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Professional Profile

Dr. Sorini is a computer scientist with expertise in software, security, forensics, and consumer electronics. He has extensive industry experience working for clients from startups to Fortune 500 companies on matters involving architecture, implementation, and analysis related to software, firmware, and computer hardware.

Dr. Sorini has worked on computer control software for systems ranging from micro-mobility to call centers. He also has experience with other topics in applied computer science including diverse aspects of cybersecurity such as medical device security, network security, ransomware/malware investigations, reverse engineering, and digital forensics of servers, personal computers, laptops, and smartphones.

Dr. Sorini has also worked as a technical consultant for intellectual property matters including trade secret, patent, and copyright matters. He has testified as an expert at trials, arbitrations, and depositions.

Dr. Sorini has a background in computational physics and numerical modelling. While at Stanford and then at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Dr. Sorini implemented massively-parallel sparse-matrix computer software to determine physical properties of electronic systems. Dr. Sorini has experience with a number of computer programming languages including C, FORTRAN, C++, C#, Java, PHP, Python, and JavaScript. He also has experience working with very large scale source code databases, source code repositories, and other software development artifacts, both as a software developer and as a technical consultant and expert.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Physics, University of Washington, 2008

M.S., Physics, University of Washington, 2003

B.S., Physics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2001

Licenses and Certifications

Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO)

Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (CCPA)

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Prior Experience

Postdoctoral Researcher, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2011-2012

Postdoctoral Researcher, Stanford Institute for Materials and Energy Science, 2009-2011

Research Assistant, University of Washington, 2005-2008

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, 2002-2005

Professional Affiliations

IEEE Senior Member

Publications

Sorini A, Chen C, and Phan S. Malware Analysis: A Look At Static and Dynamic Analysis Techniques. Software Engineering: Artificial Intelligence, Compliance, and Security. D'Andrade B (ed). Nova Science Publishers Inc., 2021.

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Lee WS, Sorini AP, Yi M, Chuang YD, Moritz B, Yang WL, Chu JH, Kuo HH, Gonzalez A, Fisher IR, Hussain Z, Devereaux TP, Shen ZX. Resonant enhancement of charge density wave diffraction in the rare-earth tritellurides. Physical Review B 2012; 85:155142.

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Selected Speaking Engagements

A. Sorini, Quantum Evolution and Preparation. FBI San Francisco - Cyber and Counterintelligence Academy. September 10, 2026.

A. Sorini, P. Ocola. Quantum Computing Overview and Recent Developments. San Francisco Infragard: Future-Proofing Cybersecurity. July 29, 2026.

Sorini A, Masters S, Foltermann K, Foster J. When a cyber hit stops the job: contracts, delays, and getting paid. Associated Builders and Contractors 2nd Annual Construction Summit, Round Rock, TX, June 2026.

Sorini A. What is a Quantum Computer. San Francisco Infragard: Future-Proofing Cybersecurity, Menlo Park, April 3, 2025.

Griffin, S., Hughes, R., Sorini, A. "How to Effectively Communicate After a Cyber Attack" FDCC 2023 Annual Meeting July 25, 2023

Sorini A, Wales, J, Sharma S. Cryptocurrency: What Is It and Why We Need to Know About It. 2022 FDCC Winter Meeting. March 8, 2022.

Martens J, Sinenian N, Sorini A, Lochner Z, Batara N. Targeted Hacking & Ransomware: How Perpetrators Get In and Out and How You Can Protect Yourself. Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) Webinar. March 9, 2021.

Scott G., Sorini A., "PyLocky Ransomware: Exploiting Implementation Errors." IEEE Symposium on Product Compliance Engineering Proceedings. Portland, OR (Virtual). November, 2020.

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Lochner Z, Batara N, Sorini A. Seen a Thing or Two: Experience and Trends in Cyber Insurance Claims. ISC^2 National Chapter Meeting. Sept 10, 2019.

Sorini A. Artificial Intelligence Risks and Rewards. Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC) webinar. Feb 8, 2019

Sorini A, Davis G, Frese D, and Karutz P. Cybersecurity Panel/Workshop. Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyer 32nd Annual Meeting. June 2, 2017.

Sorini A. Security-by-design for IoT devices. Arizona Technology Council Internet of Things Committee meeting, Feb 8, 2017.

Sorini A. Self-authentication in medical device software: An approach to include cybersecurity in legacy medical devices. IEEE Symposium on Product Compliance Engineering Proceedings (ISPCE), San Jose, CA, May, 2016.

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Sorini A, Rehr J, Levine Z. Effect of dielectric response on the magic angle mystery in EELS. APS March Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2008.

Exponent Alerts and Industry Analysis

Clevenger J, Sauer-Budge A, Sorini A, Villarraga M, Kreuzer S, Li V, Sharma S, Ryans J. "How Can Pharma Use GenAI Responsibly for FDA-Regulated Products," September 1, 2026.

Sorini A., Villarraga M. "FDA's CDRH Previews 21 Planned Guidance Documents for 2024," November 8, 2023.

Kytomaa H, MacLean S, Klopp R, Sorini A. "EU Institutes Unified Patent Court," June 23, 2023.

Sorini A, Morris T, Theodori J. "USPTO Seeks Comments on Artificial Intelligence & Inventorship," April 10, 2023.

Sorini A. "Improving Robotic-Assisted Surgery & Patient Outcomes Through Design Synergy," August 25, 2022.

Sorini A. "New FDA Draft Guidance on Cybersecurity in Medical Devices," August 5, 2022.

Sorini A. "FDA Expects List of AI/ML-Enabled Medical Devices to Grow," November 23, 2021.

McGoran B, Sorini A. "Executive Order Calls on Private Sector to Help Improve the Nation's Cyber Security," June 15, 2021.