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Summary

Passionate about designing and developing scalable, highly available (HA), fault-tolerant and distributed systems

Work Experience

Equinix

Sunnyvale, CA

SENIOR STAFF SOFTWARE ENGINEER

March. 2021 - Present

- Working on open source, programable dataplane Vector Packet Processing (VPP), extended it to support feature like protocol independent NAT, bug fixes etc. All the code is committed back to the project
- Design and develop Elixir based VPP agent that implements binary message passing protocol exposed by VPP. Agent exposes gRPC based northbound interface that is used by SDN controller to program VPP. Agent also listens to VPP events like interface state changes and takes appropriate action defined e.g. notify SDN controller etc
- Helped dataplane team in various VPP related blockers. Also helped the team with the right tooling for the project.
- Worked with dataplane team on various POCs e.g. VPP as L2 bridge connecting two KVM VMs, service chaining in VPP using VPP graph node abstraction i.e. ACL -> NAT -> Routing, VPP and hugepages configuration for performance tuning
- Briefly worked on P4 programable SmartNIC by Pensando for the POC of IPSEC offload
- Implemented Vault based mTLS authentication for one of the REST services
- As a maintainer/lead of many repos/projects, code reviews and merge requests

Equinix

Sunnyvale, CA

STAFF SOFTWARE ENGINEER

December. 2018 - March. 2020

- Leading team of 4 to 6 developers to provide software solutions on different problems
- Designed and developed test automation framework that helps Equinix certify different products like Equinix Fabric (EF), Network Edge (NE)(python)
- Developed execution portal for the framework to help folks run the automation easily. Portal is written in Elixir using Phoenix LiveView
- Setup CI/CD for test automation framework

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SOFTWARE ENGINEER

July. 2017 - December. 2018

- Implemented driver for Ciena WaveServer and OpenLineSystem (OLS) controller MCP in ONOS. All the code is committed back to ONOS open-source community.
- Extended many components in ONOS e.g. CLI, Optical Intent Compiler, OAuth2 authentication for REST protocol etc.
- Developed alarm-handler ONOS app. The app takes well defined actions base on the alarm e.g. installation/removal of intents if port is down. (This app is not part of ONOS repo)

Cisco System.Inc

San Jose, CA

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

March. 2015 - July. 2017

- Designed and Developed automation framework in python. Framework is written in python using open source libraries which makes it easier for the customer to deploy. It has been developed using OOP techniques which allows end user to build platform independent and protocol agnostic test automation.
- Wrote backend libraries for the infra.
- Developed service model for Open DayLight (ODL) using YANG as data model, NETCONF and RESTCONF as transport protocol. RESTCONF is used as northbound and NETCONF as southbound protocol.
- Code reviews.

Open Networking Laboratory

Melo Park, CA

MTS - INTERN

May. 2014 - March 2015

- Worked on two open source SDN products OpenVirtX (OVX) and Open Networking Operating System (ONOS).
- As part of ONLAB developing team I got the opportunity to contribute into various aspects of both OVX and ONOS, from developing core features like VirtualIPAddressing, CLI etc to developing testing tools like testing framework.
- Designed and developed OVXTesting Framework under the guidance of Ali Al-Shabibi.
- Learned JIRA (ticketing software), Jenkins (tool to automate testing for newly added code), git, github and gerrit.
- Fixed many bugs related to OVX, OVX-GUI, OVX-CLI and OVXTestingFramework.
- Developed new features for OVX like VirtualIPAddressing, link and route recovery etc.
- Developed CLI and APIs for ONOS-SegmentRouting under the guidance of Saurav Das.
- End to end Integration of packet-optical use case of ONOS.
- Learning Erlang, bug fixes and adding new feature to Linc-oe.
- Added features in Mininet to support Optical components.
- Blogged for ONF, also wrote many users guides for OVX and ONOS.

Research Experience

Wichita State University

MS-THESIS

Wichita, KS

Aug. 2013 - Dec. 2014

- Innovation in SDN and Throughput Optimum Scheduling Algorithm

National University and Engineering & Technology (NUST) H-12, Islamabad

Islamabad, Pakistan

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Aug. 2012 - July. 2013

- Learned SDN, OpenFlow and related technologies during the research work and gained experience on OpenFlow specification v1.0.
- Wrote many mininet scripts using mininet python API to implement different network topologies
- Programmed Pox controller to implement desired functionality such as load balancer, firewall and etc.
- Learned Pyretic and PyResonance under Nick Feamster online course as part of my research requirements and Implemented firewall using Pyretic.
- Worked on Open vswitch 1.7.1, using Socket programming (in C/C++) wrote server/client program that runs on two different (mininet virtual) hosts connected to Openvswitch (for the communication purposes).

National University and Engineering & Technology (NUST) H-12, Islamabad

Islamabad, Pakistan

FINAL YEAR PROJECT RESEARCH (UNDERGRAD) - FYP

Aug. 2011 - Aug. 2012

Mobile Visualblock Programing (MVP) is a drag and drop tool for the development of iPhone application. User just drag and drop puzzle like object and connect them to implement their logic and at the backend our tool generates its Objective-C code for the iPhone. It helps new developer to concentrate more on logic then the complex syntax of Objective-C. We as member of two successfully implemented this as our Final year Project. The project was implemented using Java, XML, apple scripting and Objective C. Initially Java library "open blocks" was used to implement the interface, XML file is created by open blocks which is used to generate objective-C code. We also wrote XML to Objective C converter. We modified open blocks to create desired XML files as part of implementation. Using apple script we automated code compilation through Xcode.

Technical Skills

Programming	Python (Expert), Elixir (Expert), Erlang (Intermediate), Java (Basic), C/C++ (Basic), Bash (Basic)
Networking	OpenFlow, NETCONF, RESTCONF, YANG, REST, gRPC, ARP, TCP/IP, UDP, HTTP/HTTPS, DHCP, DNS, NAT
SDN Controller	ONOS, POX, OpenVirtex
Other	Linux (Intermediate), Mininet (Expert), LaTeX (Basic), SQL (Basic), Wireshark (Basic), Buck-Build (Intermediate), Docker (Basic)

Education

National University and Engineering & Technology (NUST)

Islamabad, Pakistan

BACHELORS IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Nov. 2008 - Aug. 2012

- FYP: Mobile Visualblock Programing (MVP).

Wichita State University

Wichita, KS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER NETWORKING

Aug. 2013 - Dec 2014

- Thesis: Innovation in SDN and Throughput Optimum Scheduling Algorithm.

Open Source Contribution

2022	VPP , https://gerrit.fd.io/r/c/vpp/+/36112	PNAT improvement
2022	VPP , https://gerrit.fd.io/r/c/vpp/+/35873	Vhost v2 API bugfix
2021	Phoenix Swager , https://github.com/xerions/phoenix_swagger/pull/265	improvement
2021	xlxsir , https://github.com/jsonkenl/xlxsir/pull/102	bugfix
2021	sshex , https://github.com/rubencaro/sshex/pull/23	bugfix
2017	ONOS , https://gerrit.onosproject.org/q/owner:fahadnaeemkhan%2540gmail.com	CienaWebServer
2014	ONOS , https://gerrit.onosproject.org/q/owner:fahad%2540onlab.us	Optical

Others

2012-13	Certificate , Software Defined Networking (SDN) with Distinction from Georgia Institute of Technology	Online
2014-15	Blog , https://www.opennetworking.org/?p=1417&option=com_wordpress&Itemid=316	Online