



# Haoran QIU

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## EDUCATION

### The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

Hong Kong

B.Eng. in *Computer Science* | Minor in *Mathematics*

Sept.2015 - May.2019

- CGPA: 3.84/4.30 (Rank: 8/111), Major GPA: 4.0/4.3
- Core Courses: *Data Structures and Algorithms*, *Computer Organization*, *Operating Systems*, *System Architecture and Distributed Computing*, *Compiling Techniques*, *Database Systems*, *Object-oriented Programming*, *Linear Algebra*, *Calculus*, *Probability Theory & Statistics*, *Artificial Intelligence*
- **Teaching Assistant:** COMP 2396 *Java and Object-oriented Programming* (Fall 2017)

### University of Wisconsin - Madison

WI, USA

Visiting Student, College of Engineering

Jan.2018 - May.2018

- CGPA: 4.0/4.0, Major GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Courses: *Advanced Algorithms*, *Computer Networks*, *Introduction to Optimization*, *Analysis I*

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Shixiong Zhao, Rui Gu, **Haoran Qiu**, Tsz On Li, Yuexuan Wang, Heming Cui, and Junfeng Yang, [\*OWL: Understanding and Detecting Concurrency Attacks\*](#), Proceedings of the 48<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks 2018 (**DSN '18**), Luxembourg
- [2] Cheng Wang, Xusheng Chen, Weiwei Jia, Boxuan Li, **Haoran Qiu**, Shixiong Zhao, and Heming Cui, [\*PLOVER: Fast, Multi-core Scalable Virtual Machine Fault-tolerance\*](#), Proceedings of the 15<sup>th</sup> USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation 2018 (**NSDI '18**), USA

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Area of Interests: *Distributed Systems, Networks, Operating Systems*

[\*WiNGS Lab\*](#), University of Wisconsin - Madison

WI, USA

Undergraduate Research Assistant, supervised by Prof. [Suman Banerjee](#)

Jan.2018 - Apr.2018

**VIVID: Augmenting Vision-based Indoor Navigation System with Edge Computing.** It provides accurate localization, scalability, and user privacy protection. [Paper under review, **MobiSys '19**].

- Developed the back-end by using SLAM to locate and navigate, and using Elasticsearch to improve image storage efficiency, search scalability and performance.
- Evaluated bandwidth consumption and scalability comparison between cloud and edge computing.

**AutoMice: Self-driving Car Testbed.** Portable and extensible testbed framework that offers developers an environment to experiment with self-driving algorithms [[Paper](#)][[Code](#)].

- Developed and evaluated different object detection algorithms and integrated into the system. E.g. mean square error method, cascade classifier, single shot multibox detector, and YOLO.
- Designed algorithms for collision avoidance and detection based on geometric properties.
- Collaborated with teammates to present the self-driving car demo in ACM HotMobile 2018, Arizona.

[\*Systems Software Group\*](#), The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong

Undergraduate Research Assistant, supervised by Dr. [Heming Cui](#)

Aug.2017 - Present

**PLOVER:** the first Virtualized State Machine Replication (VSMR) system to achieve fast and multi-core scalable VM fault-tolerance. [[Paper](#)] [[Code](#)]

- Designed an algorithm to determine the optimal time to synchronize between two VMs: synchronize when CPU usage or I/O usage is above a bar set based on the idle stage. Compared to static way, the latency is improved by around 25% in various systems.
- Evaluated our system on various applications like MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, Django, and Tomcat.

**OWL: Understanding and Detecting Concurrency Attacks.** OWL, the first practical tool that models general concurrency attacks' implicit consequences and automatically detects them.[\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)

- Designed and simplified the overall model by extracting key steps from different parts of the system.
- Evaluated OWL on MySQL, Apache and Linux Kernel.

## WORK EXPERIENCES

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### Credit Suisse Group

*Software Engineer Intern, Risk IT Department*

**Hong Kong**

**Jun.2018 - Aug.2018**

Chinchilla: A big data system for risk information storage and processing.

- Developed a pipeline for data compression and zero stripping, which improved storage 4-5 times;
- Added new features to the project. E.g. developed multi-risk report designer using React-Redux;

### Hututa Technology Ltd.

*R&D Software Engineer Intern*

**Hong Kong**

**July.2017 - Aug.2017**

Data Thinker: A distributed data processing system for extending data processing ability of programs.

- Extended the API for a biology gene mapping program called Stampy, which is 10 times faster;
- Developed a network monitor system and added dynamic DNS update function;

## PROJECT EXPERIENCES

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### JPoker 24-Game: Distributed Systems Course Project [\[Code\]](#)

**Mar.2017**

This is a distributed game implemented in Java. The server-client communication was implemented using RMI (for authentication) & JMS (for message delivery), where the broadcast-subscribe model was used for efficiency. JDBC and MySQL were used to build the game database.

### Final Year Project [\[Website\]](#), supervised by Dr. [Heming Cui](#)

**Sept.2018 - April.2018**

Augmenting Blockchain System Efficiency and Security with a TEE-Facilitated P2P Overlay Network  
Paper on submission: **Haoran Qiu**, Tao Ji, Xusheng Chen, Shixiong Zhao, Tiankai Wang, and Heming Cui, IEEE Transactions on Services Computing (**IEEE TSC**)

## HONOR & AWARDS

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- Second Runner-up, Final Year Project Competition, HKU **May.2019**
- Visiting International Student Academic Excellence Award, UW-Madison **July.2018**
- Lee Shau Kee Scholarship, Department of International Affairs, HKU (Top 3%) **Feb.2018**
- Best Residential Hall Student Advisor, Suen Chi Sun Hall **April.2017**
- Honorable Mention in Mathematical Contest In Modeling, COMAP **Feb.2017**
- Champion of Undergraduate Men's Basketball Competition, HKU **April.2016**
- Dean's Honor List, Faculty of Engineering, HKU (Top 5%) **2015-16, 2017-18**
- HKU Foundation Scholarships For Outstanding Students, HKU **Sept.2015**

## SKILLS & LANGUAGES

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- **Programming Languages:** C/C++, Java, Python, JavaScript (AngularJS, React, Vue.js), HTML5, CSS, PHP, SQL, Swift, Haskell, Go, Matlab, GNU Octave, Julia
- **Software & Tools:** GNU/Linux, OpenCV, Git, Jupyter, Wireshark, Valgrind, OpenPAT, Boost, PostMan, Bootstrap, Nginx, Docker, Elasticsearch, LaTeX, Vim, Arduino, Gnuplot, Django