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## Research interests

- Dependent type systems; interactive theorem proving; type-based programming methodologies that integrate programming with correctness proofs
- Program verification; language-based security; proof-carrying code; typed assembly language; model checking; formal methods for low-level software
- Design and implementation of declarative programming languages; type systems and logics; functional programming
- Automated deduction; interactive proof assistants

## Education

- **University of California, Berkeley**  
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department  
Computer Science Division  
**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computer Science**  
8/2003 – 9/2007  
Advisor: George Necula  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0 out of 4.0  
Thesis: Implementing Certified Programming Language Tools in Dependent Type Theory
- **University of California, Berkeley**  
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department  
Computer Science Division  
**Master of Science (MS) in Computer Science**  
12/2004  
Advisor: George Necula  
Thesis: An Untrusted Verifier for Typed Assembly Language
- **Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA**  
**Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematical Sciences and University Honors**  
8/2000 – 5/2003  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0 out of 4.0
- **Emmaus High School, Emmaus, PA**  
**High school diploma**  
9/1996 – 6/2000

## Refereed conference papers

- Adam Chlipala. **A Certified Type-Preserving Compiler from Lambda Calculus to Assembly Language**. Proceedings of the ACM SIGPLAN 2007 Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'07). June 2007.
- Adam Chlipala. **Modular Development of Certified Program Verifiers with a Proof Assistant**. Proceedings of the 11th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP'06). September 2006.
- Bor-Yuh Evan Chang, Adam Chlipala, George C. Necula. **A Framework for Certified Program Analysis and Its Applications to Mobile-Code Safety**. Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Verification, Model Checking, and Abstract Interpretation (VMCAI'06). January 2006.
- Dirk Beyer, Adam Chlipala, Thomas Henzinger, Ranjit Jhala, Rupak Majumdar. **Generating Tests from Counterexamples**. Proceedings of the 26th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'04), IEEE Computer Society Press. May 2004.

## Refereed journal articles

- Adam Chlipala. **Modular Development of Certified Program Verifiers with a Proof Assistant**. Journal of Functional Programming (JFP). Cambridge University Press. Accepted pending revision.

## Refereed workshop papers

- Adam Chlipala. **Position Paper: Thoughts on Programming with Proof Assistants**. Proceedings of the Programming Languages meets Program Verification Workshop (PLPV'06). August 2006.
- Adam Chlipala, George C. Necula. **Cooperative Integration of an Interactive Proof Assistant and an Automated Prover**. Proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Strategies in Automated Deduction (STRATEGIES'06). August 2006.
- Bor-Yuh Evan Chang, Adam Chlipala, George C. Necula, Robert R. Schneck. **The Open Verifier Framework for Foundational Verifiers**. Proceedings of the 2nd ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Types in Language Design and Implementation (TLDI'05). January 2005.
- Bor-Yuh Evan Chang, Adam Chlipala, George C. Necula, Robert R. Schneck. **Type-Based Verification of Assembly Language for Compiler Debugging**. Proceedings of the 2nd ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Types in Language Design and Implementation (TLDI'05). January 2005.
- Adam Chlipala, Leaf Petersen, Robert Harper. **Strict Bidirectional Type Checking**. Proceedings of the 2nd ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Types in Language Design and Implementation (TLDI'05). January 2005.

## Refereed poster sessions

- Adam Chlipala. **Developing Certified Program Verifiers with a Proof Assistant**. Proceedings of the International Workshop on Proof-Carrying Code (PCC'06). August 2006.

## Invited conference papers

- Dirk Beyer, Adam Chlipala, Thomas Henzinger, Ranjit Jhala, Rupak Majumdar. **The Blast Query Language for Software Verification**. Proceedings of the 11th Static Analysis Symposium (SAS'04), Lecture Notes in Computer Science 3148, Springer-Verlag. August 2004.

## Technical reports

- Adam Chlipala. **Generic Programming and Proving for Programming Language Metatheory**. Technical Report UCB/EECS-2007-147. 2007.
- Adam Chlipala. **Implementing Certified Programming Language Tools in Dependent Type Theory**. Technical Report UCB/EECS-2007-113. 2007.
- Adam Chlipala. **Scrap Your Web Application Boilerplate, or Metaprogramming with Row Types**. Technical Report UCB/EECS-2006-120. 2006.
- Bor-Yuh Evan Chang, Adam Chlipala, George C. Necula. **A Framework for Certified Program Analysis and Its Applications to Mobile-Code Safety**. Technical Report UCB/ERL M05/32. UC Berkeley EECS Department. 2005.
- Adam Chlipala. **An Untrusted Verifier for Typed Assembly Language**. MS Project Report. Technical Report UCB/ERL M04/41. UC Berkeley EECS Department. 2004.

## Talks

- "Generic Programming and Proving for Programming Language Metatheory." WMM'07. October 2007.
- "A Certified Type-Preserving Compiler from Lambda Calculus to Assembly Language." PLDI'07. June 2007.
- "A Certified Type-Preserving Compiler from Lambda Calculus to Assembly Language." Open Source Quality Project Retreat. May 2007.
- "A Certified Type-Preserving Compiler from Lambda Calculus to Assembly Language." ProjeT Gallium seminar. January 2007.
- "Modular Development of Certified Program Verifiers with a Proof Assistant." ICFP'06. September 2006.
- "Position Paper: Thoughts on Programming with Proof Assistants." PLPV'06. August 2006.
- "Cooperative Integration of an Interactive Proof Assistant and an Automated Prover." STRATEGIES'06. August 2006.
- "Developing Sound Program Analysis Tools by Programming with Proofs." Open Source Quality Project Retreat. May 2006.
- "A Framework for Certified Program Analysis and Its Applications to Mobile-Code Safety." VMCAI'06. January 2006.
- "Proof-Carrying Verifiers." Open Source Quality Project Retreat. May 2005.
- "The Open Verifier Framework for Foundational Verifiers." TLDI'05. January 2005.

## Employment

- **Quantitative Researcher**  
Jane Street Capital  
9/2007 – present
- **Graduate Student Researcher**  
The Open Verifier project  
Computer Science Division  
University of California, Berkeley  
9/2003 – 8/2007  
PI: George Necula
- **Instructor**  
CS294-9: Interactive Computer Theorem Proving  
Computer Science Division  
University of California, Berkeley  
8/2006 – 12/2006
- **Research Intern**  
The Singularity project  
Software Productivity Tools group, Redmond, WA  
Microsoft Research  
6/2005 – 8/2005  
Mentor: Manuel Fahndrich
- **Graduate Student Instructor**  
CS172: Computability and Complexity  
Computer Science Division  
University of California, Berkeley  
1/2005 – 5/2005  
Instructor: Brian Lucena
- **Graduate Student Researcher**  
The BLAST project  
Computer Science Division  
University of California, Berkeley  
6/2003 – 8/2003  
PI: Thomas Henzinger
- **Research Assistant**  
The TILT type-directed Standard ML compiler project  
Computer Science Department  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA  
6/2002 – 5/2003  
PIs: Robert Harper, Karl Crary
- **Teaching Assistant**  
15-212: Principles of Programming (introduction to formal reasoning about programs and functional programming with Standard ML)  
Computer Science Department  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA  
1/2002 – 5/2002  
Instructors: Michael Erdmann, Jeannette Wing

- **Intern/Software Developer**  
Avaya Communication, Holmdel, NJ  
6/2001 – 8/2001
- **Software Developer**  
Trifecta Technologies, Allentown, PA  
Summers, 1998 - 2000

## Academic honors

- **National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship** winner, 2004
- **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship** winner, 2004
- **California Microelectronics Fellowship** winner, UC Berkeley EECS Department, 8/2003 – 5/2004
- Inducted into **Phi Kappa Phi**
- Inducted into **Phi Beta Kappa**
- Honorable Mention, **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship** competition, 2003
- **Andrew Carnegie Scholarship** winner, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, 8/2000 – 5/2003

## Software technologies

- **I have expert-level experience with and have hacked on implementations of:** ML, Coq, C
- **I've written significant amounts of code in:** F#, Java, SQL, x86 and Z80 assembly languages
- **I'm conversant in:** Haskell, C++, XSLT
- **I have some familiarity with:** Twelf, Scheme, Common Lisp, Prolog, C#, Visual Basic, UNIX shell scripting, Perl
- **I've done system administration of these daemons on UNIX systems with at least 100 users:** Apache, djbdns, Courier IMAP, Exim, Mailman, SpamAssassin

## Citizenship

- American citizen

## Summer schools

- **Summer School on Software Security: Theory to Practice**, University of Oregon, 6/2004

## External reviews:

- ICFP'04, LPAR'05, LICS'06, APLAS'06, TLDI'07, RTA'07, POPL'08, VMCAI'08

## Software

- **Cooperative Internet hosting tools** (<http://hcoop.sourceforge.net/>), including **DomTool** (<http://wiki.hcoop.net/DomTool>), a domain-specific language in support of shared UNIX system configuration by mutually-untrusting users

- **Laconic/Web** (<http://laconic.sourceforge.net/>), a prototype domain-specific programming language design and implementation supporting meta-programming of web applications with strong static guarantees
- **Dynamic web site tools for Standard ML** (<http://smlweb.sourceforge.net/>), including separately usable libraries for accessing SQL databases

## Other activities

- Founder and President of **HCoop, Inc.** (<http://hcoop.net/>), a democratically-run Internet hosting cooperative
- Black belt in Karate (no longer training)