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Personal Information

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♡ Piano, Guitar, Singing, Writing, Swimming

Research Interests • Distributed Systems

• Cloud & Mobile Computing

Operating Systems

• Programming Languages

Education

ETH Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

Master Student, Department of Computer Science Sep. 2017 ~ Jun. 2019 (expected)

• Awarded the Master Scholarship plus RA/TA

The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, China

Exchange Student, Department of Computer Science

Aug. 2015 ~ Jan. 2016

• GPA: 4.0/4.3, Awarded the Fung Scholarship as a Fung Scholar

Harbin Institute of Technology

Harbin, China

Bachelor, Computer Science Honors Class

Aug. 2013 ~ Jun. 2017

• Major GPA: 91.11/100, Overall GPA: 89.36/100

Ranking: 7/29 in Honors Class, 11/225 in Computer Science major

Experiences

Research Intern, CTA Strategy Group, Shanghai Cedar Capital

Shanghai

Mentor: Dr. Juanjuan Xiang and Dalong Cheng

Jul. 2017 ~ Aug. 2017

Researched and developed a number of quantitative investment strategies

• Delivered codes that serves the company's data processing flow

Research Intern, Systems Research Group, Microsoft Research Asia Beijing

Mentor: Dr. Hucheng Zhou and Dr. Lintao Zhang

Jul. 2016 ~ Apr. 2017

• Built a distributed machine learning framework based on gradient boosting decision tree atop *ChaNa*: an *RDMA*-optimized distributed computing engine

• Surveyed, proposed and evaluated technical plans for building wireless virtual reality goggles, developed an VR chatting demo integrating Microsoft Cognitive Service and Microsoft XiaoIce ChatterBot

Lab Member, HIT IBM Technology Center

Harbin

Advisor: Jin Wu, Laboratory Director

Jul. 2014 ~ Jun. 2016

 Worked on "Linux Spotlight", "Bitcointalk Forum Spider and Data Analysis" and "Human body tracking with unmanned aerial vehicle" among other projects

• Served as the host of Software Freedom Day 2014 Harbin Site, co-founder of HIT Linux OS Club and member of HIT IBM Technology Club

T.A. of The C Programming Language

Harbin

Instructor: Prof. Guibin Zheng, HIT Speech Processing Laboratory

Spring 2015

Designed problem sets, and won the course team's High-Quality Problems Prize

• Developed HIT-CTA: A problem-based code sharing and discussion platform acting as HIT's C programming language online Training Assistant

T.A. of High-level Language Programming: Python

Harbin

Instructor: Prof. Wanxiang Che, HIT Information Retrieval Laboratory

Fall 2014

Managed course forum, answered students' questions and posed discussion topics

• Graded all labs, projects and discussions for a group of students

Selected **Projects**

Distributed Machine Learning Framework for Gradient Boosting Decision Tree Final Year Project Conducted in MSRA *Sep.* 2016 ~ *Present*

- Implemented novel optimization techniques and theoretical algorithm insights
- Performs over state-of-the-art frameworks on both efficiency and accuracy

A C-like Programming Language and Compiler

Course Project of Compiling Techniques, HKU

Dec. 2015

- Generates target assembly code for a stack machine simulator
- Supports references, static scoping, and static error checking
- Developed a 3-puzzle game in this language controlling an OpenGL GUI via pipes

RISC-CPU with Multiple Interrupt Controller and LCD Display on Nexys 3 FPGA

Course Project of Computer Design and Implementation

Aug. 2015

- A four-beat, single-thread CPU with button input and PmodLCD output
- Implemented an Intel8259-like multiple interrupt controller to support interrupts

Bitcointalk Forum Spider and Data Analysis

Innovation Project at HIT IBM Technology Center

Dec. 2014 ~ *May* 2015

- Developed an incremental crawler for posts and user data of Bitcoin Forum
- Verified the positive correlation between user activity and Bitcoin price over time

Eatery Master (Data-driven Interactive Web Platform for University Canteens)

Advisor: Prof. Hongzhi Wang, HIT Massive Data Research Center Nov. 2013 ~ Jul. 2014

- A platform for students to contribute canteen experiences and get official response
- A recommendation system to leverage massive dishes and user feedback data
- Won Second Prize of HIT Freshman Innovation Project

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Awards	

National Scholarship, China (highest scholarship in China)	Oct. 2016
Prize of Excellence in ASC16 Student Supercomputer Challenge	Mar. 2016
CCF Outstanding Undergraduate Award (103 undergraduates in China)	Oct. 2015
National Endeavor Scholarship, China (top 2% in HIT)	Oct. 2015
Fung Scholarship, The University of Hong Kong	Sep. 2015
First Class Scholarship, HIT (top 3% in HIT)	Sep. 2015
Merit Student, Heilongjiang Province (top 1% in Heilongjiang province)	Mar. 2015
Second Prize, ACM/ICPC Programming Contest Heilongjiang Province	May 2014
First Class Scholarship, HIT (top 3% in HIT)	Mar. 2014
Attended Fung Scholars Leadership Conference in Hong Kong	Oct. 2016
Completed Visual Computing Summer School of Shandong University	Jul 2016

Selected Activities

Completed **Visual Computing Summer School** of Shandong University Jul. 2016 Selected into **MSRA Pre-PhD Class** (6 in HIT) Jun. 2016 Attended Fung Scholars Leadership Conference in Singapore Oct. 2015 Presided **Software Freedom Day**, Harbin Site Sep. 2014 Completed **HIT-IBM Lab Hackathon** with *Linux Spotlight* Iul. 2014 Created HIT Piano Club and Organized the Summer Piano Concert Jul. 2014 Completed **HIT Outstanding Students Training Camp** (top 1% in HIT) Jul. 2014 Selected into National Experimental Plan on Elite Students Training in Feb. 2014 **Basic Disciplines**

Programming Skills

System Programming: C, C++, Shell, VHDL

Application Development: C#, Java, Python, Haskell, PHP, SQL

Please visit my website http://zhifei.me to see full lists and details of my projects, awards and activities.