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RESEARCH Interests Networking, Cloud Computing, Distributed System, Operating System

EDUCATION University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Expected: May 2020

B.S., Computer ScienceGPA: 4.00/4.00

University of California, Santa Cruz

Sep. 2016 - June. 2018

Dec. 2018 - Now

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B.S., Computer ScienceGPA: 3.94/4.00

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Research Assistant

Software System Lab, University of Michigan Advisor: Prof. Mosharaf Chowdhury and Fan Lai

Speed-of-Light Wide-Area Computation

• Co-developing a general-purpose execution engine tailored for latency-sensitive wide-area computation on top of Apache Spark

• Improved the job completion time by 6.8x and CPU utilization by 1.8x on average compared to the state-of-the-art Spark-based wide-area computation frameworks

Undergraduate Researcher
Disorderly Lab, UC Santa Cruz
Advisor: Prof. Peter Alvaro

Mar. 2018 - Sep. 2018

Protocol Repair Using Lineage Graphs

- Developed a debugging approach based on analysis of provenance data obtained during system executions equipped with correctness specifications. Our approaches require programs and their correctness properties written in a high-level declarative language.
- Helped Design a standalone prototype Debugger Nemo and validated Nemo on protocols from real-world distributed bugs. Our experimental result shows that Nemo demonstrates the promise of automatic provenance-guided debugging for complex distributed protocols.

Undergraduate Researcher

Aug. 2017 - Feb. 2018

Computer Communication Research Group, UC Santa Cruz

Advisor: Prof. J.J. Garcia-Luna-Aceves

CUP: Channel-Utilization Persistence for MAC protocols

- Helped Professor J.J. design the first transmission strategy(CUP) for contentionbased MAC protocols. This approach applies to any MAC protocols with carrier sensing, virtual carrier sensing, or priority acknowledgments.
- Analyzed the efficiency of Channel-Utilization Persistence MAC protocols, such as CUP-CSMA and CUP-CSMA/CA, using Markov Chains.
- Presented numerical results that compare the throughput of CUP-CSMA, non-persistent CSMA, and 1-persistent CSMA.

Undergraduate Researcher

Mar. 2017 - Aug. 2017

Storage System Research Center, UC Santa Cruz

Worked under: Prof. Darrell D. E. Long

Rogue Cell tower(IMSI Catcher) detector

- Wrote a design document with three lab partners detailing the project and future work. Our approach includes Neighboring Cell Tower Information, Absence of Encryption and Signal Strength.
- Designed an algorithm to pinpoint the location of IMSI Catchers based on received signal strength (RSS)
- Wrote C code to communicate with a SIMCOM module via AT commands and a GPS module

Projects

Distributed Debugger Using Provenance Graph

2018

• Designed a lineage-driven distributed debugger (Nemo) with graduate students that can analyze the program and give suggestions to the programmer how and where to correct the program

Fault-tolerant Scalable Key-Value Store

2018

• Developed a distributed, fault-tolerant key-value store that can store the amount of data that cannot fit into one single machine, using consistent hashing.

Chess Puzzle Solver

2017

• Wrote a program that can determine if a player can force checkmate in up to 5 steps, including the moves of the opponent.

Online Reservation system

2017

• Designed an online reservation app for Manyue Yoga Stadium, on-line payment system, and on-line community for member to share their experience.

Publications

- 1. Fan Lai, Jie You, **Xiangfeng Zhu**, Mosharaf Chowdhury, Harsha Madhyastha, "Sol: Fast Distributed Computation Over Slow Networks", *under review*
- Lennart Oldenburg, Xiangfeng Zhu, Kamala Ramasubramanian, Peter Alvaro, "Fixed It For You: Protocol Repair Using Lineage Graphs", Proceedings of the 9th biennial Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR 19), Asilomar, CA, 2019

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- CMPE107: Probability and Statistics, UC Santa Cruz, Grader Spring 2018
- \bullet CMPS12B: Introduction to Data Structures, UC Santa Cruz , Tutor Spring 2018
- CMPS12B: Introduction to Data Structures, UC Santa Cruz , Lab Tutor Winter 2018
- CMPS101: Algorithms and Abstract Data Types, UC Santa Cruz , Tutor Fall 2017
- \bullet CMPS101: Algorithms and Abstract Data Types, UC Santa Cruz , Grader Fall 2017

AWARDS

• Dean's Honor List: Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Spring 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018

SKILLS

• Language: English, Chinese

• Programming: Language: Java, C, C++, Python, Scala, MATLAB, Bash, SQL, HiveQL, HTML, CSS, LATEX, Go(Limited), JavaScript(Limited)

• Platform: Mac OS, Windows, Linux

Tools: Perf, GDB, Valgrind, Make, Git, Vim, Neo4j, Docker
Data: Oracle, MySQL, SQLite3, Hadoop, Hive, Spark, Flink

References

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