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Education

- Doctor of Philosophy (09/2008-02/2013)
Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea
Advisor: Prof. Byungjeong Lee
Dissertation: A Bug Triage and Localization Technique Based on Bug Reports Classification
- Master of Engineering (09/2005-03/2008)
College of Software, Northeastern University, Shenyang, China
Advisor: Prof. Chaowan Yin
Thesis: Research and Implementation of Globus Sandglass Model Based Steel Transportation Service System
- Bachelor of Science in Engineering (09/2000-07/2005)
Department of Automation, Northeastern University, Shenyang, China

Teaching and Research Experience

- Professor (07/2025-Present), School of Computer Science and Engineering, Macau University of Science and Technology, Macao SAR
- Associate Professor (09/2019-06/2025), School of Computer Science and Engineering, Macau University of Science and Technology, Macao SAR
- Associate Professor (12/2016-08/2019), College of Computer Science and Technology, Harbin Engineering University, Harbin, China
- Lecturer (02/2016-12/2016), School of Computer Science, Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Nanjing, China
- Postdoctoral Fellow (11/2014-11/2015), Department of Computing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong SAR
- Postdoctoral Fellow (03/2014-08/2014), Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Research Professor (03/2013-02/2014), Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea

Industrial Experience

- Software Engineer (03/2008-07/2008), Division of Network Security, Neusoft, China

- Intern (07/2007-11/2007), Division of Network Security, Neusoft, China

Honors and Awards

- Top Reviewer Award 2023, Journal of Systems and Software (JSS), April 2024
- Distinguished Reviewer in 2023, ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM), February 2024
- Top Reviewer Award 2020, Information and Software Technology (IST), May 2021
- Senior Member, ACM, October 2020
- Senior Member, IEEE, February 2020
- Senior Member, China Computer Federation (CCF), January 2019
- Best Paper Award, 16th Korea Conference on Software Engineering (KCSE), February 2014
- Honor Prize, 18th Samsung HumanTech Paper Award, February 2012
- Bronze Prize, IEEE Seoul Section Student Paper Contest, December 2011
- Second Place Award, National Senior High School Mathematics Tournament, October 1999

Research Area

- AI for Software Engineering
- Software Security
- Mining Software Repositories

Publications

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Representative Papers

- Yao Li, Sen Fang, **Tao Zhang***, and Haipeng Cai, “Enhancing Android Malware Detection: The Influence of ChatGPT on Decision-centric Task”, *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*, Accepted, 2025.
- Jie Cai, Jiachi Chen, **Tao Zhang***, Xiapu Luo, Xiaobing Sun, and Bin Li, “Detecting Reentrancy Vulnerabilities for Solidity Smart Contracts with Contract Standards-Based Rules”, *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS)*, Vol. 20, pp. 3662-3676, 2025.
- Yao Li, Dawei Yuan, **Tao Zhang***, Haipeng Cai, David Lo, Cuiyun Gao, Xiapu Luo, and He Jiang, “Meta-Learning for Multi-Family Android Malware Classification”, *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*, Vol. 33, No. 7, Article No. 174, pp. 1-27, September 2024.
- Yao Li, **Tao Zhang***, Xiapu Luo, Haipeng Cai, Sen Fang, and Dawei Yuan, “Do Pretrained Language Models Indeed Understand Software Engineering Tasks?”, *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, Vol. 49, No. 10, pp. 4639-4655, October 2023.
- Youshuai Tan, Jinfu Chen, Weiyi Shang, **Tao Zhang***, Sen Fang, Xiapu Luo, Zijie Chen, and Shuhao Qi, “STRE: An Automated Approach to Suggesting App Developers When to Stop Reading Reviews”, *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, Vol. 49, No. 8, pp. 4135-4151, August 2023.
- Sen Fang, **Tao Zhang***, Youshuai Tan, He Jiang, Xin Xia, and Xiaobing Sun, “RepresentThemAll: A Universal Learning Representation of Bug Reports”, in *Proc. of the 45th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'23)*, May 14-20, 2023, pp. 602-614.
- **Tao Zhang**, Jiachi Chen, Xian Zhan, Xiapu Luo, David Lo, and He Jiang, “Where2Change:

Change Request Localization for App Reviews”, *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, Vol. 47, No. 11, pp. 2590-2616, November 2021.

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- Shuo Yang, Jiachi Chen, Lei Xiao, Jinyuan Hu, Dan Lin, Jiajing Wu, **Tao Zhang**, and Zibin Zheng, "Who is Pulling the Strings: Unveiling Smart Contract State Manipulation Attacks through State-Aware Dataflow Analysis", *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, Accepted, 2025.
- Yao Li, Sen Fang, **Tao Zhang***, and Haipeng Cai, "Enhancing Android Malware Detection: The Influence of ChatGPT on Decision-centric Task", *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*, Accepted, 2025.
- Jiawei Guo, Xiaoqin Fu, Li Li, **Tao Zhang**, Mattia Fazzini, and Haipeng Cai, "Characterizing Installation- and Run-Time Compatibility Issues in Android Benign Apps and Malware", *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*, Accepted, 2025.
- Jie Cai, Jiachi Chen, **Tao Zhang***, Xiapu Luo, Xiaobing Sun, and Bin Li, "Detecting Reentrancy Vulnerabilities for Solidity Smart Contracts with Contract Standards-Based Rules", *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS)*, Vol. 20, pp. 3662-3676, 2025.
- Dawei Yuan, Guocang Yang, and **Tao Zhang***, "UI2HTML: Utilizing LLM Agents with Chain of Thought to Convert UI into HTML Code", *Automated Software Engineering*, Vol. 32, No. 2, Article 41, November 2025.
- Dawei Yuan, **Tao Zhang***, and He Jiang, "UNA: Improving Automated PL-NL System by A Unified Neural Architecture", *IEEE Transactions on Reliability (TRel)*, Vol. 74, No. 3, pp. 3585-3599, September 2025.
- Manqing Zhang, Yunwei Dong, **Tao Zhang**, Kang Su, and Zeshan Li, "Modeling and Verifying Resources and Capabilities of Ubiquitous Scenarios for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Swarm", *Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)*, Vol. 226, Article 112416, August 2025.
- Jiashuo Zhang, Jiachi Chen, Yiming Shen, **Tao Zhang**, Yanlin Wang, Ting Chen, Jianbo Gao, and Zhong Chen, "When Crypto Fails: Demystifying Cryptographic Defects in Ethereum Smart Contracts", *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, Vol. 51, No. 5, pp. 1381-1398, May 2025.
- Dawei Yuan, Xiao Peng, Zijie Chen, **Tao Zhang***, and Ruijia Lei, "Code Context-Based Reviewer Recommendation", *Frontiers of Computer Science (FCS)*, Vol. 19, No. 1, Article 191202, January 2025.
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- Guodong Fan, Shizhan Chen, Cuiyun Gao, Jianmao Xiao, **Tao Zhang**, and Zhiyong Feng, "Rapid: Zero-shot Domain Adaptation for Code Search with Pre-trained Models", *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*, Vol. 33, No. 5, Article No. 128, pp. 1-35, June 2024.
- He Jiang, Zun Wang, Zhide Zhou, Xiaochen Li, Shikai Guo, Weifeng Sun, and **Tao Zhang**, "A Testing Program and Pragma Combination Selection Based Framework for High-Level

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 - Jianwei Zeng, Yutong He, **Tao Zhang***, Zhou Xu, and Qiang Han, “CLG-Trans: Contrastive Learning for Code Summarization via Graph Attention-Based Transformer”, *Science of Computer Programming (SCP)*, Vol. 226, Article 102925, March 2023.
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 - Zhou Liao, Shuwei Song, Hang Zhu, Xiapu Luo, Zheyuan He, Renkai Jiang, Ting Chen, Jiachi Chen, **Tao Zhang**, and Xiaosong Zhang, “Large-Scale Empirical Study of Inline Assembly on 7.6 Million Ethereum Smart Contracts”, *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, Vol. 49, No. 2, pp. 777-801, February 2023.

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- Sen Fang, **Tao Zhang***, Youshuai Tan, Zhou Xu, Zhixin Yuan, and Lingze Meng, “PRHAN: Automated Pull Request Description Generation Based on Hybrid Attention Network”, *Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)*, Vol. 185, Article 111160, March 2022.
- Yan Lei, Huan Xie, **Tao Zhang**, Meng Yan, Zhou Xu, and Chengnian Sun, “Feature-FL: Feature-Based Fault Localization”, *IEEE Transactions on Reliability (TRel)*, Vol. 71, No. 1, pp. 264-283, March 2022.
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 - Zhou Xu, Shuai Pang, **Tao Zhang***, Xiapu Luo, Jin Liu, Yutian Tang, Xiao Yu, and Lei Xue, “Cross Project Defect Prediction via Balanced Distribution Adaptation Based Transfer Learning”, *Journal of Computer Science and Technology (JCST)*, Vol. 34, No. 5, pp. 1039-1062, August 2019.
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IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE), 2024-Present
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS), 2024-Present
IEEE Access, 2018-2019
- **Editorial Board Member**
Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE), 2024-Present
Science of Computer Programming (SCP), 2024-Present
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS), 2022-2024
- **Board Member of Distinguished Reviewers**
ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM), 2022-Present
- **Guest Editor**
Journal of Software: Evolution and Process (JSEP)
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
Science of Computer Programming (SCP)
Frontiers of Information Technology and Electronic Engineering (FITEE)
- **Steering Committee Member**
IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER), 2023-Now
- **General Chair/Co-Chair**
Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC 2025)
IEEE Services Workshop on Emerging Services in the Greater Bay Area (ES-GBA 2024)
IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2023)
- **Program Co-Chair**
Asia-Pacific Symposium on Internetwork (Internetwork 2024)
International Conference on Dependable Systems and Their Applications (DSA 2021)
- **Local Organizing Co-Chair**

- IEEE International Conference on Software Quality, Reliability, and Security (QRS 2020)
- **Organizing Committee Co-Chair**
IEEE International Workshop on Bug Fixing (IBF 2019-2021)
- **Track Co-Chair**
ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC 2017-2022): *Software Engineering Track*
- **Publicity Chair/Co-Chair**
International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2023)
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IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2019)
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- **Financial Chair**
International Conference on Internetware (Internetware 2025)
- **Proceedings Co-Chair**
IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2025)
- **Registration Chair**
IEEE World Congress on Services (SERVICES 2024)
- **TPC Member**
International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE 2025-2026)
ACM Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE 2024, 2026)
International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR 2022-2023, 2026)
IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2020, 2026)
IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2025): *Industry Showcase Track*
ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA 2025)
International Symposium on Software Fault Prevention, Verification, and Validation (SFPVV 2025)
International Conference on AI Foundation Models and Software Engineering (FORGE 2024)
International Conference on Software Engineering for Adaptive and Self-Managing Systems (SEAMS 2024): *Artifact Track*
IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2023-2024)
Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC 2023-2024)
International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE 2021-2024)
IEEE International Conference on Software Quality, Reliability, and Security (QRS 2020-2024)
ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE 2023)
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Asia-Pacific Symposium on Internetware (Internetware 2023)
IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2019, 2023): *Tool Demonstrations Track*
IEEE Pacific Rim International Symposium on Dependable Computing (PRDC 2022)
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- **Journal Reviewer**

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ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)
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Conferences Co-Chair (Paper Awards) of IEEE Computer Society Technical Community on Software Engineering (TCSE), 2025-Present
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Member of CCF Technical Committee on Software Engineering, 2017-Present
Board Member of Supervisors, IEEE Macau, 2022-Present

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Member of Teaching Excellence Award Committee, Macau University of Science and

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Chair of Research Committee, School of Computer Science and Engineering, Macau University of Science and Technology, 2024-Present

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- SE250 Software Engineering Practices
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- ST001 Special Topic in New Computer Technology
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