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摘要: Drive-by download attacks exploit malicious websites to compromise computers when they visit those malicious websites. Drive-by download attacks have become a big cyber threat. Given that malicious websites are inevitable, we need solutions for detecting malicious websites, while anticipating that drive-by download attacks will become increasingly evasive. In this talk, I will present our research towards eliminating the threat of drive-by download attacks. I will start with a novel cross-layer method for detecting malicious websites, which essentially uses the network-layer "lens" to expose more information about malicious websites. This cross-layer detection method is about 50 times faster than the dynamic approach, while achieving almost the same detection effectiveness as the static approach (in terms of accuracy, false-negative rate, and false-positive rate). I will then illustrate how sophisticated attacks can evade the detection, and show how proactive defense can achieve a significant success against these sophisticated attacks. I will outline future research directions towards the ultimate goal.

Bio:

Shouhui Xu is a Full Professor in the Department of Computer Science, University of Texas at San Antonio. He is Director of the Laboratory for Cybersecurity Dynamics (<http://www.cs.utsa.edu/~shxu/LCD/index.html>). His research is primarily in making cyberspace secure and trustworthy. He is especially interested in both theoretical modeling/analysis of cybersecurity and devising practical cyber defense techniques (e.g., provably-secure cryptographic protocols and other advanced cyber defense mechanisms). His research has been funded by AFOSR, ARO, NSF and ONR. He was a Program Committee co-chair of NSS'15 and Inscrypt'13. He co-initiated the ACM Scalable Trusted Computing Workshop (ACM STC). He has served on the Program Committees of numerous international conferences/workshops. He is currently an Associate Editor of IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (IEEE TDSC) and IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (IEEE TIFS). He earned his PhD in Computer Science from Fudan University.