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## Research Interests & Objectives:

I use ideas from theory of programming languages to explore issues in computer security and concurrency. I am especially interested in giving foundations to information-flow security, authorization, and choreographic programming. By using theoretical tools, I create principled, general mechanisms for enforcing guarantees and proof techniques for verified-correct programs. Moreover, I develop those theoretical tools to give them the necessary power.

**Keywords:** • Choreographic Programming • Information Security • Authorization • Programming Language Semantics • Program Verification • Mathematical Logic • Foundations of Mathematics

## Professional Appointments:

- 2022-Present     **Assistant Professor**  
Computer Science and Engineering  
University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Buffalo, NY, USA
- 2019–2022     **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Foundations of Computer security Group  
Max Planck Institute for Software Systems  
Saarbrücken, Germany

## Education:

- 2019     **PhD**, Cornell University  
Computer Science  
Thesis:     Semantics for Secure Software  
Supervisor:     Ross Tate
- 2016     **Master of Science**, Cornell University  
Computer Science
- 2013     **Bachelor of Science**, The George Washington University  
Computer Science & Pure Mathematics

## Peer-Reviewed Conferences and Journals:

- 2022     *Pirouette: Higher-Order Typed Functional Choreographies*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Deepak Garg  
Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)  
DOI: 10.1145/3498684
- 2021     *Giving Semantics to Program-Counter Labels via Secure Effects*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Ethan Cecchetti  
Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)  
DOI: 10.1145/3434316
- 2020     *First-Order Logic for Flow-Limited Authorization*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch**, Pedro H. Azevedo de Amorim, Ethan Cecchetti,  
Ross Tate, and Owen Arden  
Computer Security Foundations (CSF)  
DOI: 10.1109/CSF49147.2020.00017
- 2018     *Strict and Lazy Semantics for Effects*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Ross Tate  
International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP)  
DOI: 10.1145/3236783

- 2013 *Belief Semantics in Authorization Logic*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Michael R. Clarkson  
Computer and Communications Security (CVS)  
DOI: 10.1145/2508859.2516667

### Workshops with Unpublished Proceedings:

- 2022 *Compositional Higher-Order Declassification using Logical Relations*  
Jan Menz, **Andrew K. Hirsch** and Deepak Garg  
Foundations of Computer Security (FCS)
- 2021 *Security-Preserving Program Transformations Using ITrees*  
Lucas Silver, **Andrew K. Hirsch**, Ethan Cecchetti, Paul He, and Steve Zdancewic  
Foundations of Computer Security (FCS)
- 2020 *Noninterference Half-Off*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Ethan Cecchetti  
Foundations of Computer Security (FCS)
- 2019 *First-Order Logic for Flow-Limited Authorization*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch**, Pedro H. Azevedo de Amorim, Ethan Cecchetti,  
Ross Tate, and Owen Arden  
Foundations of Computer Security (FCS)

### Technical Reports:

- 2021 *Pirouette: Higher-Order Typed Functional Choreographies*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Deepak Garg  
Max Planck Institute for Software Systems  
<https://www.mpi-sws.org/tr/2021-004.pdf><https://www.mpi-sws.org/tr/2021-004.pdf>
- 2020 *First-Order Logic for Flow-Limited Authorization*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch**, Pedro H. Azevedo de Amorim, Ethan Cecchetti,  
Ross Tate, and Owen Arden  
Max Planck Institute for Software Systems  
URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.10630>
- 2013 *Belief Semantics of Authorization Logic*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Michael R. Clarkson  
The George Washington University  
URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.2123>
- 2012 *Nexus Authorization Logic (NAL): Logical Results*  
**Andrew K. Hirsch** and Michael R. Clarkson  
The George Washington University  
URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.3700>

### In Submission & In Preparation:

- 2022 *Semantics for Noninterference with Interaction Trees*  
Lucas Silver, Paul He, Ethan Cecchetti, **Andrew K. Hirsch**, and Steve Zdancewic  
In Preparation  
URL: forthcoming
- 2022 *Logical Relations for Higher-Order Where Declassification*  
Jan Menz, **Andrew K. Hirsch**, Peixuan Li, and Deepak Garg  
In Preparation  
URL: forthcoming
- 2022 *Process Polymorphism in Choreographies*  
Eva Graversen, **Andrew K. Hirsch**, and Fabrizio Montesi  
In Submission to POPL 2023  
URL: forthcoming

## Invited Talks:

- 2021 *Semantic Techniques for Information-Flow Languages*  
University of California, Berkeley
- 2021 *Semantic Techniques for Information-Flow Languages*  
Boston University
- 2021 *Concurrent Interpretations of Authorization Logic*  
Boston Computing Club
- 2020 *Towards Computational Models for Authorization Logics*  
Aarhus University
- 2019 *First-Order Logic for Flow-Limited Authorization*  
University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2017 *Usable Models of Effects*  
University at Buffalo, SUNY
- 2015 *Strictness, Laziness, and Effects*  
The George Washington University

## Service:

- 2022 Haskell Symposium  
Program Committee Member
- 2021 Programming Languages and Analysis for Security  
Program Committee Member
- 2021 International Conference on Functional Programming Student Research Competition  
Committee Member & Judge
- 2020 Foundations of Computer Security (FCS)  
Program Committee Member
- 2020 Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)  
Artifact Evaluation Committee Member
- 2019 Eastern Great Lakes Programming Languages and Systems (EGLPLS)  
Chair

## Teaching Experience:

### At University at Buffalo (As Professor):

- | Fall 2022 Foundations of Programming Languages

### At Universität des Saarland (As Volunteer):

- | Summer 2022 Category Theory

### At Cornell University (As Graduate TA):

- | Spring 2019 Advanced Programming Languages
- | Spring 2018 Category Theory for Computer Scientists
- | Fall 2017 Functional Programming and Data Structures
- | Fall 2016 Programming Languages
- | Spring 2014 Computer System Organization and Programming
- | Fall 2013 Database Systems