Emaad Ahmed Manzoor

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EDUCATION

Stony Brook University, USA

2015 -

Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science. GPA: 3.89 / 4.0

Advisor: Leman Akoglu.

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

2013 - 2015

Master of Science, Computer Science. GPA: 3.96 / 4.0

Advisor: Panos Kalnis. Thesis title: Scheduling broadcasts in a network of timelines.

Birla Institute of Technology and Science - Pilani, India

2008 - 2012

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Computer Science. GPA: 8.17 / 10.0

Co-op host organization: Yahoo!, Bangalore, India.

RESEARCH

Securing Systems with Streaming Heterogenous Graph Mining

Apr 2015 -

EXPERIENCE

Advised by Leman Akoglu, DATA Lab, Stony Brook University.

Discovering advanced persistent threats from system event log streams.

Project page: http://www3.cs.stonybrook.edu/~emanzoor/streamspot/

Scheduling Broadcasts in a Network of Timelines

Jan 2014 – May 2015

Advised by Panos Kalnis, InfoCloud Research Group, KAUST.

Quantified the interactions between behavioural phenomena that influence attention in networks of timelines. Designed broadcast scheduling algorithms to maximize the expected attention obtained.

- Introduced and quantified monotony aversion exhibited by social network users with timelines.
- Formulated the timeline information exchange process and an attention potential objective function.
- Framed the optimization problem as a nonlinear integer program, presented and validated algorithms.

Detecting Malware Android Applications

Aug – Dec, 2013

Advised by Xiangliang Zhang, MINE Lab, KAUST.

Applied graphical models from natural language processing to an Android permission dataset to reduce dimensionality in an interpretable manner. Evaluated its performance on a malware classification task.

- Reformulated the classification task as an NLP problem, with permissions forming the vocabulary.
- Reduced dimensionality while remaining interpretable using Latent Dirichlet Allocation.
- Evaluated the subsequent classification performance of various machine learning algorithms.

Publications & Patents

Emaad Ahmed Manzoor, Sadegh Momeni, Venkat N. Venkatakrishnan, Leman Akoglu. Fast Memory-Efficient Anomaly Detection in Streaming Heterogenous Graphs. Under submission, 2016.

 $\underline{\text{Emaad Ahmed Manzoor}}$, Haewoon Kwak and Panos Kalnis. Scheduling Broadcasts in a Network of Timelines. Under preparation, 2015 –.

Emaad Ahmed Manzoor and Panos Kalnis. Method and apparatus for scheduling broadcasts in social networks. US Provisional Application 62/118,570, filed February 2015.

Professional EXPERIENCE

Quantitative Engineering Design, San Francisco. Independent Consultant.

Apr 2015 -

Designing fault-tolerant distributed systems and algorithms for online learning from data streams.

Oregon State University, Corvallis. Google Summer of Code Intern. May – Aug, 2014

Designed and developed a framework that enables running IPMI operations on datacenter machines from systems that lack the standard IPMI utilities, including devices like Android smartphones.

- Designed and developed a REST service enabling IPMI operations over HTTP.
- Designed and developed an extensible, hierarchical CLI that delegates to the REST service.
- Designed and implemented mechanisms for fine-grained user-machine permission management.

Yahoo!, Bangalore. Software Engineer.

Jul 2012 – Aug 2013

Built a streaming system for event detection from live content feeds like Twitter, Facebook and newswire. Reduced event detection latency by over 600%. Powers Trending Now on the Yahoo! homepage.

- Wrote Storm components for streaming n-gram counting and cardinality estimation.
- Designed and evaluated HBase schemas to minimize the duration of failure recovery.
- Wrote adapters to preprocess source content from Kafka before routing it to Storm.

Tachyon Technologies, Bangalore. Research Intern.

May - July, 2012

Designed algorithms to automatically transform comic book photographs into device-friendly comic panels. Advised by CEO and MIT TR35 awardee Ram Prakash Hanumanthappa.

- Developed a fast algorithm to de-warp photographs of flat book pages.
- Implemented an algorithm from the low-level vision literature to flatten colour gradients.
- Built an Android app interfacing with my algorithms in MATLAB over a Python HTTP bridge.

Yahoo!, Bangalore. Software Engineer Intern.

Jul - Dec, 2011

Extended the event detection system to be centrally configurable and multi-threaded. Reduced deployment time from days to a few minutes. Accepted a full-time position (offered to 3/14 interns).

- Wrote an XML-based configuration system that also enabled fine-grained load balancing.
- Refactored code to process multiple locales in parallel while balancing per-machine load.
- Implemented a research prototype to detect geographically and demographically niche events.

University of Massachusetts, Lowell. MVHub Summer of Code Intern. Jun - Sep. 2011 Built a Debian package for MVHub, a directory of non-profit services maintained by the Community Software Lab at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

- Wrote configuration scripts as per the Debian package specifications.
- Wrote Perl scripts to automate building and updating the Debian package.
- Wrote a Launchpad recipe and set up a PPA to conveniently host and install the package from.

AWARDS

| • Worldwide Top 100 (of 1720 teams) | , IEEE Xtreme 8.0 Programming Competition. | 2015 |
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• Best Mashery Hack, PennApps X, Philadelphia (sponsored by Intel). 2014

• International Travel Grant, PennApps X, Philadelphia (sponsored by PennApps). 2014

• King Abdullah University of Science and Technology Fellowship. 2013

• Erasmus Mundus LCT Masters Scholarship¹ (awarded to 4 international applicants). 2013

• Employee Performance Bonus, Yahoo!. Q2, Q3 2013 • Winner, Random Hacks of Kindness, Bangalore. 2011

• Consultancy Development Cell Fellowship, Ministry of Science and Technology of India. 2009

¹Declined, having accepted the KAUST Fellowship.

| Talks | • Scheduling Broadcasts in a Network of Timelines. Thesis Defense. | May 2015 |
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| | • Time-Inconsistent Planning. InfoCloud Seminar. | May 2014 |
| | • Time-sensitive Diffusion Network Inference. Machine Learning Project Presentation | n. May 2014 |
| | • Reinforcement Learning. Machine Learning Course Lecture. | Apr 2014 |
| | • Finding Communities in Networks. Data Mining Course Lecture. | Nov 2013 |
| | • Reviving Failed Classifiers with Random Forests. Tech talk at Yahoo!. | May 2013 |
| | • Building a Linux cluster with Beanstalkd. Tutorial at PyCon India. | $\mathbf{Sep}\ 2012$ |
| | • quFiles: The right file at the right time. Data Storage Technologies Seminar. | Nov 2012 |
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| Teaching | • Programming Languages and Compilers. Course project design and grading. | Spring 2012 |
| | • MIT Indian Mobile Initiative. Android development lab sessions and tutoring. | Summer 2011 |
| | $\bullet \ \ \textit{Software Development for Portable Devices}. \ \ \textbf{Google-funded teaching assistant}.$ | Spring 2011 |
| SERVICE | External reviewer for WWW, EuroSys, VLDBJ, CIKM. | |
| Organised TechFM, a weekly technical talk series at Yahoo! on math, science and technology. | | hnology. |
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LANGUAGES

C++, Python, Java, C.