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EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Aug 2018 – Now

- Ph.D. Student in Computer Science & Engineering Department
 - Advisor: Prof. Mahmut Taylan Kandemir
 - GPA: 4/4
 - **Relevant Graduate Courses:** Fundamentals of Computer Architecture, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Binary-level Analysis, Language-based Security, Operating System Design, Emerging Technologies, Compiler Construction

Sharif University Of Technology, Tehran, Iran

Sep 2013 – Jul 2018

- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computer Engineering - Hardware
 - Thesis: Cache Replacement Policy Based on Expected Hit Count
Advisor: Prof. Hamid Sarbazi-Azad
 - GPA: 16.48/20 (**CE Major Coursework: 18.1/20**)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Memory Systems
- Virtual Memory
- Virtualized Systems
- Persistent Memory

PUBLICATIONS

- Sara Mahdizadeh Shahri, **Armin Vakil**, Aasheesh Kolli “(Almost) Fence-less Persist Ordering”, *In Proceedings of the 53rd Annual IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture, (MICRO 2020)*
- **Armin Vakil**, Mahmut Taylan Kandemir, Jagadish Kotra “DSM: A Case for Hardware-Assisted Merging of DRAM Rows with Same Content”, *In Proceedings of the ACM on Measurement and Analysis of Computing Systems, (SIGMETRICS 2020)*
- Mohammad Bakhshalipour, Aydin Faraji, **Armin Vakil**, Farid Samandi, Pejman Lotfi-Kamran, Hamid Sarbazi-Azad “Reducing Writebacks Through In-Cache Displacement”, *ACM Transactions on Design Automation of Electronic Systems, (TODAES 2019)*
- **Armin Vakil**, Sara Mahdizadeh Shahri, Mohammad Bakhshalipour, Pejman Lotfi-Kamran, Hamid Sarbazi-Azad “Making Belady-Inspired Replacement Policies More Effective Using Expected Hit Count.” *arXiv preprint, (arXiv 2018)*
- **Armin Vakil**, Sara Mahdizadeh Shahri, Mohammad-Reza Lotfi-Namin, Mohammad Bakhshalipour, Pejman Lotfi-Kamran, Hamid Sarbazi-Azad, “Cache Replacement Policy Based on Expected Hit Count”, *IEEE Computer Architecture Letters, (CAL 2017)*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Pennsylvania State University**
 - ◇ **DRAM Memory** - DRAM memories need refresh operations because they lose their content/charge over time. The overhead of these refreshes increases with larger DRAM memories. My research in this area reduces the memory refresh overhead in virtualized systems by leveraging the same-content values in DRAM.
 - ◇ **Virtual Memory** - Huge pages reduce the virtual-to-physical address translation by reducing the pressure on TLB and increasing the TLB reach. However, allocating huge pages in presence of memory fragmentation has high overheads and I try to address this problem in my research.
 - ◇ **Persistent Memory** - Exploring persistent memory programming challenges and opportunities.
- **Sharif University of Technology**
 - ◇ **Cache Replacement Policies** - My B.Sc. thesis project is on predicting the correlation of reuse-distance between cache blocks and remaining hit count of each cache block. In our research, we proposed a cache replacement policy that leverages the correlation between reuse-distance and the remaining hit count.

WORK EXPERIENCE	▪ Software Developer, I-Cliqq	Jan 2018 – Aug 2018
	• Designing Embroidery Software	
	▪ Software Developer, Viratech Sharif , Tehran, Iran	Sep 2015 – Sep 2016
	• Traffic Simulator (C++) - Network Simulator	
	• Add tunneling protocol between link, internet, and transport layer	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	▪ Teaching Assistant at Pennsylvania State University	
	• Introduction to Computer Architecture (CMPEN 431)	Spring 2020
	• Computer Organization and Design (CMPEN 331)	Fall 2018, 2019, Spring 2019
	▪ Teaching Assistant at Sharif University of Technology	
	• Computer Architecture	Fall 2016, 2017
	• Digital System Design	Spring & Fall 2017
	• Digital Design	Spring 2017
	• Advanced Logic Design	Fall 2016
	• Discrete Structures	Spring 2016
	• Advanced Programming	Fall 2014, 2015
	• Fundamental Of Programming	Spring & Fall 2014
	▪ High School Teacher	2013 – 2018
	• Teaching Combinatorics, Graph Theory, Algorithm, and C++ Programming	
NOTABLE PROJECTS	Graduate Projects:	
	▪ Loop Analysis (Compiler Construction)	May 2020
	• Loop properties analysis based on LLVM	
	▪ Parallel Distributed File System (Operating System Design)	Dec 2019
	• Based on gRPC and Google Protobuf	
	▪ Binary Instrumentation (Binary-Level Program Analysis)	May 2019
	• Instrumentation for DLLs during runtime of applications for providing persistency guarantees	
	▪ Efficient Undo Logging Implementation (Fundamentals of Computer Architecture)	Dec 2018
	• Rethinking undo logging state-of-the-art design for efficiently updating undo-logging metadata	
	Undergraduate Projects:	
	▪ Domain-Specific Language for Financial Calculations (Compiler Design)	Jan 2018
	• Implementing a DSL for Financial Contracts based on ANTLR and C++	
	▪ Hospital Management System (Real-time Systems)	Jan 2017
	• Patient's condition monitoring scheduler	
	▪ Chat (Computer Networks)	May 2016
	• Server-Client Chat system over TCP network based on C++ and Qt	
	▪ Linux Development (Operating System)	Mar 2016 – Jul 2016
	• Implementing a system call to provide the MAC address of network interfaces to the user space	
	• Adding proc files to provide details, number of occurred interrupts, enable/disable, and show number of sk_buff data structures for each network interface	
	▪ Trax Game (FPGA National Contest)	Apr 2016
	• Two player game based on Verilog	
	▪ NoC (Digital System Design)	Jan 2016
	• 3D Mesh Network on Chip based on Verilog	
	▪ Judge	Mar 2015
	• Designing and implementing a judge system for evaluating codes	
	▪ Plants vs Zombies (Advanced Programming - C++)	Jul 2014
	• Based on Qt Creator	
	▪ Sudoku (Introduction to Programming)	Jan 2014
	• Graphical Sudoku game based on GTK	
	▪ Billiard (Introduction to Programming)	Jan 2014
	• Graphical Billiard game based on GTK	
HONORS AND AWARDS	▪ Qualified for 2nd Cache Replacement Championship (CRC-2)	
	• Cache Replacement Policy Based on Expected Hit Count	Jun 2017
	▪ Undergraduate grant from the Iranian National Elites Foundation	Sep 2012 – Jan 2015
	▪ Silver Medal in 22nd Iran National Olympiad in Informatics(INOI)	Sep 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICE	▪ Sharif AI Challenge (Contest Organizer)	Jan 2015 – Jan 2017
	• Undergraduate Programming Contest	
	▪ 1st Gateuino Contest (Contest Organizer)	May 2016
	• Founded a new hardware contest for undergraduate freshman and sophomore	
PRESENTATIONS	▪ DSM: A Case for Hardware-Assisted Merging of DRAM Rows with Same Content	
	• ACM SIGMETRICS	June 2020
SKILLS	▪ Programming Languages: C/C++, Python, Verilog, R, Shell, Assembly, Dafny ▪ Simulators: gem5, BadgerTrap, DRAMsim2, BigHouse, Ramulator, CACTI, SimpleSSD, ChampSim ▪ Tools & Frameworks: Qemu, Pin, DynamoRIO, LLVM, ANTLR, Google Protobuf, gRPC, Qt ▪ Operating Systems: Ubuntu(Native), Windows ▪ Type Setting: \LaTeX , Microsoft Office	
LANGUAGES	▪ Persian: Native ▪ English: Fluent	