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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning, Data Integration, Knowledge Graph Construction

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. Student in Computer Science** Aug 2016 - Present
University of Southern California, Computer Science Department, Los Angeles, CA
Advisor: Professor Craig Knoblock
- **Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science** Aug 2010 - Jan 2015
HCMC University of Technology, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Thesis: *Wikipedia-based Entity Disambiguation using Deep Learning*.
Advisor: Professor Tru Cao. (Graduated in top 1%)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **University of Southern California, ISI**, Marina del Rey, CA Aug 2016 - Present
Graduate Research Assistant, *Center on Knowledge Graph*
 - **Learning Semantic Models of Data Sources** Oct 2017 - Present
Using probabilistic graphical models and deep learning to understand and automatically build semantic models of data sources. The semantic models can be used to publish data to knowledge graphs
 - **Creating a Data Catalog to Support Scientific Modeling** 2018 - Present
Developing techniques for querying heterogeneous datasets and semi-automated data transformation.
 - **From sketches to HTML/CSS code** Fall 2018
Applying deep neural network to synthesize HTML/CSS programs from mock-up UIs
 - **Identifying potential company hardware/software vulnerabilities** Oct 2016 - Sep 2017
Auto-crawling online sources to retrieve expertise of employees of a company, then predicting the software and hardware used in the company. A list of vulnerabilities is obtained by linking the software and hardware to the CVE database.
- **HCMC University of Technology**, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam Jun 2014 - Dec 2015
Undergraduate Research Assistant, *Computer Science Department*
 - **Wikipedia-based Entity Disambiguation using Deep Learning**
Using autoencoders to extract latent features of entities in Wikipedia articles for the entity linking problem

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- **Rakuten Inc.**, Tokyo, Japan July 2015 - Apr 2016
Software Engineer, *Big Data Department*
 - **Fraud Detection in ID Hijacking and Payment**
Developing a near real-time distributed streaming system using Apache Storm and Cassandra to analyzes time-series data for fraud detection. The system is designed to run models that use related historical events up to the past 60 days to flag fraudulent transactions within seconds.
Implementing a machine learning model for payment fraud detection.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA Fall 2017, Spring 2018
Graduate Teaching Assistant for graduate-level course INF 558, "Building Knowledge Graph"
- **HCMC University of Technology**, Ho Chi Minh, VN 2015
Teaching Assistant for courses: Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Programming

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| NSF sponsored Student Travel Awards for ISWC | 2017, 2019 |
| ISI Distinguished Top-Off Fellowship | April 2016 |
| Vietnam Education Foundation Fellowship to pursue Ph.D. degree in the U.S | 2016 |
| Outstanding Honor Student Award | 2011 - 2014 |

PUBLICATIONS

- **Binh Vu**, Craig Knoblock, and Jay Pujara. 2019. *Learning Semantic Models of Data Sources Using Probabilistic Graphical Models*. In The World Wide Web Conference, pp. 1944-1953.
- **Binh Vu**, Jay Pujara, and Craig Knoblock. 2019. *D-REPR: A Language for Describing and Mapping Diversely-Structured Data Sources to RDF*. In The Tenth International Conference on Knowledge Capture (K-CAP).
- B. Shbita, **B. Vu**, D. Feldman, M. Pham, A. Rajendran, C. Knoblock, J. Pujara, and Y. Chiang. 2019. Creating a FAIR Data Catalog to Support Scientific Modeling, in Workshop on Advanced Knowledge Technologies for Science in a FAIR World (AKTS).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** Python, Rust, C/C++, Java, HTML, CSS, Javascript (Full-stack Web Developer)
- **Technologies:** Pytorch, Tensorflow, Docker, ElasticSearch, Databases (MySQL, Postgres, Redis, Cassandra), Apache Storm, Apache Hadoop, Apache Spark, ReactJS.
- **Operating Systems:** Linux, MacOS, Windows

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| Leader of a freelancer software development group | 2012 - 2015 |
| Organizing Volunteer in the Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining | 2015 |
| Organizing Volunteer in the Asian Conference on Machine Learning | 2014 |
| Organizing Volunteer in the Asian Conference on Information Systems | 2014 |

REFERENCES

- **Professor Craig Knoblock**
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