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Alexandru Dura

Education

2018-2025 Doctor of Technology, Lund University, Lund, Sweden

Thesis: Fully Declarative Specification of Static Code Checkers

2011-2012, Master's Degree in Computer Science, West University, Timisoara, Romania

2018 Thesis: Adaptive Framework for 3D Computer Vision on IoT Devices

2007–2011 Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering, Politehnica University, Timisoara,

Romania

Thesis: Code Generation Using the LLVM Framework

Experience

2018–2025 **Doctoral Student in Software Technology**, *Lund University*, Lund, Sweden

Research in declarative methods for static program analysis.

- O Definition, implementation and evaluation of declarative static code checker frameworks targeting Datalog, C and Java
- O Representation of syntactic patterns and programs in Datalog
- O Program fact extraction and provenance tracking
- O Analysis and transformation of Datalog programs
- Automatic incrementalization of static code checkers
- O Parsing with ambiguous grammars; general context free parsers
- O Implementation of a Datalog engine, using semi-naive evaluation, in Java
- Implementation of Datalog-on-semirings
- Integration of Datalog engines (Soufflé), compiler infrastructures (ExtendJ, Clang) and database systems (sqlite)
- Static analysis for the GObject type system

2012–2018 Senior Compiler Engineer, Arm, Lund, Sweden/Trondheim, Norway

Contributor to the Arm Mali compiler.

- O Machine code generation for Arm Mali GPUs
- SSA-based optimizations (e.g. swizzle propagation, constant folding, instance-invariant code extraction and evaluation, peephole optimizations)
- O Architecture of the GLSL ES 3.2 language extension
- Compiler performance: identified, prototyped and implemented optimisations in all phases of compilation, including instruction selection and scheduling, transformations on the intermediate representation and in the language front-end

- 2010–2012 **Research Engineer**, *Movidius/Politehnica University*, Timisoara, Romania Member of the POS CCE Falx Daciae research program.
 - O Evaluation of multiple compiler frameworks for the development o a custom code generator
 - O LLVM backend targeting the Movidius SHAVE architecture
 - O Machine model for an exposed pipeline VLIW architecture
 - O Vectorizer exploiting super-word level parallelism (SLP)
- 2008–2010 **Embedded Software Developer**, *Continental Automotive*, Timisoara, Romania Maintainer of tools for debugging and validation of automotive embedded solutions (parttime position).
 - O Emulation and message translation of a Controller Area Network (CAN)
 - O CAN diagnosis environments for driver assistance projects
 - Modeling of existing software; auto-generation of software components from UML models

Teaching Experience

- 2019-2024 Supervision of five master thesis projects, in an academic setting and in collaboration with industry
- 2018-2025 Teaching Assistant: Program Analysis, Compilers, Concepts of Programming Languages, Functional Programming, Operating Systems, Databases

Skills and Courses

- Areas Static Program Analysis, Compiler Construction, Programming Language Design
- Programming C, C++, Java, Python, Haskell, Datalog, Prolog Languages
 - Tools git, bash, docker, LLVM, valgrind, gdb
 - Coursework Program Analysis, Constraint Programming, Numerical Methods, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Metaheuristics, Automated Theorem Proving, Digital Signal Processing, Security of Computer Systems, Embedded Systems, Computer Architecture
 - Natural English (full professional proficiency), Swedish (working proficiency), Romanian Languages (native proficiency)

Projects

- MetaDL A Datalog language extension for source-level program analysis and tools for generating the language extension from a description of the analyzed language.
- JavaDL A source-level, fully declarative, static code checker framework for Java with incremental evaluation support.
 - Clog A fully declarative static code checking framework for C

Publications

Alexandru Dura. Fully Declarative Specification of Static Code Checkers. Doctoral thesis (compilation), Faculty of Engineering, LTH, Lund University, April 2025.

Alexandru Dura and Christoph Reichenbach. Clog: A declarative language for c static code checkers. In *Proceedings of the 33rd ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Compiler Construction*, CC 2024.

Alexandru Dura, Christoph Reichenbach, and Emma Söderberg. JavaDL: Automatically incrementalizing java bug pattern detection. *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages*, 5(OOPSLA), 2021.

Alexandru Dura and Hampus Balldin. MetaDL: Declarative program analysis for the masses. In *Proceedings Companion of the 2019 ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Systems, Programming, Languages, and Applications: Software for Humanity*, SPLASH Companion 2019.

Alexandru Dura, Hampus Balldin, and Christoph Reichenbach. MetaDL: Analysing Datalog in Datalog. In *Proceedings of the 8th ACM SIGPLAN International Workshop on State Of the Art in Program Analysis*, SOAP 2019.