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EDUCATION

2014/12 - 2018/03 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) IN MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

University of Salerno, Italy

Fully funded by University of Salerno. Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

2017/06 13TH INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (ISSSE)

University of Salerno, Fisciano, Italy

2017/03 - 2017/05 VISITING STUDENT

Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Supervision: Prof. Andy Zaidman

2016/05 - 2016/07 **VISITING STUDENT**

Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Supervision: Prof. Andy Zaidman

2016/06 12TH INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (ISSSE)

University of Salerno, Fisciano, Italy

2015/09 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (SE SCHOOL@UNIBZ 2015)

Free University of Bolzano, Bolzano, Italy

2013/03 **ERASMUS IP HUMAN-MACHINE INTERACTION**

Reims, France

2011/10 - 2014/09 MASTER'S DEGREE (M.Sc.) IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

> University of Salerno, Italy 110/110 cum laude

2007/10 - 2011/05 BACHELOR'S DEGREE (B.Sc.) IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

> University of Molise, Italy 110/110 cum laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2018 - ACTUAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Vrije Universiteit Brussel

INTelligent Modernisation Assistance for Legacy Software project

2014/12 - 2018/03 Ph.D. STUDENT IN MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

University of Salerno, Italy

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04/2014 - 09/2014 SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Gnome and GraphHopper

Google Summer of Code 2014 working on Gnome Maps and GraphHopper

09/2011 - 01/2012 SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

CercAziende.it, Venafro, Italy

Development of a search engine for indexing and searching data on MySQL databases

11/2005 – 12/2005 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE / TECHNICAL SUPPORT

eliquidMEDIA International Inc., Windsor, ON, Canada Web development and customer relationship handling

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research activities are mainly focused on maintenance and testing of software systems. In details my research interests are:

- **Bug Prediction.** Allocating resources for the testing and the verification of all the parts of a large software system is a cost-prohibitive task. To alleviate this issue, prediction models able to identify portions of source code more prone to contain bugs have been the object of several studies. The main research topic is the definition of accurate prediction models that, on the one hand use a suitable set of predictors able to characterize the bug-proneness of code components, and on the other hand are able to use appropriate machine learning techniques to distinguish those components affected by bug.
- SEARCH BASED SOFTWARE TESTING. Software testing is an essential yet expensive activity in software development, therefore much research effort has been put to automate it as much as possible. Search-based software testing consists of using meta-heuristic optimizing search technique, such as genetic algorithms, to address problems in the software testing and verification and validation domain, such as regression testing optimization and automatic test data generation. The main goal of an optimization process is to guide the search toward good solutions from a potentially infinite search space, within a practical time limit.
- ENERGY OPTIMIZATION OF MOBILE APPS. Energy efficiency is a vital characteristic of any mobile app, and indeed is becoming an important factor for user satisfaction. However, optimizing the energy consumption of a mobile app is non-trivial due to the highly volatile nature of mobile execution environments and the lack of knowledge of software developers. The goal of this topic is on the one hand to build new tools able to measure the energy profile of mobile apps, and on the other hand to propose new methods and tools able to assist software developers.
- MINING SOFTWARE REPOSITORIES. Software repositories such as source code control systems, communications stored between project staff and monitoring systems of the defects are used to improve the management of the progress of software projects. The purpose of this branch of research is to find out how to obtain information in order to help understand the development and evolution software processes, support forecasts on software development, and plan future developments.
- **EMPIRICAL SOFTWARE ENGINEERING.** Empirical software engineering is a subdomain of software related to experiments on systems software (software products, processes and resources). This branch includes the design of experiments on software, the collection of the results, and the consequent development of laws and theories.

TEACHING

LECTURER

2018/19 CAPITA SELECTA OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Master's Degree in Computer Science, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium

in collaboration with Prof. Coen De Roover

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2016/17 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, MANAGEMENT AND EVOLUTION

Master's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

PROGRAMMING I

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

WEB DEVELOPMENT

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

2015/16 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, MANAGEMENT AND EVOLUTION

Master's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING: MAINTENANCE AND TESTING

Master's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

PROGRAMMING I

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

WEB DEVELOPMENT

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, University of Salerno, Italy

THESES COORDINATION SUPPORT

2017 DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF METHODS FOR TEST CASE MINIMIZATION

Student: Francesco De Feo - B.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF METHODS FOR TEST CASE PRIORITIZATION

Student: Giuseppe Sessa – B.Sc. in Computer Science – Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PLUGIN FOR OPTIMIZING REGRESSION TESTING

Student: Gerardo Della Monica - B.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PLUGIN FOR THE DETECTION OF ENERGY DEFECTS OF MOBILE APPLICATIONS

Student: Sara Zaino – B.Sc. in Computer Science – Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A DEFECT PREDICTION TOOL

Student: Giuseppina Tufano - B.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DEVELOPMENT OF A SOFTWARE ENERGY ESTIMATION METHODOLOGY IN AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

Student: Roberto Contaldo - B.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A DEFECT PREDICTION TOOL BY USING CROSS-PROJECT TECHNIQUES

Student: Pasquale Martiniello - B.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

2016 TRIO: A TOOL FOR REGRESSION TESTING OPTIMIZATION

Student: Antonio Luca D'Avanzo – B.Sc. in Computer Science – Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

CHECKAPP: A TOOL FOR MONITORING JAVA APPLICATION PERFORMANCE

Student: Elisa D'Eugenio - M.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A DEFECT PREDICTION TOOL

Student: Fabiano Pecorelli - B.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

PETRA: A POWER ESTIMATION TOOL FOR ANDROID APPLICATIONS

Student: Antonio Prota - M.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

2015 DEVELOPMENT AND COMPARISON OF NOVEL TECHNIQUES FOR SEARCH BASED TEST DATA GENERATION

Student: Giovanni Grano – M.Sc. in Computer Science – Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A TOOL FOR THE AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF TEST CASES

Student: Simone Scalabrino – M.Sc. in Computer Science – Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

A COMBINED MODEL FOR THE PREDICTION OF DEFECTS

Student: Giuseppe De Rosa - M.Sc. in Computer Science - Advisor: Prof. Andrea De Lucia

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

2017 SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT

13th International Summer School on Software Engineering, University of Salerno, Italy

2016 SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT

12th International Summer School on Software Engineering, University of Salerno, Italy

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

2019 5th International Conference on Advances and Trends in Software Engineering (SOFTENG)

2018 1st International Workshop on Cloud-Native Applications Design and Experience (CNAX)

34th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME) - Tool Demo Track

5th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Mobile Software Engineering and Systems (MOBILESoft) –

Student Research Competition

10th International Conference on Advances in System Testing and Validation Lifecycle (VALID)

2nd Workshop on Machine Learning Techniques for Software Quality Evaluation (MaLTeSQuE)

2017 9th International Conference on Advances in System Testing and Validation Lifecycle (VALID)

REVIEWER

INTERNATIONAL Advances in Software Engineering - Elsevier

JOURNALS Arabian Journal for Science and Engineering – Springer

Computational Intelligence - Wiley Empirical Software Engineering - Springer

IEEE Access - IEEE

IET Software - Institution of Engineering and Technology

Information Processing Letters - Elsevier

Journal of King Saud University, Computer and Information Sciences - Elsevier

Journal of Software: Evolution and Process – Wiley Journal of Systems and Software - Elsevier

Software Quality Journal - Springer

INTERNATIONAL IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution, and Reengineering: 2017, 2018

CONFERENCES IEEE International Conference on Program Comprehension: 2016

IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution: 2016 (ERA Track), 2018

International Conference on Business Information Systems: 2015, 2016 International Conference on Distributed Multimedia Systems: 2015, 2016 International Conference on Enterprise Information Systems: 2015, 2016, 2017

INVITED TALKS

2018 DEFECT PREDICTION: USING MACHINE LEARNING FOR FOCUSING THE TESTING EFFORT

Jheronimus Academy of Data Science, 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, March 9th 2018

2017 DEFECT PREDICTION: USING MACHINE LEARNING FOR FOCUSING THE TESTING EFFORT

Jheronimus Academy of Data Science, 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, December 5th 2017

DIAGNOSE AND DETECT ENERGY FLAWS OF ANDROID APPSVrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium. March 23rd 2017

PARTICIPATIONS AT CONFERENCES

2018 40TH ACM/IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (ICSE)

Gothenburg, Sweden

15TH IEEE/ACM WORKING CONFERENCE ON MINING SOFTWARE REPOSITORIES (MSR)

Gothenburg, Sweden

25[™] IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOFTWARE ANALYSIS, EVOLUTION, AND REENGINEERING (SANER)

Campobasso, Italy

2017 CODEMOTION

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

24TH IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOFTWARE ANALYSIS, EVOLUTION, AND REENGINEERING (SANER)

Klagenfurt, Austria

2016 SYMPOSIUM ON SEARCH-BASED SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (SSBSE)

Raleigh, NC, United States

2015 SYMPOSIUM ON SEARCH-BASED SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (SSBSE)

Bergamo, Italy

37TH ACM/IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (ICSE)

Florence, Italy

 12^{TH} IEEE/ACM Working Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR)

Florence, Italy

2014 THE GNOME CONFERENCE (GUADEC)

Strasbourg, France

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2017 NSF TRAVEL SUPPORT

Symposium on Search-Based Software Engineering (SSBSE), Raleigh, NC, United States

2015 ACM SIGSOFT STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

37th ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), Florence, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OR WORKSHOPS

[C16] S. Scalabrino, G. Grano, D. Di Nucci, M. Guerra, A. De Lucia, H. Gall, R. Oliveto

OCELOT: a Search-Based Test-Data Generation Tool for C

In Proceeding of the 33rd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) - Tool Demonstrations Track, Montpellier, France, 2018, 4 pages, to appear.

[C15] D. Di Nucci

Methods and Tools for Focusing and Prioritizing the Testing Effort

In Proceeding of the 34th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME) - Doctoral Symposium Track, Madrid, Spain, 2018, 5 pages, to appear.

[C14] D. Di Nucci, F. Palomba, A. De Lucia

Evaluating the Adaptive Selection of Classifiers for Cross-Project Bug Prediction

In Proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Realizing Artificial Intelligence Synergies in Software Engineering (RAISE), Gothenburg, Sweden, 2018, 7 pages, 48 - 54.

[C13] P. Salza, F. Palomba, D. Di Nucci, C. D'Uva, A. De Lucia, F. Ferrucci

Do Developers Update Third-Party Libraries in Mobile Apps?

In Proceedings of the IEEE/ACM 26th International Conference on Program Comprehension (ICPC 2018), Gothenburg, Sweden, 2018, 11 pages, 255 - 265.

[C12] F. Geiger, I. Malavolta, L. Pascarella, F. Palomba, D. Di Nucci, A. Bacchelli

A Graph-based Dataset of Commit History of Real-World Android apps

In Proceedings of the IEEE/ACM 15th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR 2018), Gothenburg, Sweden, 2018, 5 pages, 30 - 33.

[C11] L. Pascarella, F. Geiger, F. Palomba, D. Di Nucci, I. Malavolta, A. Bacchelli

Self-Reported Activities of Android Developers

In Prooceedings of the 5th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Mobile Software Engineering and Systems (MOBILESoft), Gothenburg, Sweden, 2018, 12 pages, 144 - 155.

[C10] D. Di Nucci, A. De Lucia

The Role of Meta-Learners in the Adaptive Selection of Classifiers

In Proceeding of 2nd Workshop on Machine Learning Techniques for Software Quality Evaluation (MaLTeSQuE), Campobasso, Italy, 2018, 6 pages, 7 - 12.

[C9] D. Di Nucci, F. Palomba, D. A. Tamburri, A. Serebrenik, A. De Lucia

Detecting Code Smells using Machine Learning Techniques: Are We There Yet?

In Proceedings of the 25th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution, and Reengineering (SANER 2018) – Campobasso, Italy, 2018, 10 pages, 612 - 621.

[C8] D. Di Nucci, F. Palomba, A. Prota, A. Panichella, A. Zaidman, A. De Lucia.

PETrA: a Software-Based Tool for Estimating the Energy Profile of Android Applications

In Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE 2017) - Demonstrations Track, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2017, 4 pages, 3-6.

[C7] F. Palomba, D. Di Nucci, A. Panichella, A. Zaidman, A. De Lucia.

Lightweight Detection of Android-specific Code Smells: the aDoctor Project.

In Proceedings of the 24^{th} IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution, and Reengineering (SANER 2017) - Tool Track, Klagenfurt, Austria, 2017, 5 pages, 487-491

[C6] D. Di Nucci, F. Palomba, A. Prota, A. Panichella, A. Zaidman, A. De Lucia.

Software-Based Energy Profiling of Android Apps: Simple, Efficient and Reliable?

In Proceedings of the 24th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution, and Reengineering (SANER 2017) - Klagenfurt, Austria, 2017, 12 pages, 103-114

[C5] S. Scalabrino, G. Grano, D. Di Nucci, R. Oliveto, A. De Lucia

Search-based Testing of Procedural Programs: Iterative Single-Target or Multi-Target Approach?

In Proceedings of the Symposium on Search-Based Software Engineering (SSBSE 2016) - Raleigh, NC, United States, 2016, 15 pages, 64 - 79

[C4] F. Palomba, D. Di Nucci, A. Panichella, R. Oliveto, A. De Lucia

On the Diffusion of Test Smells in Automatically Generated Test Code: An Empirical Study.

In Proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Search-Based Software Testing (SBST 2016) - Austin, TX, United States, 2016, 10 pages, 5-14

[C3] D. Di Nucci, F. Palomba, S. Siravo, G. Bavota, R. Oliveto, A. De Lucia

On the Role of Developer's Scattered Changes in Bug Prediction.

In Proceedings of the 31st International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME 2015) - Bremen, Germany, 2015, 10 pages, 241-250

[C2] F. Palomba, D. Di Nucci, M. Tufano, G. Bavota, R. Oliveto, D. Poshyvanyk, A. De Lucia

Landfill: an Open Dataset of Code Smells with Public Evaluation.

In Proceedings of the IEEE/ACM 12th Working Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR 2015) - Florence, Italy, 2015, 4 pages, 482-485

[C1] D. Di Nucci, A. Panichella, A. Zaidman, A. De Lucia

Hypervolume-based Search for Test Case Prioritization.

In Proceedings of the Symposium on Search-Based Software Engineering (SSBSE 2015) - Bergamo, Italy, 2015, 15 pages, 157-172

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

[J3] F. Palomba, D. Di Nucci, A. Panichella, A. Zaidman, A. De Lucia

On the Impact of Code Smells on the Energy Consumption of Mobile Applications

Elsevier Information and Software Technology (INFSOFT), to appear

[J2] D. Di Nucci, F. Palomba, R. Oliveto, A. De Lucia.

Dynamic Selection of Classifiers in Bug Prediction: an Adaptive Method.

IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence (TETCI), 2017, Volume 1 Issue 3, 11 pages, 202-212.

[J1] D. Di Nucci, F. Palomba, G. De Rosa, G. Bavota, R. Oliveto, A. De Lucia.

A Developer Centered Bug Prediction Model.

IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE), 2017, Volume 44 Issue 1, 21 pages, 5-24.

SOFTWARE PROJECTS

2017 ADOCTOR

https://github.com/fpalomba/aDoctor

ADOCTOR is a tool able to identify 15 Android-specific code smells from the catalogue by Reimann et al.

PETRA

http://tinyurl.com/je2nxkd

PETrA is a software able to estimate the energy consumption of method calls in Android apps. It is based on some Android tools that are Monkey, Batterystats, Systrace, and dmtracedump.

2015 LANDFILL

http://soft.vub.ac.be/landfill/

Landfill is a Web-based platform for sharing code smell datasets. It also provides a set of APIs for programmatically accessing its data. Anyone can contribute by: improving existing datasets or sharing and posting new datasets.

