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Summary

Creative thinker and problem-solver with a masters and bachelors in computer engineering from Germany. Today, I am in New York, collaborating on research with Dr.Sivaraman (NYU) on distributed low-latency networking on the cloud.

Technical Skills

Languages: C++, Python, Golang, Rust, C, Bash, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Lua, VHDL
Cloud Services: Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Amazon EC2 (AWS), Terraform, Packer, Vagrant
Tools: Linux, Unix Shell, Git, Github CI/CD, Jenkins, CMake, GNU Make, Bazel, Vim, VSCode
Technologies: Docker, ZeroMQ, DPDK, MPI, FreeRTOS, FPGA, IoT, TensorFlow, Scipy, NumPy, Pandas, OpenMP
Verbal/Written: German – Fluent, Portuguese – Fluent

Experience

Research Assistant Jul 2022 – Oct 2022
TU Munich *Munich, Germany*
- Worked on TensorDSE, a Design-Space Exploration framework to guide machine learning model deployments.
- Evaluated the performance of various ML models across GPUs, CPUs and TPUs with TensorFlow Lite.
- Generated cost analysis reports for Google's Coral Edge TPU via USB traffic analysis (PyShark) during inference.
- TensorDSE used reports to accelerate a model's inference/deployment optimally onto available hardware devices.

Embedded Software Engineer – Internship Aug 2021 – Jan 2022
Molabo GmbH *Ottobrunn, Germany*
- Added unit-tests (GTest) and test coverage (lcov) to safety critical features of their motor's embedded controller.
- Developed tooling for state simulations of their electric motor via Linux's virtual CAN interface and mock APIs.
- Extended their firmware update system used by 18+ clients, consisting of partial updates via CAN bus.
- Automated build and testing workflows via Jenkinsfiles, Makefiles and CMake for a team of over 10 engineers.

Tutor - Embedded Systems Programming Lab Apr 2021 – Aug 2021
TU Munich *Munich, Germany*
- Guided 20+ students in developing performant low-level FreeRTOS applications in C.
- Provided feedback on concurrency, real-time scheduling, correctness, and software engineering best practices.

Projects

Cloud-TreeBuilder | *GCP, ZMQ, Terraform, Python, C++, Distributed Systems, Heuristic* Mar 2024 – Present
- Launches and selects K out of N VMs in a cluster to create an optimal multicast tree of depth D and fan-out F.
- Deploys UDP based probe jobs on VM subsets, collecting data regarding their network performance (JSON).
- Applies a developed heuristic on collected data to select VMs for a tree layer by layer.

Open-MPI Value Iteration | *C++, Parallel-Computing, MPI, HPC*
- Uses MPI techniques to distribute workload across an HPC cluster to solve a stochastic navigation problem.

Publications

Design and Implementation of A Scalable Financial Exchange in the Cloud | *(Paper)* Jan 2024 – Present
- Novel Cloud financial exchange achieving low latency of <= 250 µs, with a difference < 1 µs for 1K receivers.
- Achieves better scalability and around 50% lower latency than the multicast service provided by AWS.
- Used kernel-bypass techniques (DPDK) to scale performance up to a 35K multicast packet rate.

Education

New York University: Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences Sept 2023 – May 2024
Computer Science - Visiting Non-Degree Graduate Student ***GPA 4.0***
- Co-Authored Publication: Design and Implementation of A Scalable Financial Exchange in the Cloud
- **Related Coursework**: Operating Systems, Technologies in Finance

Technical University of Munich Oct 2020 – Oct 2024
M.Sc. Electrical and Computer Engineering *Munich, Germany*
- M.Sc. Thesis: **VM Selection Heuristic for Multicast Overlay Trees in the Cloud**
- **Related Coursework**: Machine Learning Methods, Computer Networks, High Performance Computing Lab

Technical University of Munich Oct 2016 – Sept 2020
B.Sc. Electrical and Computer Engineering *Munich, Germany*