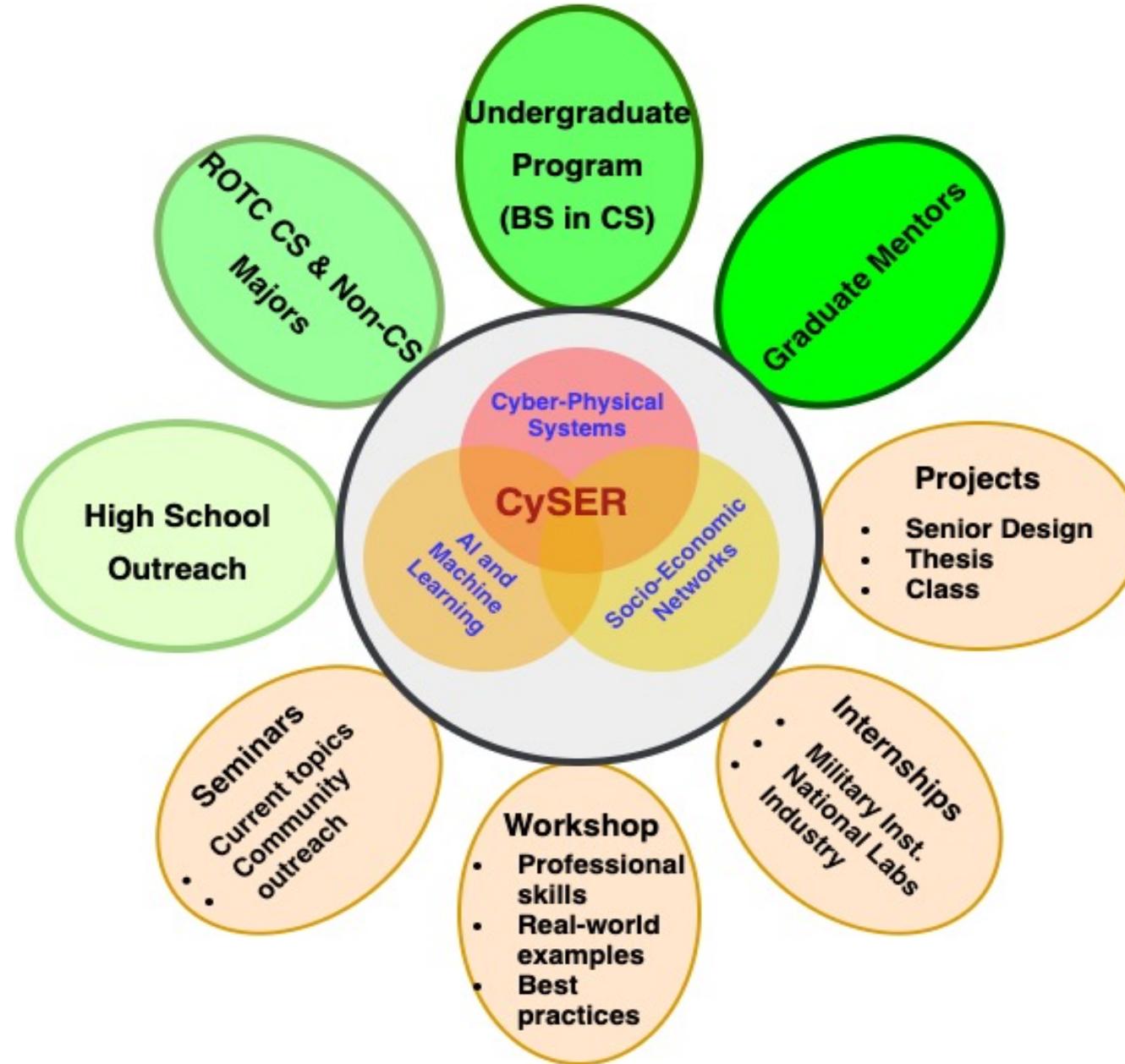
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## OVERVIEW

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# CySER Project Overview & Goals



## CWU CySER Update

- Three students:
  - Jake Lebovich (AFROTC)
  - Noah Black (non-ROTC)
  - Edward Chavez (AROTC)

### Army USAR and National Guard Cyber-Security Slots

- 5 X National Guard CyBER security slots
- May increase slots with density of Cyber professionals in Washington State



### Recruitment

- Recruiting in Tri-Cities, Yakima, Vancouver
- Leveraging CySER as an ROTC recruitment tool

### Research

- Working with Dr. David Douglas, ITAM Professor

### Internships

- Meet to discuss application deadline and website
- DOE Omni Technology Alliance





*We All Soar Together*

# Columbia Basin College CySER Update

## 2022-23

Oct 17, 2022

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# CBC CySER - Agenda

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- Number of undergraduate and graduate students involved
- Research activities
- \*Coursework activities
- Internship activities
- Student clubs and cyber competitions
- Questions?

# Cyber Security Program

- Started 2014
- Degree Pathways
  - Short Term or 1 year Certifications
  - 2 year AAS;
  - BAS in Cyber Security
  - \*Added BAS in Information Technology (2020)
  - Working on: data analytics/ cloud services
- Graduates: 4 - 2015, 28 - 2017 (600% increase)
- Over 85% job placement; average salary: \$65,000



## Number of undergraduate and graduate students involved

- 4 Undergraduates
- Request: up to 10
- Outreach focus: doubling number of women and minority students



## Research activities

- Threat Modeling

## Research Activities (mappings + highlights)

			security operations	security research
CSIA 320: Ethical Hacking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asset Security</li> <li>Software Development Security</li> </ul>	Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)	Analyze ARP cache poisoning attack.	<b>Use algorithmic approach to predict malware infection rates.</b>
CSIA 330: Wireless Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication and Network Security</li> </ul>	Certified Wireless Security Professional (CWSP)	Assess and strengthen wireless security assets.	Remediate smart meter firmware vulnerability.
CSIA 420: Cyber Crime and Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security and Risk Management</li> <li>Security Operations</li> </ul>		Quantify cybersecurity risk using Monte Carlo methods.	<b>Optimize control selection to minimize cybersecurity risk.</b>
CSIA 440: Cyber Testing and Penetration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security Assessment and Testing</li> </ul>		Complete full penetration test on physical production network.	Predict phishing email success based on keyword analysis.
CSIA 450: Cyber Security Capstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security Architecture and Engineering</li> <li>Identity and Access Management</li> </ul>		Assess mobile device security models and vulnerabilities.	Predict social engineering success based on human risk indices.

# Cyber Security Program

## planned CySER enhancements

		theory	practice
CSIA 320: Ethical Hacking	Planned for Spring 2022.	Increase foundational content in <b>cloud security</b> , <b>web application security</b> , and <b>application security</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop projects for each of these three areas.</li></ul>
CSIA 330: Wireless Security	Complete for Winter 2022.	Increase foundational knowledge in the <b>electromagnetic spectrum</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and summarize a relevant cybersecurity research paper in this area.</li></ul>
CSIA 440: Cyber Testing and Penetration	Planned for Fall 2023.	Increase foundational content in <b>reverse engineering</b> and <b>malware pedigree</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhance malware assessment to include pedigree.</li><li>• Develop new assessment for reverse engineering.</li></ul>
CSIA 450: Cyber Security Capstone	Planned for Fall 2023.	Increase foundational content in <b>data science</b> and <b>data science theory</b> and <b>ensure mathematical foundations of cryptography</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide data science and data science theory topics for capstone projects.</li><li>• Enhance cryptography assessment to include more rigorous mathematical foundations.</li></ul>

# CBC Internship Activities

- **Internships (PAID)**

- [Pacific Northwest National Labs \(PNNL\)](#)
- Amazon
- Department of Energy/Ecology
  - Office of River Protection
  - Hanford Laboratory Management & Integration
  - Bechtel National, Inc (BNI)
  - Washington River Protection Solutions LLC (WRPS)
  - DOE Richland Operations Office
  - Hanford Mission Integration Solutions
  - HPM Corporation (HPMC)
  - CH2M Remediation Company
  - Mission Support Alliance (MSA)

- State Agencies

- Department of Commerce/Port of Benton
- WA ST Office of Chief Information Officer
- Energy Northwest (Nuclear/Solar/Wind)

- Regional

- City of Richland- Solar/ Battery Storage
- Darklight
- Marcraft
- Port of Kennewick (Ransomware 2020)
- Port of Pasco
- Port of Benton

Student clubs and cyber competitions

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# NCL - Background



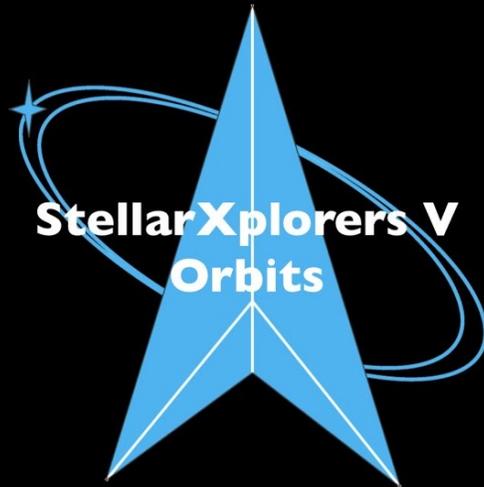
- In 2011, a group of cybersecurity-focused academics from several public agencies
- Important to reduce barriers and excite young people to participate. Students would have easy access, no matter what their age, skill level or location.
- One of the earliest e-Sports
- Simulate real-life cyberthreats in a safe environment
- Growing population - more than 13,000 students of all ages, representing over 650 colleges and high schools across the U.S. - participates each year in the biannual competition.

# CyberPatriot

- National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air & Space Forces Association to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future.
- At the core of the program is the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, the nation's largest cyber defense competition that puts high school and middle school students in charge of securing virtual networks.
- Other programs include AFA CyberCamps, an elementary school cyber education initiative, a children's literature series, CyberGenerations –a senior citizen cyber safety initiative, and a Tech Caregivers program designed to encourage cyber-savvy volunteers to give back to their communities.



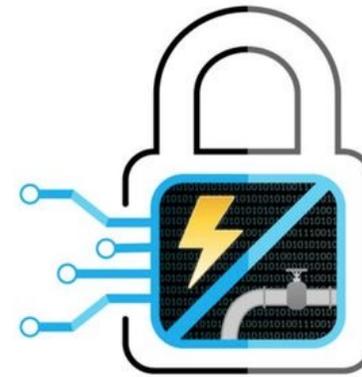
# StellarXplorers



- In September 2014, the Air & Space Forces Association received a request from the Secretary of the US Air Force to develop a national space design competition, (something similar to CyberPatriot - AFA's National Youth Cyber Defense Competition and flagship STEM program).
- Bill Yucuis, an aerospace engineer with years of experience coordinating an Aerospace Magnet Program, was tasked as the chair of the committee that would go on to build the program from the ground up.
- Air Force retired space experts, Tim Brock and Stephen Gourley, along with AFA figurehead David "Buck" Buckwalter, came together to create StellarXplorers
- The StellarXplorers Space STEM Program, created by the Air & Space Forces Association (AFA), inspires 6-12 grade students toward careers in aerospace, aviation, and other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines critical to our nation's future.

# CyberForce

- November 4, 2022 and Saturday, November 5, 2022.
- Hybrid format: both virtual and in-person options.
- Unfilled cybersecurity careers will reach over 1.8 million by 2022. With the ever-increasing amount of technology placed on the internet, security becomes a high priority.
- Department of Energy (DOE), capitalizing on the expertise of current national laboratory staff that previously hosted four successful cyber defense competitions to exercise interactive, scenario-based events, where participants engage in cybersecurity activities includes methods, practices, strategy, policy, and ethics.
- DOE has worked to increase 1) hands-on cyber education to college students and professionals, 2) awareness into the critical infrastructure and cyber security nexus, and 3) basic understanding of cyber security within a real world scenario.



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## ***CySER Cybersecurity Efforts at Montana State University***

October 17, 2022

Dr. Clemente Izurieta

Professor of Computer Science

Software Engineering Laboratory (SEL)

Montana State University

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Participants:

**Institutional PI:** Dr. Clemente Izurieta

**ROTC Air Force:** Lieutenant Colonel Lance J. Ratterman

**ROTC Army:** Lieutenant Colonel Christopher L'Heureux

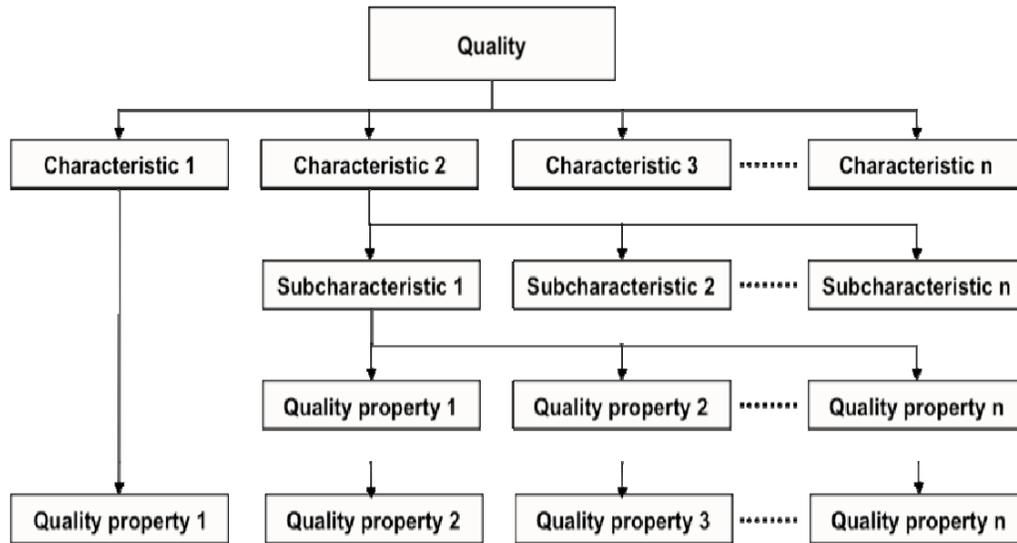
**Graduate Research Assistant:** Andrew Fallin

2021-2022 Academic year: 4 Air Force cadets

2022-2023 Academic year: 2 Air Force and 2 Army cadets

# Hierarchical Software QA Modeling

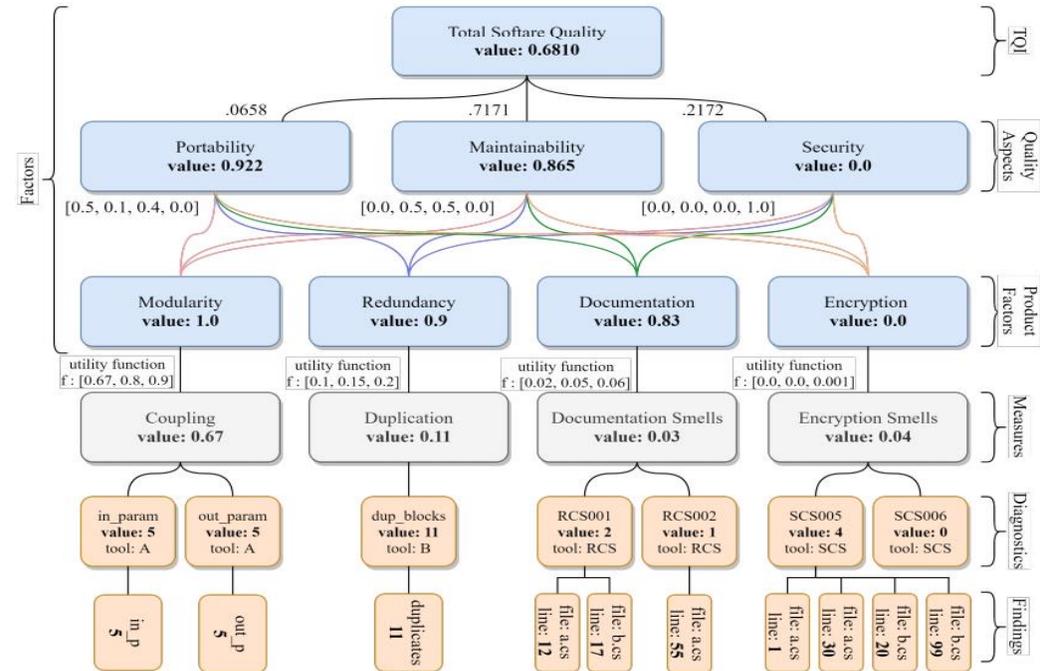
Theoretical



**Standards**

- ISO/IEC 9126:2001
- ISO/IEC 25010:2011
- NIST 800-53/82
- RMF (Risk Management Framework)

Operational



- Quamoco (2012 Wagner et al.)
- Qatch (2017 Miltiades et al.)
- PIQUE (2020 SEL MSU)

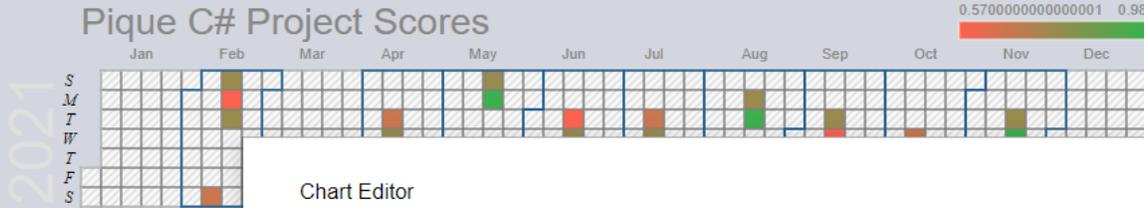


# PIQUE Models

- Pique-Bin (INL, DHS)
- Pique-C# (CERL Army, Air Force)
- Pique-C#-Sec (CERL Army, Air Force, DHS)
- Pique-Azure (DHS)
- Pique-C++ (DHS)
- ***Pique-Cloud (DHS)***
- ***Pique-ICS (DHS)***



# Pique C# Project Scores

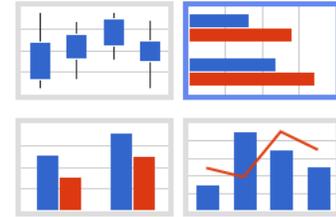


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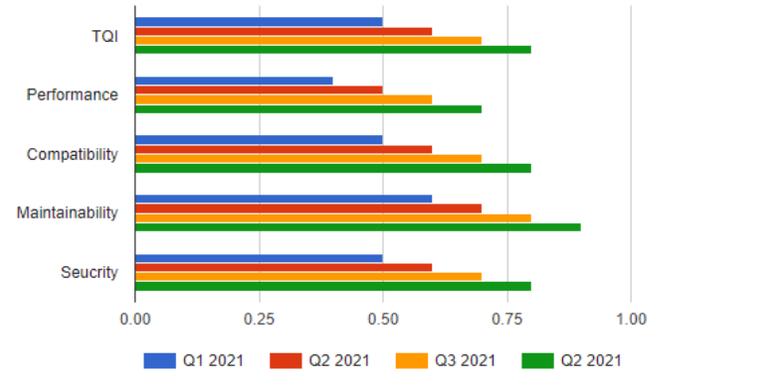
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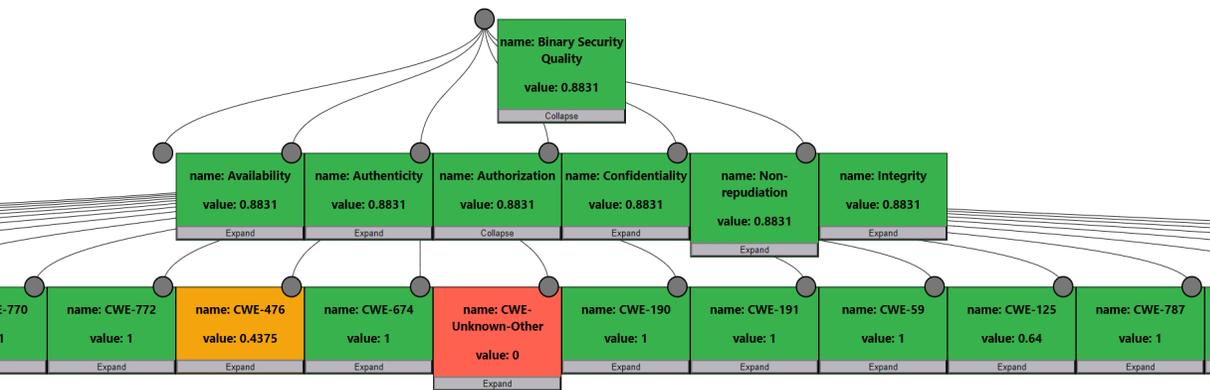
Pique C# Model Result



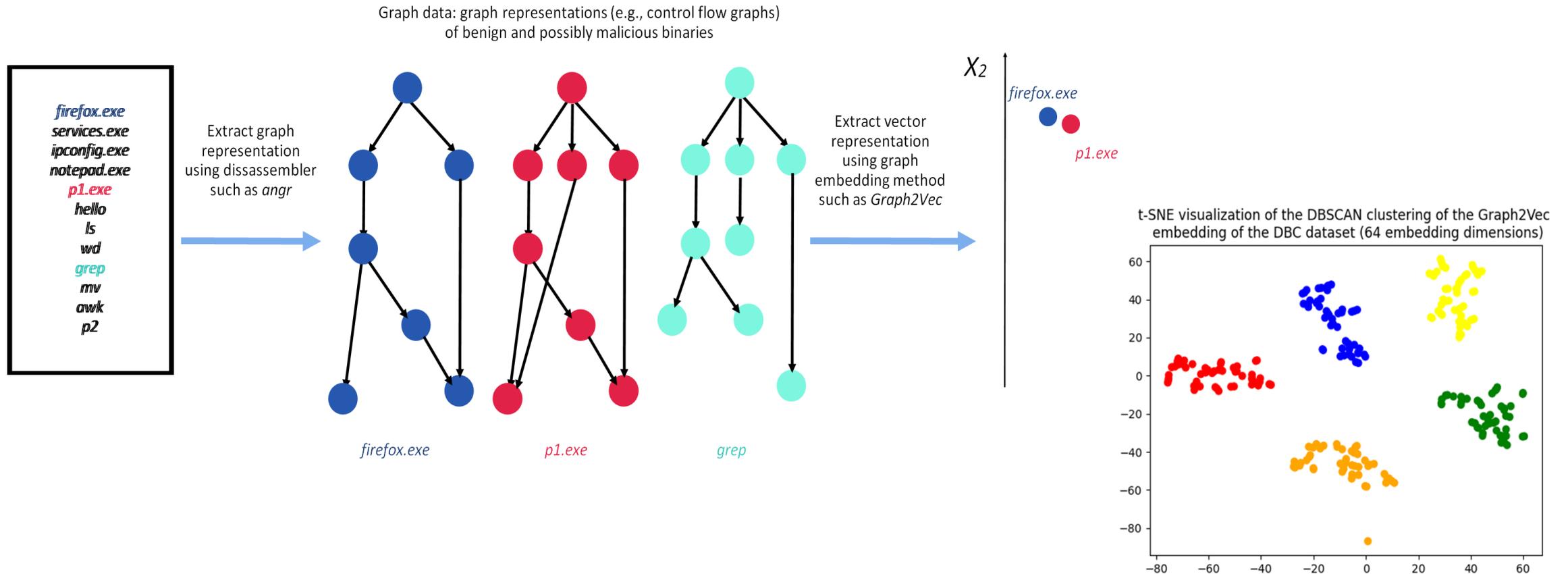
security
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		0.7	0.8

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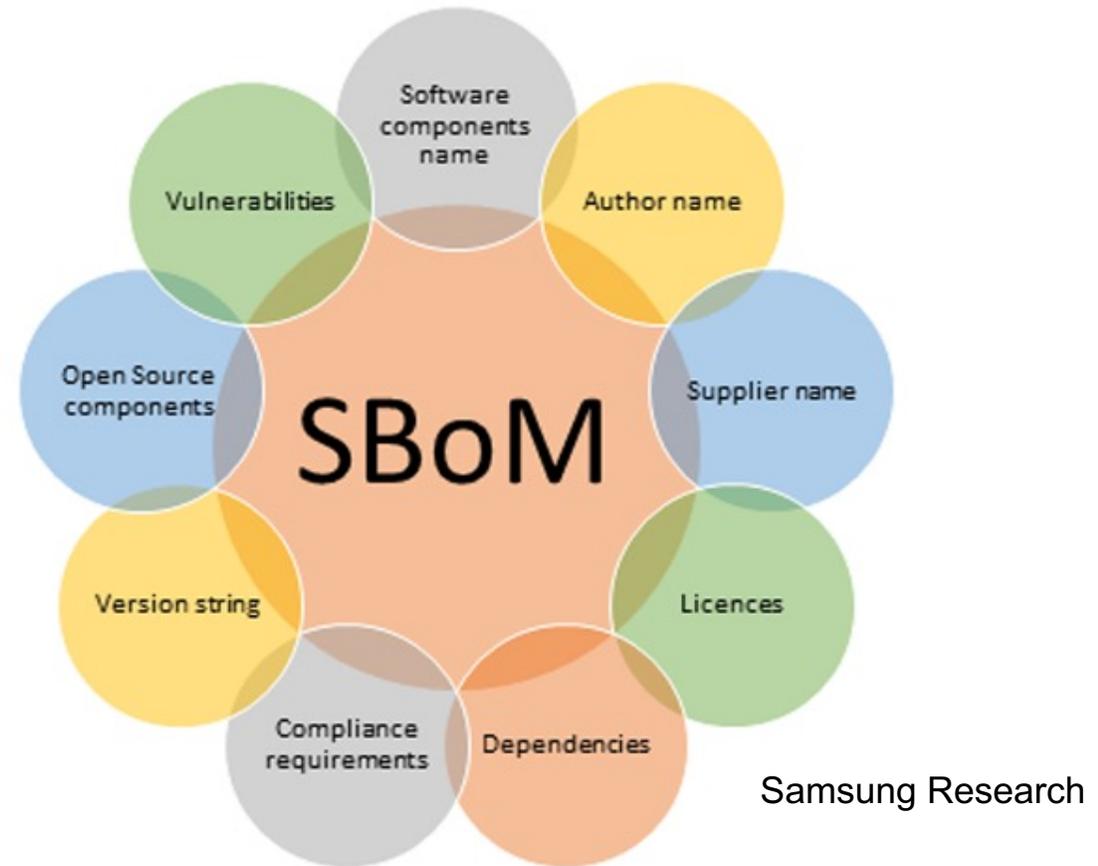


# Classification, clustering, and anomaly detection using graph representations of code



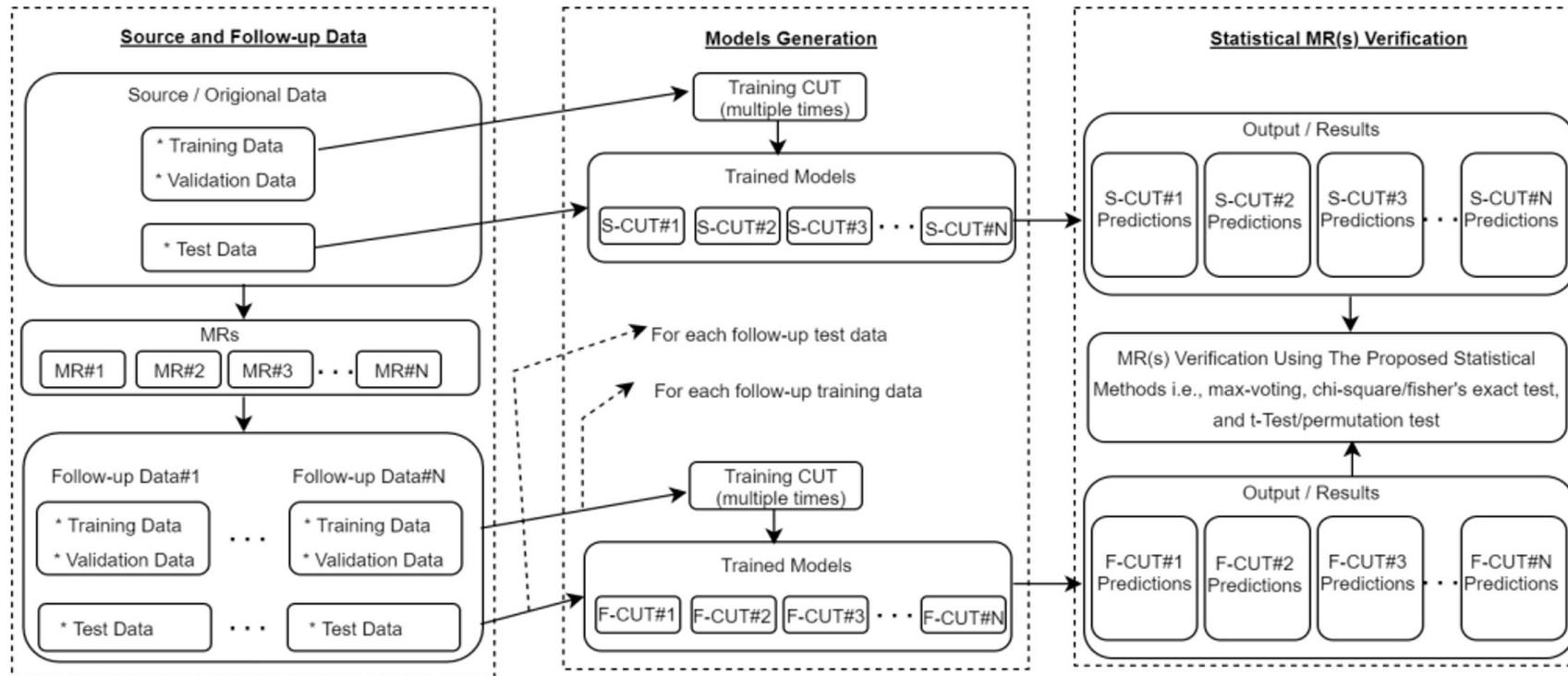


*Assess the composition, stylometry and origination of software to verify that they are truthful, complete and accurate*

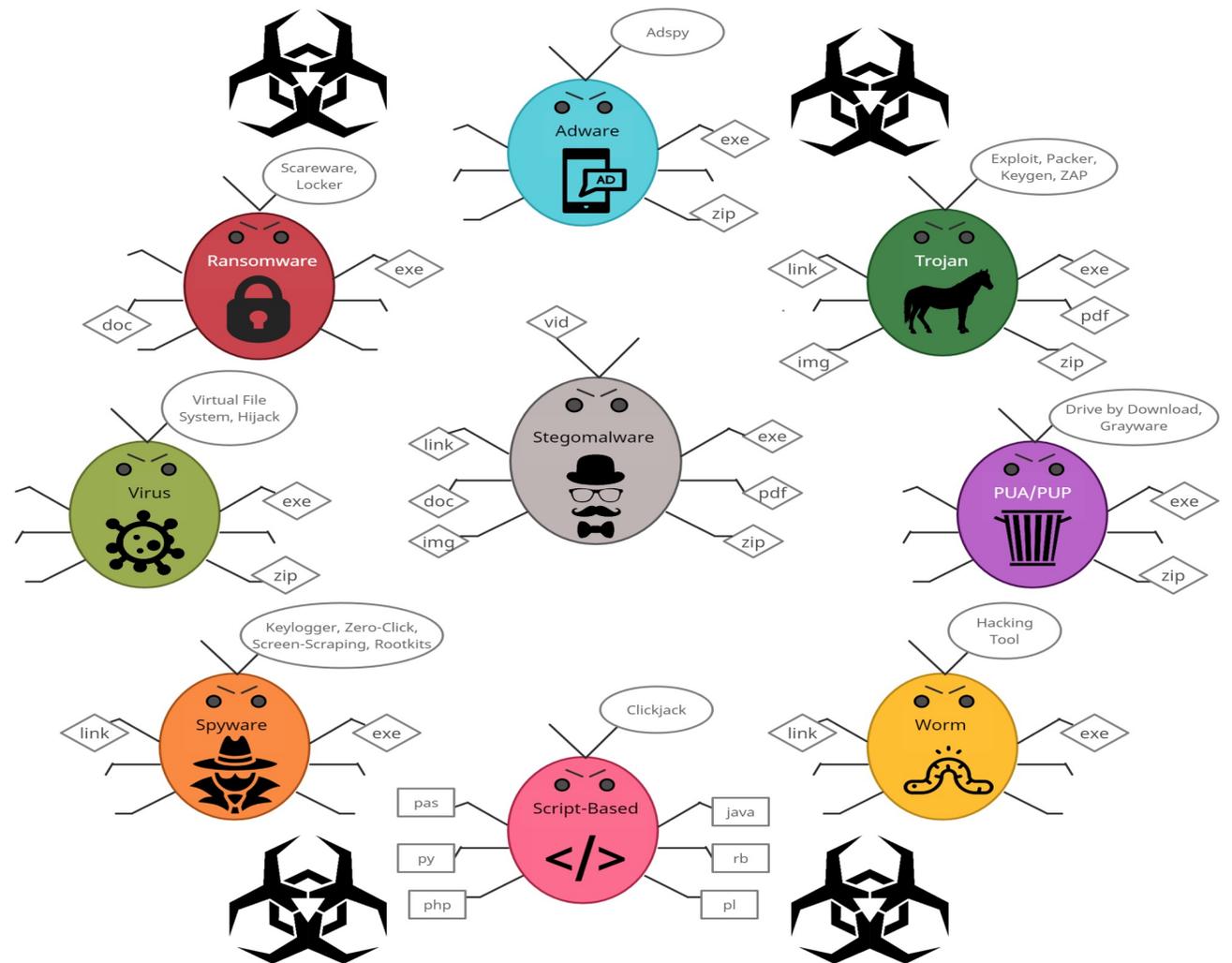


# Improving the confidence of machine learning models through improved software testing approaches

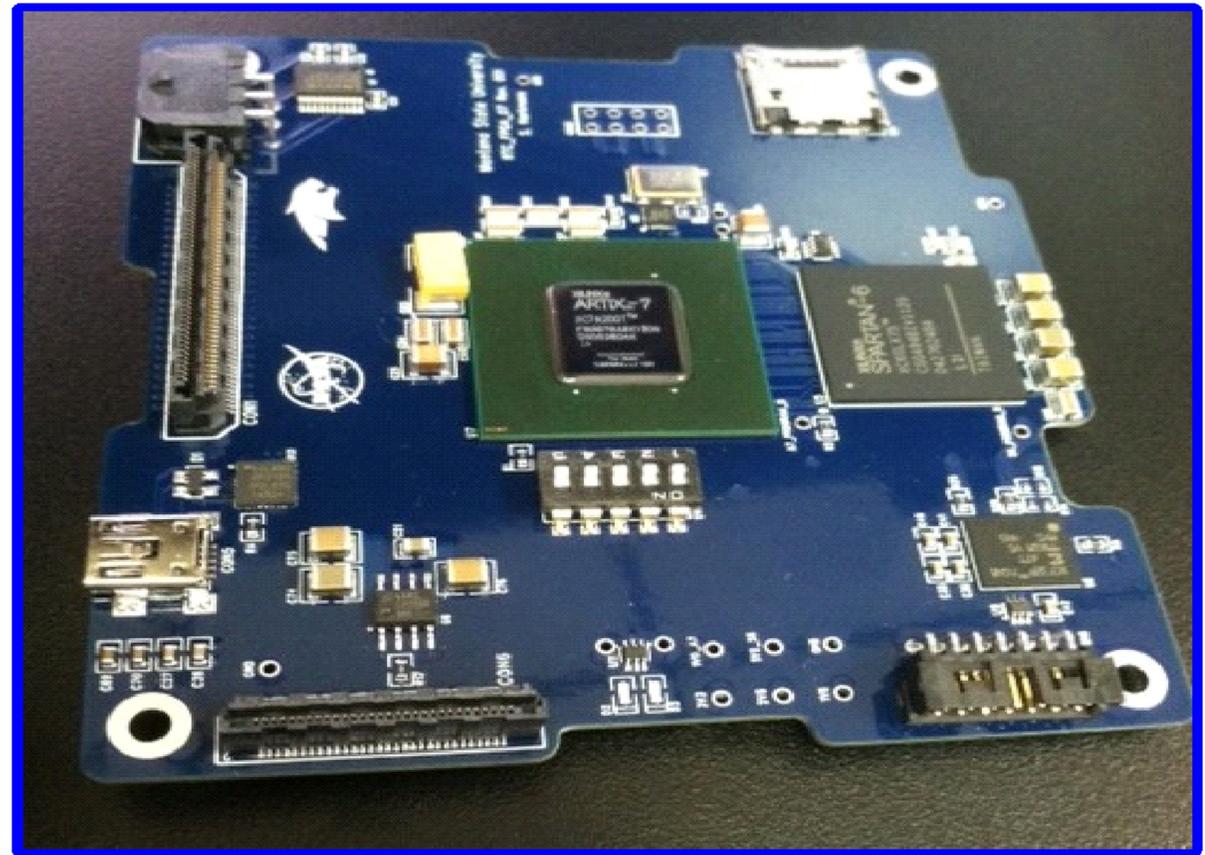
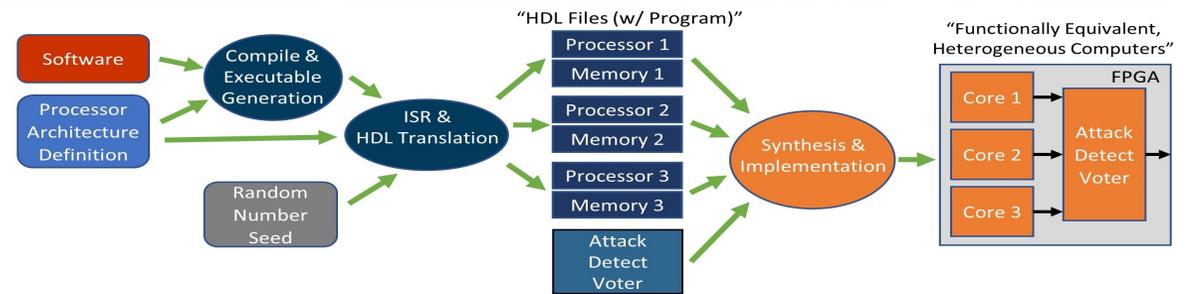
## Intrusion Detection Systems



# Conceptual Frameworks and Theory of Bug Bounty Platforms

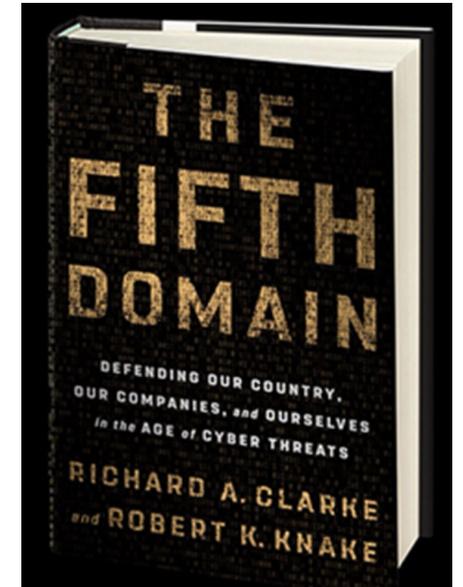
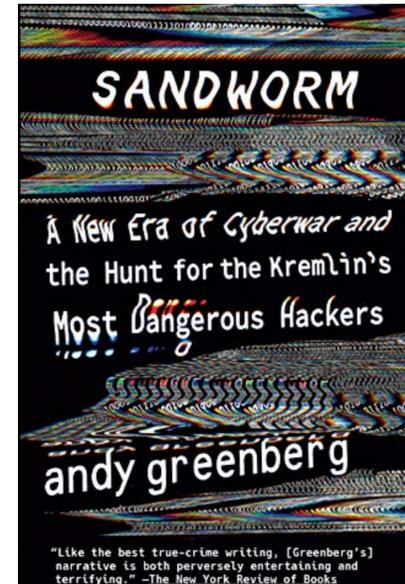


# Malware detection using obfuscation of Opcodes in FPGAs





- *Book Club*
- *Introductory course in cybersecurity (University of Idaho)*
- *Independent study credit*
- *HackerCats club*



# Research Collaborations



Hoplite is a leading-edge cybersecurity company specializing in the mitigation of cyber risks. Founded in 2013, Hoplite Industries has developed a set of automated cyber defense capabilities and specialized AI solutions driven by cyber research at a global scale



Cybercore brings together experts in critical infrastructure security assessments, cyber forensic analysis, threat detection and consequence-based targeting to provide real-world technical solutions and innovations that protect operational environments from an ever-evolving threat landscape.



Carnegie Mellon University

Software Engineering Institute



# Education

- Associates degree in Cybersecurity (Gallatin College)
- MS in Cybersecurity
  - Board of Regents approved
  - Seeking CAE certification
- NSF REU program –Cybersecurity algorithms
- Griffiss/DoD program to train 4 ROTC cadets on a yearly basis before commissioning

# Software Engineering Laboratory Current Funding

Students: 8 Ph.D., 4 MS, 4 Undergraduates, 1 Postdoc

National Science Foundation	\$400K
Washington State University/Griffiss Institute	\$162K
Air Force, Army, CERL	\$1.2M
Raytheon Technologies	\$330K
Idaho National Laboratory and Department of Homeland Security	\$3.1M
Department of Homeland Security	\$4.47M
Resilient Computing	\$150K



# Washington State University Update

Heading a Five-institution Virtual Institute Consortium

*Building an Enhanced Center for Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity  
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities for a Military & Defense-aligned Civilian  
Workforce*

**Washington State University PI: Prof. Bernie Van Wie**

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**WSU Co-PIs: Assefaw Gebremedhin, Noel Schulz**

**External Evaluator: Olusola Adesope**



- Recruitment - Poster



#### WHY JOIN CySER?

- \$1000 stipend per semester
- \$2000 stipend for attending a 2-week summer workshop in May, here on the WSU campus
- Help finding cybersecurity-related summer internships
- Summer workshop involves presentations and discussions with cybersecurity professors and industry professionals, hands-on activities where participants learn how to use cybersecurity tools and techniques, and field trips to tech and defense sites (the complete agenda from this past summer workshop can be found on the website)
- Bi-weekly seminars from cybersecurity professors and professionals
- Book club with assigned cybersecurity non-fiction reading and bi-weekly discussions
- Participation in mentorship program with graduate student mentors working on cybersecurity-related research, including presentation of that research in a poster session at the summer workshop

#### INTERESTED IN CYBERSECURITY?

- Put your computer science skills to the test.
- Develop a deeper understanding of the tech world and how modern infrastructure and data is protected.
- Cybersecurity professionals are in high demand, and have average starting salaries above those in many other fields.
- WSU offers two certificates that can be earned alongside your Bachelor's Degree: CySER CAE-CO Fundamentals, and CySER Basics.

#### ABOUT CySER

- Funded by DoD through the Griffiss Institute
- Member of the VICEROY program
- For more info, visit [cyser.wsu.edu](http://cyser.wsu.edu)

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Undergraduates in any year (freshman through senior)
- Citizenship or green card required by DoD
- Must be able to participate **Fall 2022** and **Spring 2023** (one academic year)
- Attendance required for seminars, and participation in mentorship program.

APPLY AT [cyser.wsu.edu/apply/](http://cyser.wsu.edu/apply/)

# WSU Numbers of Undergraduates & Graduate Students Involved

- 14 New Students for Fall 2022/Spring 2023
  - Majors: CS & CS/Finance, EE, ChE
  - 2-3 Pending
  - 1 ROTC; 1 Pending
- 13 Continuing Students:
  - Majors: CS, CE, SE, MIS/Acctg
  - 1 ROTC
- Stipends: \$1K Fall 22; \$1K Spring 2023; \$2K Summer Workshop

# Research Projects & Internships

Griffiss Institute Internship Application Deadline, Dec. 31, 2022!

NAMES	FACULTY MENTORS	PROJECTS	INTERNSHIPS
<b>UNDERGRADUATE PROJECTS AND INTERNSHIP SUMMARY</b>			
Arjun Anand (WSU)	Prof. Jana Doppa	Finding Cyber Attacks on Networks	None
Cai Haught (WSU)	Prof. Venera Arnaoudova	Human Factors on software vulnerabilities	GI
Griffin Gerry (WSU)	Prof. Rob Crossler	Powerless to change - Cyberwarfare	None
Hillary Zhang (WSU)	Prof. Assefaw Gebremedhin	Microsoft security	None
James Minter (WSU)	Prof. Partha Pande	Planned Obsolescence by Aging Manycore Chips	ACE
Kaitlin White (WSU)	Prof. Assefaw Gebremedhin	Graph neural networks - polymorphic virus detection - reverse engineering	None
Matthew Kusman (WSU)	Prof. Chris Hundhausen	Tools for cybersecurity education and assessment/ identify vulnerabilities	Radixlot
Moises Carranza (WSU)	Prof. Chris Hundhausen	Tools for cybersecurity education and assessment/ identify vulnerabilities	None
Nathan Waltz (WSU)	Prof. Assefaw Gebremedhin	Graph neural networks - polymorphic virus detection - reverse engineering	SEL
Noah Black (CWU)	Deborah Wells	USB hot-plug attack counter forensics	GI
Paul Wilmoth (WSU)	Prof. Rob Crossler	Powerless to change – Cyberwarfare	None
Timothy Cain (WSU)	Prof. John Miller	Clustering software vulnerabilities using self-organizing maps	None
Timothy Reidy (WSU)	Prof. Larry Holder	CMU ghosts to simulate a user environment and detect novelty	GI
William Heinecke (WSU)	Prof. Assefaw Gebremedhin	Observability of network security monitoring strategies with TOMATO	None
Zachary Werle (WSU)	Prof. Assefaw Gebremedhin	Observability of network security monitoring strategies with TOMATO	GI

# Student Status

INSTITUTIONS	NAMES	STATUS
<b>GRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORS</b>		
Washington State University	James Halverson (PhD, CS)	Civilian
Washington State University	Aryan Deshwal (PhD, CS)	Civilian
Washington State University	Justin Stachofsky (PhD, MIS)	Civilian
Washington State University	James Crabb (MS, CS)	Civilian
Washington State University	Brenden Fraser-Hevlin (PhD, ChE)	Civilian
Washington State University	Vincent Lombardi (MS, CS)	Civilian
Washington State University	Blessing Adaramola (Ed/Psych)	Civilian

# WSU Courses

- Course content and syllabi for 3 new courses developed

CptS 327: Intro. to Cyber Security    Computer, Web & Applications Sec.	CptS 427 New: Applied Cyber Security    Software, Network & Cloud Security	CptS 428/528: Advanced Cyber Security    Reverse Engineering & Forensics
<b>Offered Fall 2022 &amp; Spring 2022/2023</b>	<b>Offered Spring 2023</b>	<b>Offered Fall 2022</b>
KUs: M7, M8, M9, O4, O13, C4	KUs: M4, M9, O2, O3, O4, O13, C4	KUs: M2, O8, C1, C2, C5, S1, S2, S7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIA &amp; security principles (Saltzer &amp; Schroeder principles)</li> <li>• Common threat &amp; vulnerability models</li> <li>• Crypto basics &amp; primitives (randomization)</li> <li>• Security of authorization mechanisms / frameworks</li> <li>• Access control mechanisms</li> <li>• Cloud Infrastr. comp. &amp; interfaces, common service/deployment models</li> <li>• Network security architectures &amp; protocols</li> <li>• Web security principles &amp; tools</li> <li>• Privacy and anonymity principles &amp; tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerability: CVE, CWE, over/underflow, OSVDB, CAPEC, space-based, privilege</li> <li>• Crypto adv.: symmetric &amp; asymmetric, hashes, key-based, and digital signs</li> <li>• Wireless security: ciphers, DoS, CIA enforcement, G/WiFi/Bluetooth/RFID</li> <li>• Application of cryptography to internet, 7 communications security</li> <li>• Advanced network security: discovery, incident response, resiliency, protocol analysis</li> <li>• Virtualization: architecture, principles, states, storage, &amp; failover technology</li> <li>• Cloud Infrastructure: secure deploying/scaling (Puppet/Chef)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machine learning</li> <li>• Operating systems security (architectures, mechanisms, hardening)</li> <li>• Code analysis (source, static, dynamic, testing, malware, exploits)</li> <li>• Binary analysis (kernel, firmware, polymorphism, symbolic dif.)</li> <li>• Vulnerability discovery, fuzzing, crash dumps, side channel, equities, mitig'n</li> <li>• Reverse engineering (embedded systems, SCADA/ICS, malware analysis)</li> <li>• Distributed fault tolerant systems security: transactions, communication, scalability</li> <li>• Forensics/anti-forensics (OS, Wireless, Memory, Network, IoT, &amp; Cloud)</li> </ul>

# WSU Certificate Programs Approved by Faculty Senate

- **CySER CAE-CO Fundamentals Certificate approved** – BS in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or Software Engineering students interested in specializing in cybersecurity – led by EECS
- Integrates cybersecurity research & education with professional skills in teamwork, communication, leadership, and lifelong learning; Merges theoretical knowledge & experiential learning in cyber operations and defense
- Taking 3 mandatory cybersecurity courses (9 credits)
  - CptS 327 Introduction to Cybersecurity
  - CptS 427 Applied Cybersecurity and
  - CptS 428 Advanced Cybersecurity
- Taking at least 4 elective courses out of the following courses
  - CptS 455 Introduction to Computer Architecture
  - CptS 460 Operating Systems and Computer Architecture
  - CptS 475 Data Science
  - CptS 415 Big Data
  - CptS 443 Human-Computer Interaction
  - CptS 466 Embedded Systems
  - CptS 464 Distributed Systems Concepts and Programming
  - CptS 489 Web Development
  - Univ. of Idaho CYB 447 Computer and Network Forensics
  - CptS 478 Software Process and Management
  - EE 334 Computer Architecture
  - EE 434 ASIC & Digital Systems Design
  - EE 489 Introduction to Control Systems
  - MIS 374 IT Infrastructure & Security
- Taking 1-2 semesters or equivalent of foreign language coursework (Russian, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, or Persian)
- Taking the CptS 421 and 423 Senior Design course sequence with a project focused on cybersecurity
- Engaging in a cybersecurity-related internship experience
- Involvement in CySER research – realized via, e.g., class projects, senior design projects, independent study projects
- Attending the CySER summer workshop
- Attending CySER seminars (at least 60% of the bi-weekly seminars in a semester)

# WSU Certificate Programs Approved by Faculty Senate

- **CySER Basic Certificate** – Non-computer science majors & ROTC cadets interested in cybersecurity and led by MISE
- Integrates cybersecurity research & education with professional skills in teamwork, communication, leadership, and lifelong learning; Merges theoretical knowledge & experiential learning in cyber operations and defense

The certificate requires taking:

- CPTS 111 Intro to Computer Programming (Python) or CPTS 121 Intro to Programming (C/C++).
- MIS 372 Data Management or CYB 110 Cybersecurity & privacy (a cooperative course offered at the University of Idaho).
- MIS 374 IT Infrastructure and Society or CYB 310 (a collaborative course offered at the University of Idaho)
- CPT S 499 (with a cybersecurity project) or CPT S 421 and CPT S 423 computer science sequence of senior design courses

Additionally, students will:

- Participate in three internship credits (MIS 498; or CPT S 488 and ENGR 489) with a cybersecurity-related experience; or complete at least four foreign language credits or demonstrate equivalent proficiency in Russian, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, or Persian.
- Demonstrate involvement in CySER research (realized via class projects, senior design projects, and independent study).
- Attend the CySER summer workshop.
- Attend CySER seminars (at least 40% of the bi-weekly seminars in a semester).

# WSU Cyber Club & Competition Opportunities

- WSU Cyber Security Group

<https://wsu.presence.io/organization/cyber-security-group>

- Competition Teams

## **Cyber Force**

- Competition dates: Nov 4-5, 2022
- Two teams competing from WSU (Crimson Cougs and Grey Cougs)
- Most are CySER students, some are outside CySER, all are members of the CSG student club

## **NICCD**

- Competition dates: Nov 10-11, 2022
- One WSU team registered to participate (only one team per institution can participate)

# Cyber Security

# Group Cyber Security Group

Meetings every other Tuesday

Registered Student Organization (RSO), Special Interest, Academic • 7 Members

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# Schedule

- Bi-weekly virtual seminar series



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CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION AND  
RESEARCH**

**CySER Virtual Seminar**

Deborah Wells  
Central Washington University  
Deepfakes and Cybersecurity Concerns  
January 10, 2022, 3:10 – 4PM PDT

Team Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#) Or call in (audio only) +1 509-498-6399  
Phone Conference ID: 293 434 94#

#### Abstract:

Deepfakes are real and a real threat to organizations all over the world—to include government organizations! During the CySER monthly seminar, I am going to delve into what is a deepfake, and the high-level technology surrounding its existence. Categorizing deepfakes is important and allows for separating this technology into a positive and negative realm. The seminar would not be complete without specific examples of deepfakes as well as a solid understanding of the cybersecurity threats associated with this type of technology. Discerning the difference between a fake and real video or audio file is important and I will spend some time going over the key characteristics of a fake and how to tell the difference. The final area in the discussion is how to properly handle this type of technology through governance.

#### Bio:

Deb is a 21-year Air Force veteran. She heralds from a computer and cybersecurity background. Deb's career was replete with numerous duty stations all over the world. She began her Air Force journey after graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Business Administration. She had ten assignments starting at the Engineering and Installation Wing at Tinker Air Force Base and retired as the Air Base Group Deputy Commander from Joint Base Lewis McChord.



After retiring from the Air Force, Deb began working for Central Washington University as a full-time lecturer in the Information Technology and Administration Department, where she teaches a variety of cybersecurity, leadership, and digital forensics classes. While Deb continues to teach, she has recently started another career with Boeing Employees Credit Union as their Senior Cybersecurity Engineering Manager. In her spare time, she is the owner of a small business, Selkirk Security Solutions, LLC, specializing in cybersecurity risk assessments, forensics, and incident response triage.

Currently, Deb Wells resides in Northern Idaho with her husband and teenage daughter!

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# FALL 2022 SEMINAR SERIES

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title/Media</b>
Oct. 17	CySER PIs at partner institutions	<a href="#"><u>Fall Seminar Series Kick-off: updates from partner institutions</u></a>
		<a href="#"><u>Meeting link</u></a>
Oct. 31	Robert Crossler  Dept of Management, Information Systems and Entrepreneurship  WSU	TBD
Nov. 14	Slater Weinstock  Casaba Security	TBD
Nov. 28	James Halvorsen  School of EECS  WSU	TBD
Dec. 12	Haipeng Cai  School of EECS  WSU	TBD

# CySER Seminars Schedule

## FALL 2021 SEMINAR SERIES

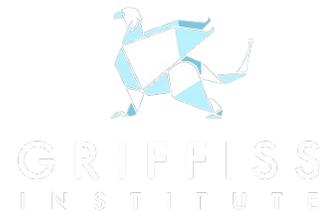
Date	Speaker	Title/Media
Nov. 29	 <u>Dr. Clemente Izurieta</u> Gianforte School of Computing Montana State University	<u>Hierarchical Software Quality Assurance Approach to Leveraging Existing Technologies and Building Quality Gates</u>  <u>Recording</u> <u>Slides</u>
Nov. 8	 <u>Matthew Boehnke</u> Department of Computer Science Columbia Basin College	<u>Cyberhawks and Beyond</u>  <u>Recording</u> <u>Slides</u>
Oct. 25	 <u>Dr. Jim Alves-Foss</u> Department of Computer Science University of Idaho	<u>Probabilities, Percentages, and Professions of Performance</u>  <u>Recording</u> <u>Slides</u>
Oct. 11	 <u>Dr. Assefaw H. Gebremedhin</u> School of EECS Washington State University	<u>CySER Overview and Machine Learning</u>  <u>Recording</u> <u>Slides</u>



# Schedule

## SPRING 2022 SEMINAR SERIES

Date	Speaker	Title/Media
May. 2	Cory Baker Cybercore Integration Center Idaho National Laboratory	<a href="#">Cybersecurity for the Operational Technology Environment</a>
Apr. 18	Kevin Brennan FBI – Special Agent	<a href="#">The Cyber Threat Landscape – The FBI's Perspective</a>
Apr. 4	 <a href="#">Karl Scheuerman</a> CrowdStrike – Falcon Complete	<a href="#">Cyber Security Operations on the Front Line</a> <a href="#">Recording</a> <a href="#">Slides</a>
Mar. 21	 <a href="#">Elena Peterson</a> Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	<a href="#">Flexible and Adaptive Malware Identification Using Techniques from Biology</a> <a href="#">Recording</a> <a href="#">Slides</a>
Mar. 7	 <a href="#">Charles Carroll</a> Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories	<a href="#">Purposeful Design – Defending Critical Infrastructure</a> <a href="#">Recording</a>
Feb. 7	 <a href="#">Bryson Bort</a> Scythe and ICS Village	<a href="#">Can you hack it? Starting your own company</a> <a href="#">Recording</a> <a href="#">Slides</a>
Jan. 10	 <a href="#">Deborah Wells</a> Information Technology and Administration Central Washington University	<a href="#">Deepfakes and Cybersecurity Concerns</a> <a href="#">Recording</a> <a href="#">Slides</a>



- Summer workshop: <https://cyser.wsu.edu/summer-workshop/>
- May 23 to June 3, 2022, at WSU in Pullman, WA: presentations, tutorials, and hands-on experiential learning activities
- Field trips: a half-day trip to Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL, Pullman), full-day Fairchild Air Force Base, 2-day to Keyport Naval Undersea Warfare Center.
- In person, virtual option
- Slides, related material, and recordings of all sessions (excluding the field trips) posted on CySER website
- Topics:
  - Cybersecurity in industrial control systems
  - Digital forensics
  - Cybersecurity and behavioral threats
  - Cyber education
  - Team building and leadership
  - Virtualization
  - Software assurance and trusted software bills
  - Cybersecurity competitions and the National Cyber League
  - Cybersecurity in power systems
  - Adversary emulation, purple teaming, and ICS
  - Applications of machine learning in cybersecurity
  - Human in-the-loop learning for anomaly detection
  - Clustering software vulnerabilities using self-organizing maps
  - On-chip communication in the age of heterogeneity
  - Cybersecurity in biomanufacturing
  - Smartphone technology security
  - Binary analysis
  - US Army Cyber Command
  - Being a Lifelong Learner
- Daily summary emails were sent to workshop participants

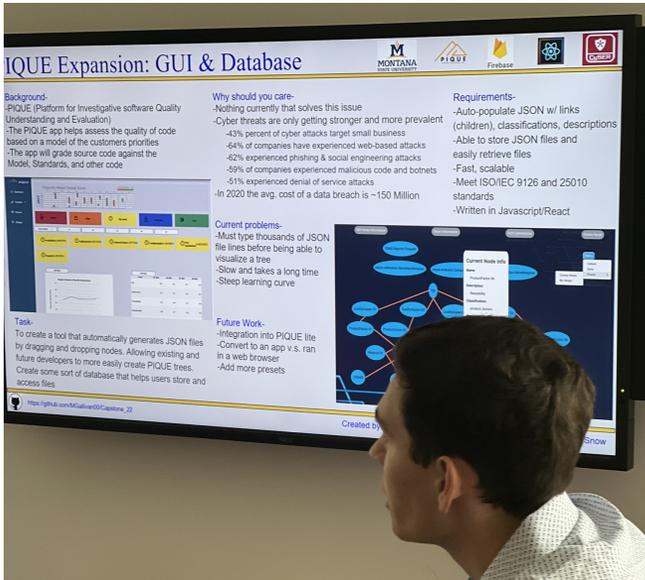
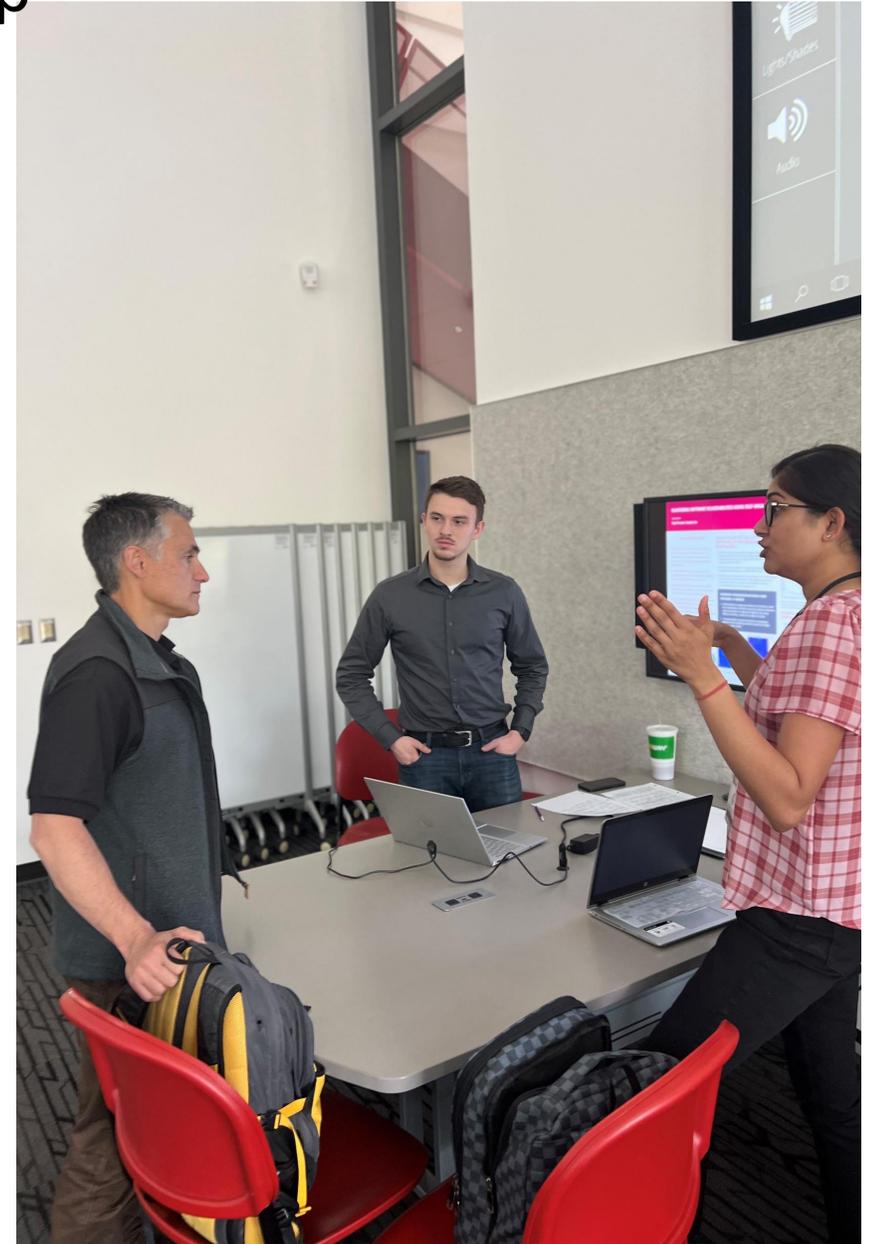
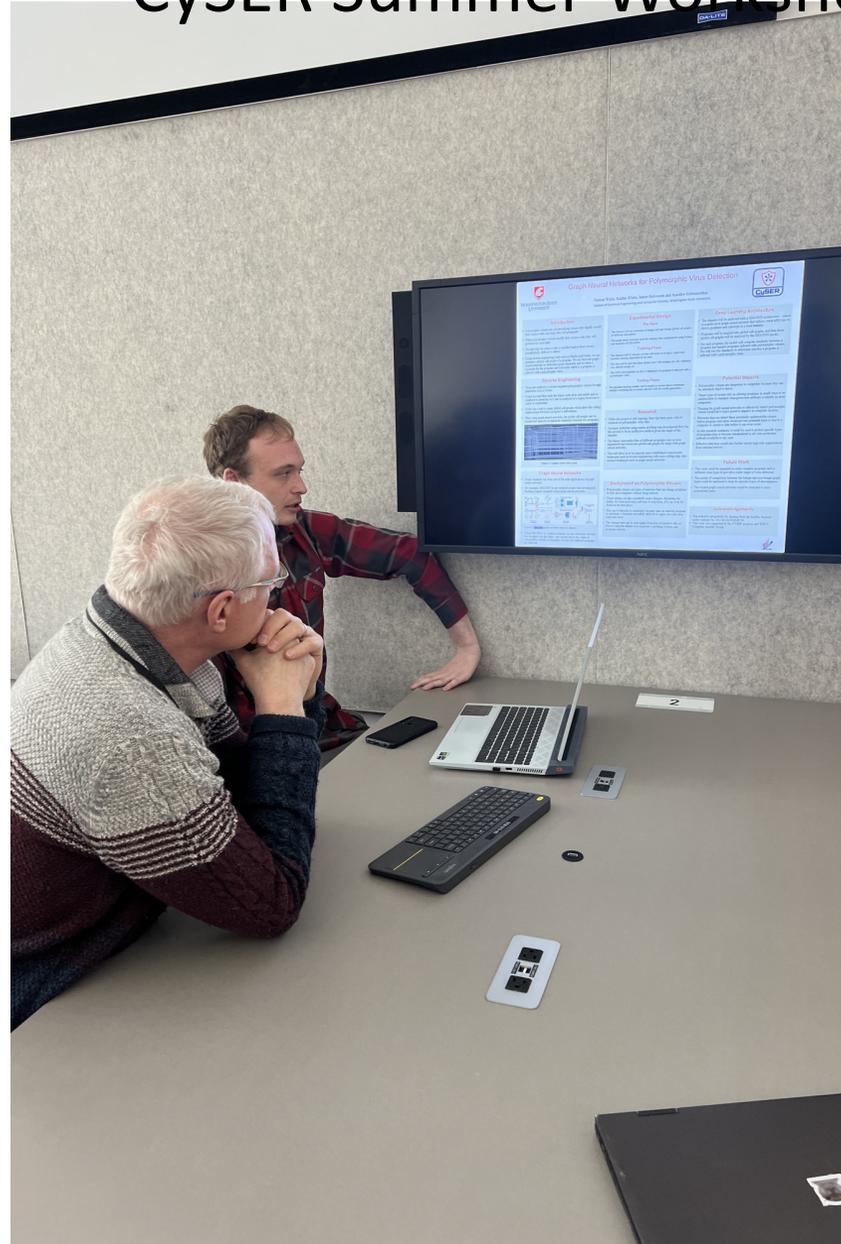
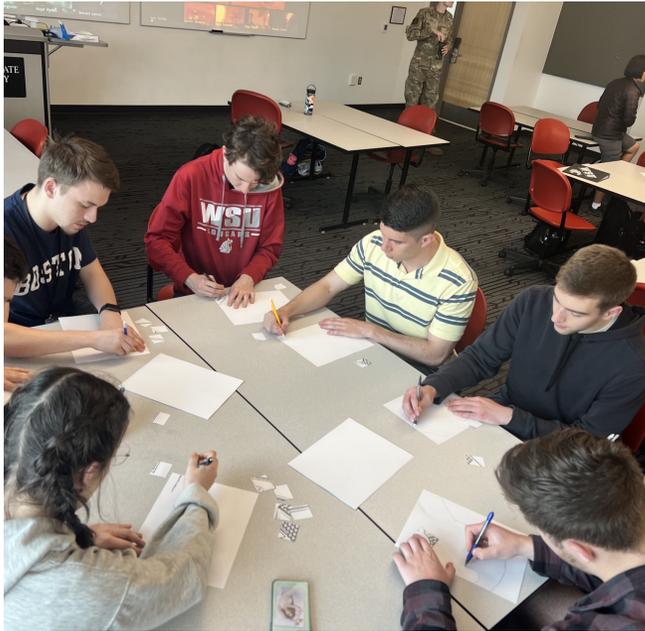


# CySER Activities

- **Experiential Learning**
  - Mentored cybersecurity research
  - Summer workshop: extensive hands-on components
    - Poster session
  - Leadership – Team Building
    - Major Paul Hyde (WSU)
    - Retired Captain Andrew Van Den Hoek (CWU)
    - LTC Lance Ratterman (MSU)
  - Internships
  - Mentored senior design projects
  - Cybersecurity seminars
  - 3 field trips:
    - Schweitzer Engineering Lab (Pullman, WA)
    - Fairchild Air Force Base (Airway Heights, WA, near Spokane)
    - Keyport Undersea Warfare Center (Keyport, WA)
  - participation on a competitive cybersecurity team (CBC)



# CySER Summer Workshop



# Summary

**EXTERNAL EVALUATOR SUMMARY – by Dr. Olusola Adesope** (attended biweekly PI meetings to assess goals, infrastructure, examine what was going well / improvements needed). Data from meetings, reports, Qualtrics surveys for faculty, RA faculty, undergraduates.

Significant achievements - year 1:

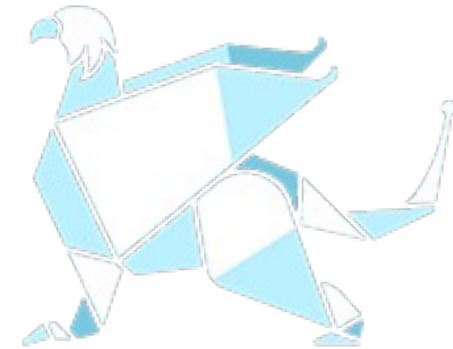
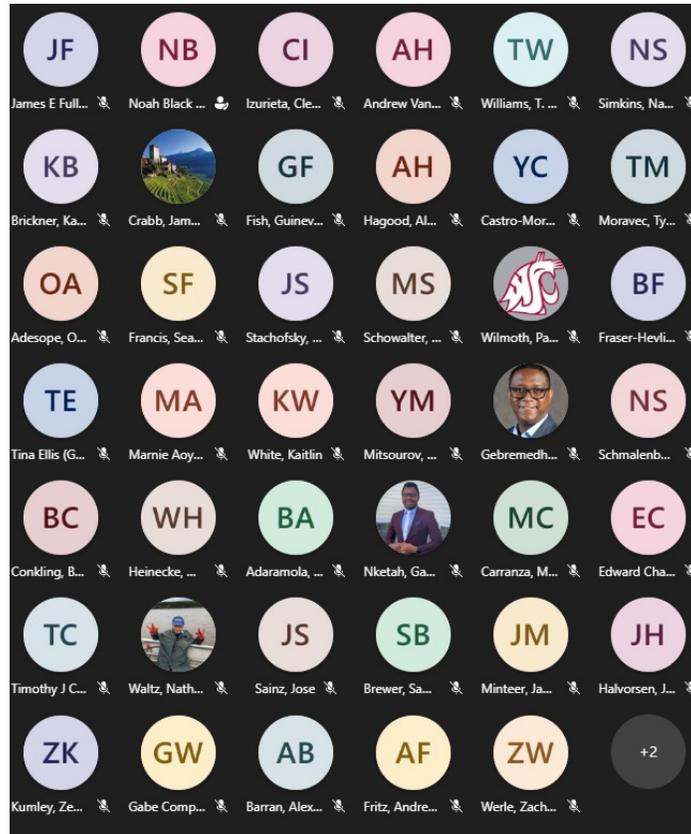
- Project website developed and launched
- 3 new courses on cybersecurity developed, syllabi passed through university; courses now listed in university catalog.
- 2 CySER certificate programs: CySER CAE-CO Fundamentals & CySER Basic Certificates; approved by the university senate, listed in catalog
- Current CySER students are currently completing program requirements to obtain certificates.
- Biweekly Seminar series in Fall 2021 (5 seminars) and Spring 2022 (7 seminars); Broadly advertised, well-attended (~25 / seminar)
  - Robust intellectual and practical discussions
- 2-week Summer workshop: well-attended, included field trips
- 13 undergraduate students placed in cybersecurity internships
- 32 students are involved in cybersecurity projects at varying levels
- Successful recruitment of ROTC members
- Conducted outreach activities for high school students
- Many graduate student faculty research assistants serve as mentors to undergraduates
- Strong underrepresented minority participation in the project, with Hispanics, African Americans, and females well represented

**Overall, Year 1 achievements of project objectives and outcomes were successful, and plans for year 2 are realistic, aligned with project goals, and well-crafted to reach indicated milestones.**

## EXTERNAL EVALUATOR SUMMARY

- PI/Admin team went above and beyond with limited salaries
- Workshop:
  - 90% of student participants indicated they gained a lot from attending the summer workshop
  - 7% gained moderate knowledge
  - 2% gained little experience
- CySER program influenced the students' learning experience about Cybersecurity

# Attendance



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