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CURRENT POSITION

Software Engineer at Microsoft

in the Tools for Software Engineers Group

August, 2015 - present

I am currently working on a modern build system that enables fast, reliable, distributed, cacheable, and incremental builds for projects ranging from single-developer apps to large-scale enterprise systems.

Contributions:

- visual debugger for the build specification language
- high-level library for inter-process communication
- build system support for long-running processes
- platform-agnostic process execution
- process sandboxing for macOS (implemented as a Darwin kernel extension)

RESEARCH INTERESTS Declarative programming, specification languages, executable specifications, programming languages, connecting high-level specifications with low-level code, software verification, program synthesis, program analysis, software engineering.

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA

Ph.D., Computer Science, May 2015

• Advisor: Prof. Daniel Jackson

M.S., Computer Science, September 2010

• Topic: Executable Specifications for Java Programs (advised by Prof. Daniel Jackson)

School of Electrical Engineering, Belgrade, Serbia

B.Sc. in Computer Science, November 2007

• Topic: Parallel Test Generation and Execution with Korat (advised by Prof. Dragan Milicey)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Research Assistant

August, 2008 - May 2015

Includes Ph.D. research, Masters-level coursework and research projects.

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2009, Fall 2009

"6.005 Elements of Software Construction": gave recitations, graded problem sets and projects.

RESEARCH Internships

Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA, USA

Research intern

June, 20011 - August, 2011

Worked with Rustan Leino on program synthesis from first-order declarative specifications.

Microsoft Research Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Research intern

June, 2009 - August, 2009

Worked with Hillel Kugler on analyzing and executing Live Sequence Charts using SMT.

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA

Visiting Scholar August, 2006 - September, 2006

Worked with Darko Marinov on bounded-exhaustive test input generation.

Industry Experience

Serbian Object Laboratories, Belgrade, Serbia

Software Engineer

March, 2006 - August, 2008

Actively worked on the development of the EDMT Server (www.bmmsoft.com). Technologies used: WebWork, Java Servlets, WS, SOAP, JSP, HTML, CSS, JS, AJAX, with Sybase IQ database.

Google Inc., New York, New York, USA

Software Engineering Intern

July, 2007 - September, 2007

Worked with Nemanja Petrovic on decoding barcodes from images taken with a cell phone.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Alloy* (http://alloy.mit.edu/alloy/hola): a general-purpose, higher-order relational constraint solver (over bounded domains).
- αRby (http://people.csail.mit.edu/aleks/arby): an embedding of a declarative modeling/specification language (alloy) into an imperative object-oriented programming language (ruby).
- Squander (http://people.csail.mit.edu/aleks/squander): a unified environment for execution of declarative specification (written in first-order relational logic) and imperative Java code.
- Jennisys (http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/projects/jennisys): a programming language and a synthesis tool from declarative first-order specifications to imperative code.
- The Alloy Analyzer (http://alloy.mit.edu): an automated model finder for a first-order relational specification language.
- Korat (http://korat.sourceforge.net): a tool for bounded-exhaustive generation of test inputs based on complex constraints the inputs must satisfy.

Publications

- A. Çelik, M. Vasic, A. Milicevic, M. Gligoric. Regression Test Selection Across JVM Boundaries. FSE 2017, Paderborn, Germany.
- M. Vasic, Z. Parvez, A. Milicevic, M. Gligoric. File-level vs. Module-level Regression Test Selection for .NET. FSE 2017 (Industry Track), Paderborn, Germany.
- E. Kang, A. Milicevic, D. Jackson. Multi-Representational Security Analysis, FSE 2016, Seattle, WA, USA. [Distinguished Paper Award]
- A. Çelik, A. Knaust, **A. Milicevic**, M. Gligoric. Build System with Lazy Retrieval for Java Projects, FSE 2016, Seattle, WA, USA.
- **A.** Milicevic. Advancing Declarative Programming, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. Thesis, May 2015.
- **A.** Milicevic, J. P. Near, E. Kang, and D. Jackson. Alloy*: A Higher-Order Relational Constraint Solver, *ICSE 2015, Florence, Italy.* [Distinguished Paper Award]
- **A.** Milicevic, J. P. Near, E. Kang, and D. Jackson. Alloy*: A Higher-Order Relational Constraint Solver, MIT CSAIL Technical Report, September 2014.
- **A.** Milicevic, and D. Jackson. Preventing Arithmetic Overflows in Alloy (extended journal version), Science of Computer Programming, May 2014.
- **A.** Milicevic, I. Efrati, and D. Jackson. α Rby—An Embedding of Alloy in Ruby, ABZ 2014, Toulouse, France.
- **A.** Milicevic, M. Gligoric, D. Marinov, and D. Jackson. Model-Based, Event-Driven Programming Paradigm for Interactive Web Applications, *Onward! 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA*

- K. R. M. Leino, and A. Milicevic. Program Extrapolation with Jennisys, Splash 2012, Tucson, Arizona, USA.
- A. Milicevic, and D. Jackson. Preventing Arithmetic Overflows in Alloy, ABZ 2012, Pisa, Italy.
- **A.** Milicevic, D. Rayside, K. Yessenov, and D. Jackson. Unifying Execution of Imperative and Declarative Code, *ICSE 2011*, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- J. P. Near, A. Milicevic, E. Kang, D. Jackson. A Lightweight Approach to Construction and Evaluation of a Dependability Case, ICSE 2011, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- **A.** Milicevic, and H. Kugler. Model Checking with SMT and Theory of Lists, 3rd NASA Formal Method Symposium (NFM 2011), Pasadena, California, USA.
- **A.** Milicevic. Executable Specifications for Java Programs, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Master's Thesis, September 2010.
- D. Rayside, A. Milicevic, K. Yessenov, G. Dennis, and D. Jackson. Agile Specifications, OOPSLA Onward! 2009 (short paper), Orlando, Florida, USA.
- D. Rayside, Z. Benjamin, J. Near, R. Sing, **A. Milicevic**, and D. Jackson. Equality and Hashing for (almost) Free: Generating Implementations from Abstraction Functions, *ICSE 2009, Vancouver, Canada*.
- S. Misailovic, A. Milicevic, N. Petrovic, S. Khurshid, and D. Marinov. Parallel Test Generation and Execution with Korat, ESEC/FSE 2007, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- **A.** Milicevic, S. Misailovic, D. Marinov, and S. Khurshid. Korat: A Tool for Generating Structurally Complex Test Inputs, *ICSE Demo 2007*, *Minneapolis*, *Minnesota*, *USA*.
- S. Misailovic, A. Milicevic, S. Khurshid, and D. Marinov. Generating Test Inputs for Fault-Tree Analyzers using Imperative Predicates, STEP 2007, Memphis, Tennessee, USA

CLASS PROJECTS

- Software model checking using the SMT Theory of Lists

 (Foundations of Program Analysis) Resulted in a publication in NFM'11.
- Puzzler May 2009
 (Natural Language Processing) Solver for natural-language logic puzzles (e.g., the famous Einstein puzzle) via a translation to formal relational logic and a use of an automated constraint solver for it. Done in collaboration with colleagues Joseph P. Near and Eunsuk Kang.
- Visual CPU simulator
 (Computer Architecture) Register Transfer Logic view, per-clock, per-instruction and per-program simulation advance, real-time register and memory modification, compiler from an assembly language. Done in collaboration with Ana Hadzievska, Dusan Matic, Milos Petrovic, Milos Siroka.
- Multithreading library for the 16-bit C++ compiler July 2005 (Operating Systems) Java-like threading model for the 16-bit C++ compiler. Features: context switching, explicit synchronous preemption, asynchronous preemption (caused by an interrupt), time sharing, round-robin scheduling. Concepts: semaphores, events, mutexes, monitors.