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ABOUT ME

I'm graduating this Spring (having already defended my dissertation) with a PhD in Computer Science from Ohio University. My research is focused on programming languages and formal verification, with application to formally verified compilation of probabilistic programs.

EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR 2021-2022

Ohio University | Athens, OH

(Taught CS3200 (Organization of Programming Languages) and CS4100 (Formal Languages and Compilers).)

- Designed series of assignments in Pyret and OCaml for teaching PL fundamentals. Course web page: https://github.com/OUPL/cs3200-f21.
- Designed compiler project in Rust targeting stack-based VM architecture. Course web page: https://github.com/OUCompilers/cs4100-sp21.

INTERN Summer 2021

Galois, Inc. | Portland, OR

• Designed and implemented compiler in Haskell from Golang to symbolic execution backend for formal verification. Available at: https://github.com/GaloisInc/crucible/tree/master/crucible-go.

EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science (Nearing Completion)

2017-2023

Ohio University | Athens, OH

- Dissertation title: "Formally Verified Samplers From Discrete Probabilistic Programs".
- G.E. and G.V. Smith Memory Engineering Award

BS in Computer Science

2012-2016

Ohio University | Athens, OH

Articles

Bagnall, Alexander, Samuel Merten, and Gordon Stewart (2017a). "A Library for Algorithmic Game Theory in Ssreflect/Coq". In: Journal of Formalized Reasoning 10, pp. 67-95. DOI: 10.6092/issn.1972-5787/7235. URL: http://ace.cs.ohio.edu/~abagnall/papers/jfr2017games.pdf.

Papers

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 (2023). "Inductive Reasoning for Coinductive Types". In: CoRR. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2301.09802. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.09802.

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