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CURRENT POSITION

Senior 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:

- process sandboxing for macOS (Darwin kernel extension; C++, C#)
- high-level library for inter-process communication (C#)
- build system support for long-running processes (C#)
- debugger for the build specification language (VSCode extension; C#, TypeScript)
- debugger + query language for analyzing build logs (VSCode extension; C#, TypeScript)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Declarative programming, specification languages, executable specifications, programming languages, connecting high-level specifications with low-level code, formal methods, 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 Milicev)

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, 2011 - 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).
- *α Rby* (<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* **December 2010**
(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* **July 2006**
(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.