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Research Interests

Web and mobile security, security and privacy issues, socio-technical (human) aspect security, security protocols.

Education

- 2015 – 2020 **University of Oxford** – Oxford, UK
DPhil. in Cyber Security (Computer Science)
Thesis: Negotiation Transparency and Consistency in Configurable Protocols: an Empirical Investigation.
- 2011 – 2012 **University College London (UCL)** – London, UK
MSc. in Information Security
Thesis: Cryptographic Vulnerabilities in Real-Life Web Servers
- 2011 – 2011 **University College London (UCL)** – London, UK
Diploma in English for Academic Purposes
Grade: Distinction.
- 1999 – 2004 **King Abdulaziz University (KAU)** – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
BSc. in Computer Science
GPA: 4.7/5 with honour grade.

Recognition Awards

- 2019 **Best Paper Award** (15th Int. SECURECOMM conference).
- 2015 **Clementina Saduwa Award for Women in Engineering** (IEEE Region8 EMEA)
- 2015 **Exemplary Student Branch Counselor** (IEEE Region8 EMEA)
- 2004 **Excellence Award for Students** (KAU)
- 2003 **Excellence Award for Students** (KAU)

Work Experience

- 2021 – Present **Deputy Supervisor, Cyber Security Club, College of Computing & IT, KAU – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Building a cyber security hub for staff and students to raise awareness, conduct activities, and network.
- 2020 – Present **Assistant Professor, College of Computing & IT, KAU – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Teaching and conducting research. I taught the following:
Full course: Professional Computing Issues (12 cohorts) • Programming & Problem Solving (1 cohort) • Computer Skills (1 cohort)
- 2013 – 2020 **Lecturer, College of Computing & IT, KAU – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Teaching and conducting research. I taught the following BSc. courses:
Full course: Intro. to Computer and Internet (1 cohort)
Laboratory: Computer & Information Security (7 cohorts) • SW Engineering (1 cohort) • Computer Architecture & Organisation (5 cohort)
- 2007 – 2013 **Teaching Assistant, College of Computing & IT, KAU – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Teaching. **The founding TA of the network lab for BSc. courses.** I taught the following BSc. courses:
Full course: Intro. to Computer and Internet (5 cohorts)
Laboratory: Data Communication & Networks (6 cohorts) • Intro. to Programming with C++ (2 cohorts)
- 2008 – 2011 **Head of Labs and Technical Support Unit (the 1st Head), College of Computing & IT, KAU – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Leading a team of technicians to build and support the college's labs. The founding head of the labs and technical support unit. Passed the ISO accreditation for quality management systems.
- 2006 – 2007 **Junior Network Administrator, IT Department, Dar Al-Hekma University (DAH) – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Administering the university's network and providing technical support to staff and students.
- 2006 – 2006 **Assistant Graphic Designer, IT Department, Effat University – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Responsible for the graphic design of the university.

2004 – 2006 **Network & User Support Coordinator, IT Department, Dar Al-Fikr Schools – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
Administering the school’s network and providing technical support to staff and students.

Google Scholar Profile

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=-C8sg-cAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

List of Publications

- 2021 **Saudi Parents’ Privacy Concerns About Their Children’s Smart Device Applications**
E. Alashwali and F. Alashwali.
under review.
- 2020 **Exploring HTTPS Security Inconsistencies: A Cross-Regional Perspective**
E. Alashwali, P. Szalachowski, and A. Martin.
Computers & Security, 2020, Vol. 97, No. 101975.
- 2019 **Towards Forward Secure Internet Traffic**
E. Alashwali, P. Szalachowski, and A. Martin.
Security and Privacy in Communication Networks (SECURECOMM), US.
- 2019 **Does “www.” Mean Better Transport Layer Security?**
E. Alashwali, P. Szalachowski, and A. Martin.
Availability, Reliability and Security (ARES), UK.
- 2018 **DSTC: DNS-based Strict TLS Configurations**
E. Alashwali and P. Szalachowski
Risks and Security of Internet and Systems (CRISIS), France.
- 2018 **What’s in a Downgrade? A Taxonomy of Downgrade Attacks in the TLS Protocol and Application Protocols Using TLS**
E. Alashwali and K. Rasmussen
Workshop on Applications and Techniques in Cyber Security at SECURECOMM, Singapore.

- 2018 **On the Feasibility of Fine-Grained TLS Security Configurations in Web Browsers Based on the Requested Domain Name**
E. Alashwali and K. Rasmussen
Security and Privacy in Communication Networks (SECURECOMM), US.
- 2015 **Design and Evaluation of Competition-based Hacking Exercises**
E. Alashwali and H. Ben-Abdallah
Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON), Estonia.
- 2014 **Incorporating Hacking Projects in Computer and Information Security Education: An Empirical Study**
E. Alashwali
Journal of Electronic Security and Digital Forensics, Vol. 6, No. 3.
- 2013 **Cryptographic Vulnerabilities in Real-Life Web Servers**
E. Alashwali
Communications and Information Technology (ICCIT), Lebanon.

IT Career Certifications

- 2008 **Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA)**
Microsoft.
- 2008 **Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) in Implementing, Managing, and Maintaining Windows Server 2003**
Microsoft.
- 2007 **Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) in Managing and Maintaining Windows Server 2003 Environment**
Microsoft.
- 2007 – 2010 **CISCO Certified Network Associate (CCNA)**
CISCO.
- 2006 **A+ Certified Professional**
Computing and Technology Industry Association (CompTIA).
- 2005 **MCP in Installing, Configuring, and Administering Windows XP Professional**
Microsoft.

- 2005 **I-Net+ Certified Professional**
CompTIA.
- 2004 **Network+ Certified Professional**
CompTIA.

Volunteering

- 2014 – 2015 Students Activities Chair
IEEE Western Saudi Section
- 2014 – 2015 KAU Student Branch Counselor
IEEE Western Saudi Section

Committees

- 2021 – now Professional Computing Issues Course Coordinator
IS Dept., KAU
- 2021 – now Member of the Alumni Committee
IS Dept., KAU
- 2020 – now Member of the Academic Advising Committee
IS Dept., KAU
- 2014 – 2015 Member of the Executives Committee
IEEE Western Saudi Section
- 2013 – 2015 Member of the Academic Advising Committee
IS Dept., KAU
- 2013 – 2015 Member of the Exams Committee
IS Dept., KAU
- 2010 Member of the Interviewers Committee for the Permanent Technicians jobs
FCIT, KAU
- 2010 Member of the Inventory Committee
FCIT, KAU

Reviewing Service

- 2021 Journal of Behaviour and Information Technology
Taylor and Francis
- 2014 the 6th IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference
Tallin University of Technology, Tallin, Estonia
- 2014 the 11th “Learning & Technology Conference (L&T)”
Effat University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Languages

English (Fluent), Arabic (Native).

Other interests

Art and drawing

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