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Research interests

I'm keen on doing research on a variety of aspects in computer systems, especially in I/O in distributed systems, cloud computing and High Performance Computing. In particular, my research interests have recently been shifted towards **Systems for ML**, as well as employing **ML models to optimize Systems**. Besides, I would like to conduct research on some hot areas like **Adapting distributed applications to an environment containing persistent memories**, **GPU scheduling of distributed applications**, in addition to **Software Hardware co-design** to optimize serverless computing environments

Education

- 2020–present **PhD, Computer Science**, *Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)*, Blacksburg, VA, US.
Advisor: Dr Ali Butt, **GPA:** 3.92
- 2015–2020 : **Bachelor of Computer Software Engineering**, *University of Tehran*, Tehran, Iran.
GPA: 3.2

Conference & Workshop publications

- [**FAST'23★**] Redwan Ibne Seraj Khan, **Yazdani, Ahmad Hossein**, Yuqi Fu, Arnab K Paul, Bo Ji, Xun Jian, Yue Cheng, and Ali R Butt. Shade: Enable fundamental cacheability for distributed deep learning training. In *Proceedings of the 21th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies*, page 14, Santa Clara, CA, US, Feb. 2023. USENIX Association. URL <https://www.usenix.org/conference/fast23/presentation/khan>.

★ Top-tier venue

Research Experience

- August,2020 – present **Research Assistant at Distributed System and Storage Lab, Virginia Tech.**
Advisor : Dr. Ali Butt, *Professor, Department of Computer Science, Virginia Tech*
- Contributing to Metis project ongoing which is about improving the cachability of the deep learning workloads
 - Leading a collaborative research with Analytics & AI Methods at Scale Group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) on analytically recognizing the behavior of the users and jobs submitted to HPC systems to improve the I/O efficiency of the HPC systems.
 - Leading a collaborative research with Analytics & AI Methods at Scale Group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory aiming to address the I/O interference between the training/inference jobs for large AI models in HPC in collaboration with Jean Luca Bez, Ahmad Maroof Karimi, Arnab Kumar Paul, Suren Byna and Feiyi Wang
- June,2023 – August,2023 **Student Assistant at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), internship.**
Mentors: Suren Byna, Jean Luca Bez
- Continued my research on characterizing the sources of I/O performance variation in HPC, and striving to alleviate the I/O performance variability.

- Presented a poster outlining my findings on the potentials for introducing I/O interference as one cause of variability
- Continuing my efforts to mitigate I/O interference in HPC systems, the work I initiated is ongoing.

June,2021 – **Internship at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Analytics & AI Methods at Scale Group.**
August,2021

Mentors: Feiyi Wang, Sarp Oral, Ahmad Maroof Karimi and Arnab Kamur Paul

- First studied the literature on I/O characterization at application level to get insights for building an application and user aware I/O scheduler
- Then collected I/O information of different users and different applications, and showed the user's behaviour affects the I/O performance quite a lot
- Then presented my work at Internship Symposium held for the interns joined the national lab in summer 2021

June,2018 – **Summer Internship at Router lab at University of Tehran.**
August,2018

- Improved the lab's website in terms of responsiveness and SEO
- Read CISCO's documentations to make the lab router's CLI identical to CISCO
- Also, I was invited to participate in a project for adding QoS to data plane of the lab's routers.

Fellowships & Awards

- 2024 **USENIX travel grant recipient**, Santa Clara, CA
- 2022 **Student Volunteer at SC22**, Dallas, TX
- 2023 **Student Volunteer at SC23**, Denver, CO

Presentations

- 2022 **MUG22**, A conference sharing the recent advancements on MVAPICH (A library overlaying MPI), and how these improvements impact the applications

Computer skills

Programming Languages	Python, PyTorch, keras, R, C, C++, Advanced JAVA, Tensorflow, Go
Systems	Linux kernel programming, Slurm
Web Technologies	HTML 5, PHP, JSP, Javascript, Django, nodeJS
Database	SQL, MySQL, Apache, MSSQL

Teaching experience

Virginia Tech

- Fall 2023 : **CS3214: Computer Systems, head TA.**
 - Served as the head TA; creating the rubrics for the assignments and coordinating the logistics.
- Spring 2023 : **CS3214: Computer Systems, instructor.**
 - Giving presentations to one section (75 students) in parallel with two other sections taught by Godmar Back and Dan Williams.
- Fall 2022 : **CS3214: Computer Systems, instructor.**
 - Giving presentations to one section (75 students) in parallel with two other sections taught by Godmar Back and Huaicheng Li.

- Summer 2022 **CS 3114: Data Structures and Algorithms, teaching assistant.**
◦ Grading, Office hours
- Spring 2022 : **CS3214: Computer Systems, teaching assistant**, Virginia Tech.
◦ Grading assignments and projects, hosting office hours
- Fall 2021 : **CS3214: Computer Systems, teaching assistant.**
◦ Grading assignments and projects, hosting office hours
- Summer 2021 **CS2506: Computer Organization II, teaching assistant.**
◦ Grading, Office hours
- Spring 2021 : **CS3704: Intermediate Software Design and Engineering, teaching assistant.**
◦ Grading assignments, hosting office hours
- Fall 2020 : **CS1114: Introduction to Software Design, teaching assistant.**
◦ Grading assignments, hosting office hours and lab sessions
[University of Tehran](#)
- Spring 2020 : **Artificial intelligence, teaching assistant.**
◦ hosted project help session, created a project assignment and homework assignment, grading
- Fall 2019 : **Formal Methods in Software Engineering, teaching assistant.**
◦ created a project assignment and a homework assignment
- Spring 2019 : **Programming Languages and Compilers, teaching assistant.**
◦ created and led the project course, hosted a help session for each phase of the project, grading
- Fall 2018 : **Programming Languages and Compilers, teaching assistant.**
◦ created 2 homework assignments, grading the course project and homework assignments

Referees

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