

# Zhiqiang Zang

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## Education

- 2018–2024 **Ph.D.**, *The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)*, Austin, TX, USA  
Software Engineering and Systems Advisor: Milos Gligoric
- 2014–2018 **B.E.**, *Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT)*, Beijing, China  
Telecommunication Engineering

## Industry Experience

- Jun 2025–Present **Research Scientist**, *Meta Platforms*, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
AI observability platform: GPU performance debugging, LLM training profiling, AMD training support.
- Feb 2024–Jun 2025 **Research Scientist**, *Meta Platforms*, Menlo Park, CA, USA  
AI infra efficiency: PT2 Compiler, Holistic Trace Analysis (HTA).
- May–Aug 2023 **Software Engineer Intern**, *Uber Technologies*, San Francisco, CA, USA  
Supported contracts in a Go static analyzer called NilAway (<https://github.com/uber-go/nilaway>) to reduce false positive errors.
- May–Aug 2022 **Software Engineer Intern**, *Meta Platforms*, Bellevue, WA, USA  
Migrated a large-scale data analytic engine onto a new environment to improve performance and maintainability.
- May–Aug 2020 **Research Intern**, *Fujitsu Laboratories of America*, Sunnyvale, CA, USA Remote  
Improved software program repair examples by minimizing buggy/fixed pairs of programs.
- Jul–Aug 2019 **Software Engineer Intern**, *NIO*, Beijing, China  
Developed and improved a physical and visual simulator for autonomous vehicles (Unreal Engine).

## Patents

- [1] Hiroaki Yoshida, **Zhiqiang Zang**, Mukul R. Prasad. Generation of Software Program Repair Examples. US11099817B1. Aug 24, 2021.

## Publications

- [7] **Zhiqiang Zang**, Fu-Yao Yu, Aditya Thimmaiah, August Shi, and Milos Gligoric. Java JIT Testing with Template Extraction. In *International Conference on the Foundations of Software Engineering*, pages 51:1–51:23, 2024.
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- [5] **Zhiqiang Zang**, Aditya Thimmaiah, and Milos Gligoric. Pattern-Based Peephole Optimizations with Java JIT Tests. In *International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis*, pages 64–75, 2023.
- [4] **Zhiqiang Zang**, Fu-Yao Yu, Nathaniel Wiatrek, Milos Gligoric, and August Shi. JAttack: Java JIT Testing using Template Programs. In *International Conference on Software Engineering, Tool Demonstrations Track*, pages 6–10, 2023.

- [3] **Zhiqiang Zang**, Nathaniel Wiatrek, Milos Gligoric, and August Shi. Compiler Testing using Template Java Programs. In *International Conference on Automated Software Engineering*, pages 23:1–23:13, 2022. **ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award.**
- [2] Pengyu Nie, Marinela Parovic, **Zhiqiang Zang**, Sarfraz Khurshid, Aleksandar Milicevic, and Milos Gligoric. Unifying Execution of Imperative Generators and Declarative Specifications. In *International Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications*, pages 217:1–217:26, 2020.
- [1] Ben Buhse, Thomas Wei, **Zhiqiang Zang**, Aleksandar Milicevic, and Milos Gligoric. VeDebug: Regression Debugging Tool for Java. In *International Conference on Software Engineering, Tool Demonstrations Track*, pages 15–18, 2019.

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## Selected Projects

- JAttack <https://github.com/EngineeringSoftware/jattack>  
A template-based compiler testing framework that 1) accepts as input a template Java program written in a domain-specific language in Java; 2) executes the template to generate concrete programs and 3) tests Java JIT compilers using the generated programs. JavaParser, OW2 ASM, DSL, JIT, Java. Team Project. Discovered CVEs: CVE-2020-14792, CVE-2022-21305, CVE-2023-22044, CVE-2023-22045.
- JOG <https://github.com/EngineeringSoftware/jog>  
A framework that facilitates developing Java JIT peephole optimizations: 1) accepts as input a pattern written in the same way that tests are written; 2) translates the pattern into C/C++ code as a JIT optimization pass, and generates Java tests for the optimization; 3) detects shadow relation between a pair of optimizations. JavaParser, Z3, DSL, JIT, Java. Team Project. 7 pull requests have been integrated into the master branch of OpenJDK.
- VeDebug <https://github.com/EngineeringSoftware/VeDebug>  
A Java debugging tool that 1) automatically sets breakpoints where the current execution diverges from the previously captured one, and 2) provides video player features e.g., speed up/slow down the replay. Bytecode instrumentation(OW2 ASM, javaagent), Java. Team project.

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## Technical Skills

- Programming Languages: Java, Bash, Python (everyday), C, Go, C++
- Tools: Emacs (everyday), Git/Mercurial (everyday), OW2 ASM, JavaParser, Holistic Trace Analysis (HTA), PyTorch