

# Ei Pa Pa Pe-Than

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## Research Interests and Approach

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My research interests span computer-supported cooperative work (CSCW), science and technologies studies (STS), and critical human-computer interaction (HCI), and especially how to develop, maintain, and evolve a decentralized distributed software system that builds on a novel and sophisticated coordination architecture that addresses reinterpretability, resilience, and scalability.

I use case study research approach to address complex socio-technical questions, which includes ethnography (interviews and non-participant observations), archival analysis, quantitative collection of log and trace data with Python, SQL, and R, and a combination of all of these methods (mixed-methods) as relevant and appropriate.

## Education

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Carnegie Mellon University . . . . . Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Jun 2020 (expected)	<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> Advisor: James Herbsleb, Institute for Software Research, School of Computer Science Topic: Large-scale coordination in time-bounded events (hackathons, datathons, etc.) for science, innovation, learning, and community building, and open-text projects on GitHub
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Nanyang Technological University . . . . . Singapore, Singapore

Apr 2016	<b>Doctor of Philosophy in Information Systems</b> Advisor: Dion Hoe-Lian Goh and Chei Sian Lee, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information Thesis: Investigating user-centered human computation games: The role of perceived enjoyment and its antecedents
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Jun 2009	<b>Master of Science in Information Systems</b>
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University of Computer Studies . . . . . Yangon, Myanmar

Jun 2005	<b>Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Computer Science</b>
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# Employment

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Carnegie Mellon University . . . . . Pittsburgh, PA, USA

June 2017–present

**Postdoctoral Researcher**

Advisor: James Herbsleb, Institute for Software Research, School of Computer Science

Topic: Coordination in time-bounded events (hackathons, datathons, etc.) for science, innovation, learning, and community building, and collaborative writing on GitHub

Nanyang Technological University . . . . . Singapore, Singapore

Nov 2015–Nov 2016

**Research Associate and Part-time Lecturer**

NCS . . . . . Singapore, Singapore

Jun 2009–Jul 2010

**Application Consultant** (Software Developer)

University of Computer Studies . . . . . Yangon, Myanmar

2005–2007

**Tutor**

# Publications

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## Referred Journal Publications

1. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Nolte, A., Filippova, A., Bird, C., Scallen, S., and Herbsleb, J.D. "Corporate Hackathons, How and Why? A Multiple Case Study of Motivation, Project Proposal and Selection, Goal Setting, Coordination, and Project Continuation." [Revisions submitted to *Human-Computer Interaction Journal*]
2. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Dabbish, L., and Herbsleb, J.D. "Collaborative Writing at Scale: Investigation of Pull-Based Model on GitHub." [Under the review of *CSCW 2020*]
3. Nolte, A., **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Filippova, A., Bird, C., Scallen, S., and Herbsleb, J.D. (2018). "You Hacked and Now What?: - Exploring Outcomes of a Corporate Hackathon." In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human Computer Interaction*, 2 (CSCW'18), Article 129, 23 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3274398>
4. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Nolte, A., Filippova, A., Bird, C., Scallen, S., and Herbsleb, J.D. (2018). "Designing Corporate Hackathons with a Purpose." *IEEE Software*, 36 (1), 15-22. <https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.23863>

## Referred Conference Publications

1. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.** and Herbsleb, J.D. (2019). "Understanding Hackathons for Science: Collaboration, Affordances, and Outcomes." In Taylor N., Christian-Lamb C., Martin M., Nardi B. (eds) Information in Contemporary Society, iConference'19. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 11420 (iConference'19), pp. 27-37. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-15742-5\\_3](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-15742-5_3)

## Referred Short Publications

1. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Dabbish, L., and Herbsleb, J.D. (2018). "Collaborative Writing on GitHub: A Case Study of a Book Project." In Companion of the 2018 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW'18), pp. 305-308. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3272973.3274083>

## Referred Workshop Publications

1. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Herbsleb, J.D., Nolte, A., Gerber, E., Fiore-Gartland, B., Chapman, B., Moser, A., and Wilkins-Diehr, N. (2018). "The 2nd Workshop on Hacking and Making at Time-Bounded Events: Current Trends and Next Steps in Research and Event Design." In Extended Abstracts of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA'18), paper W35, 8 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3170427.3170615>

## Technical Reports

1. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, and Nolte, A. (2018). "The 2nd Workshop on Hacking and Making at Time-Bounded Events." Technical Report CMU-ISR-18-109, Carnegie Mellon University. <http://eipapa.github.io/files/ISR-techreport-2018.pdf>

## Posters

1. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Dabbish, L., and Herbsleb, J.D. (2019). "Collaborative Writing at Scale: A Case Study of Two Open-Text Projects Done on GitHub." Paper presented at The Future of Work, Human Computer Interaction Consortium (HCIC'19). <http://eipapa.github.io/files/HCIC-poster-2019.pdf>
2. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Dabbish, L., and Herbsleb, J.D. (2019). "Collaborative Writing at Scale: A Case Study of Two Open-Text Projects Done on GitHub." Poster presented at the 7th ACM Conference on Collective Intelligence 2019 (CI'19). [https://ci.acm.org/2019/assets/proceedings/CI\\_2019\\_paper\\_65.pdf](https://ci.acm.org/2019/assets/proceedings/CI_2019_paper_65.pdf) <http://eipapa.github.io/files/CI-poster-2019.pdf>
3. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Momcheva, I., Tolleud, E., and Herbsleb, J.D. (2019). "Hackathons for Science, How and Why?" Poster presented at the 233rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting #233, id.459.11. <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2019AAS...23345911P/abstract>

4. Powell, J., Hayden, L., Nolte, A., Herbsleb, J.D., **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Wong, M., Kalyanam, R., Ellet, K., Pamidighantam, S., Traxler, K., and Cannon, A. (2018). "An Analysis of the PEARC 2018 Science Gateways Community Institute Hackathon: Lessons Learned." Poster presented at Gateways 2018 organized by the Science Gateways Community Institute (SGCI). <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.7070309.v2>
5. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Nolte, A., Filippova, A., Bird, C., Scallen, S. and Herbsleb, J.D. (2018). "An Empirical Study of Team Familiarity, Goal Setting, and Process in Time-Bounded Events." Poster presented at the 13th Annual Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research Conference (INGRoup'18).

## Selected Publications from Archived Research Projects

1. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Goh, D.H.-L., and Lee, C.S. (2017). "Does it matter how you play? The effects of collaboration and competition among players of human computation games." Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology (JASIST), 68 (8), 1823-1835. <https://doi.org/10.1002/asi.23863>
2. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Goh, D.H.-L., and Lee, C.S. (2015). "A typology of human computation games: An analysis and a review of current games." Behaviour and Information Technology, 34 (8), 809-824. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0144929X.2013.862304>
3. **Pe-Than, E.P.P.**, Goh, D.H.-L., and Lee, C.S. (2014). "Making work fun: Investigating antecedents of perceived enjoyment in human computation games for information sharing." Computers in Human Behavior, 39 (2014), 88-99. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2014.06.023>

## Teaching

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### Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

#### Instructor

CI6221	Information Visualization (cross-listed, graduate)	Aug 2016
CI6228	Managing Information Systems (graduate)	Jan 2016
IN9008	Digital Social Games for Organizations (undergraduate)	Jan 2015

#### Teaching Assistant

IN9006	Social Computing and Applications (graduate)	Jan 2014
CS2008	Fundamentals of Research (undergraduate)	Aug 2013
CI6208	Research Methods and Data Analysis for Information Professionals (graduate)	Jan 2013
CI6222	Mobile & Ubiquitous Applications (graduate)	Aug 2012

## University of Computer Studies, Yangon

<b>Tutor</b>	Fundamentals of Data Structures (undergraduate)	2006–2007
	Operating Systems (undergraduate)	2006–2007

## Professional Services

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### Reviewing

2020	ECIS: European Conference on Information Systems iConference
2019	CSCW: ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work ECIS: European Conference on Information Systems iConference
2018	CHI: ACM Conference on Computer-Human Interaction ECIS: European Conference on Information Systems iConference
2017	CHI: ACM Conference on Computer-Human Interaction Journal of Information Science Theory and Practice
2016	Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking Aslib Journal of Information Management
2015	ECIS: European Conference on Information Systems

### Organizing

2019	<a href="#">World of Code (WoC) Hackathon</a> , Carnegie Mellon University
2018	<a href="#">Science Gateways Hackathon by the Science Gateways Community Institute (SGCI)</a> , collocated with PEARC18 Conference, Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh
2018	<a href="#">The 2nd Workshop on Hacking and Making at Time-Bounded Events: Current Trends and Next Steps in Research and Event Design</a> , ACM CHI'18 conference, Montreal, Canada

### Volunteering

2016	The 66th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA)
2011–2013	Graduate Admission Exercise, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information
2011	International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo2011)

## Research Funding

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NTU Doctoral Research scholarship

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Duration: August 2010–August 2014

Amount: S\$ 111,600

3K Grant for Research Student

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Duration: 2011–2014

Amount: S\$ 2,800

Conference Travel Grant

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Year: 2016

Amount: S\$ 1,000

## Professional Associations

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ACM	Association for Computing Machinery
ACM SIGCHI	Special Interest Group on Computer–Human Interaction
ACM SIGSOFT	Special Interest Group on Software Engineering
ASIS&T	Association for Information Science & Technology

## References

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### James Herbsleb

Professor of Computer Science

Institute for Software Research

School of Computer Science

Carnegie Mellon University

### Alexander Nolte

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Institute of Computer Science, University of Tartu

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Institute for Software Research, Carnegie Mellon University

Carnegie Mellon University