



# Thomas Vissers

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

- 2013–Curr. **Doctorate (Ph.D.)**, *imec-DistriNet, KU Leuven*, Leuven, Belgium.  
Engineering: Computer Science. Supervisor: Wouter Joosen
- 2012–2013 **Master of Science (M.Sc.)**, *University of Antwerp (formerly Artesis)*, Belgium.  
Engineering: Electronics - ICT
- 2009–2012 **Bachelor of Science (B.S.)**, *University of Antwerp (formerly Artesis)*, Belgium.  
Engineering: Electronics - ICT

### Miscellaneous

- Spring 2015 **Data Mining**, *KU Leuven*.  
Course from the Master of Artificial Intelligence
- Spring 2014 **SecAppDev**, *secappdev.org*.  
One-week course on secure application development.
- 2010–2012 **International Communication**, *SCVO Antwerpen*.  
English and French language course, with a focus on business communication.

### Experience

- 2013–Curr. **Security Researcher (Ph.D.)**, *imec-DistriNet, KU Leuven*, Belgium.  
Research on several internet security and privacy topics, such as domain name abuse, denial-of-service attacks, email security and browser fingerprinting. With a special interest in machine learning, data mining and large-scale analyses.  
**Selected main-author publications:**
- “*The Wolf of Name Street: Hijacking Domains Through Their Nameservers*”  
Published at ACM CCS 2017, Dallas, USA.
  - “*Exploring the ecosystem of malicious domain registrations in the .eu TLD*”  
Published at RAID 2017, Atlanta, USA.
  - “*Maneuvering around clouds: Bypassing cloud-based security providers*”  
Published at ACM CCS 2015, Denver, USA.
  - “*Parking sensors: Analyzing and detecting parked domains*”  
Published at NDSS 2015, San Diego, USA.
- Fall 2016 **Visiting researcher**, *Stony Brook University*, New York, USA.  
Research on DNS nameserver hijacking
- Spring 2013 **Visiting researcher**, *Anna University*, Chennai, India.  
Research on application-layer denial-of-service attacks and mitigation in cloud environments.  
Publications:
- “*DDoS defense system for web services in a cloud environment*”  
Published in Future Generation Computer Systems 37.

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## Professional activities

**External reviewer**, *ESORICS 2017*.

**Program committee member**, *eCrime 2017*.

**External reviewer**, *IEEE S&P 2017*.

**External reviewer**, *IEEE Euro S&P 2016*.

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## Talks and lectures

- Nov 2017 **ACM CCS 2017**, *Conference on Computer and Communications Security*, Dallas, USA.  
Presenting research paper
- Oct 2017 **41th M3AAWG**, *Messaging Malware Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group*, Toronto, CA.  
Invited speaker
- Sep 2017 **RAID 2017**, *Symposium on Research in Attacks, Intrusions and Defenses*, Atlanta, USA.  
Presenting research paper
- Feb 2017 **SecAppDev**, Leuven, BE.  
Lecture on “*Denial-of-Service Attacks: Solutions and Pitfalls*”
- Sep 2016 **OWASP Chapter Meeting**, Zaventem, BE.  
Invited speaker “*CloudPiecer: Bypassing Cloud-based Security*”
- Apr 2016 **Google PhD Security Summit**, Munich, DE.  
Invited participant
- Oct 2015 **35th M3AAWG**, *Messaging Malware Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group*, Atlanta, USA.  
Invited guest
- Oct 2015 **ACM CCS 2015**, *Conference on Computer and Communications Security*, Denver, USA.  
Presenting research paper
- Feb 2015 **ICCS 2015**, *International Cyber Security Strategy Congress*, Leuven, BE.  
Invited speaker on browser fingerprinting
- Feb 2015 **NDSS 2015**, *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium*, San Diego, USA.  
Presenting research paper
- Jul 2014 **HotPETS 2014**, *Hot Topics in Privacy Enhancing Technologies*, Amsterdam, NL.  
Presenting research paper

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## Languages

- Dutch **Native speaker**
- English **Fluent**
- French **Good working knowledge**
- German **Working knowledge**