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Experience

2012 - Now

Research Assistant

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Optimizing the memory management of stream programs through code analysis with experimental results outperforming the MIT StreamIt by up to 8.7X in various benchmarks while saving memory usage by up to 96%
- Developed CSense a stream processing toolkit for Android that offers efficient memory management, automatic concurrency control and integration with MATLAB components. Performance boosts up to 19X and 45% reduction in CPU usage compared with baseline.
- Developed mobile sensing applications based on CSense including AudioSense to capture listening context for hearing aid, ActiSense to recognize human activities and SpeakerIdentifier to identify speakers in conversations.
- Given two full-length lectures on file systems in the operating systems class

Web Profile

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Teaching Assistant

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Conducting office hours, taking class notes and grading in Discrete Structures and Networking & Security.

Programming

2011 - 2012



2004 - 2009

Project Leader, Advanced Engineer

Uniform Industrial Corporation, Taiwan

- Practiced eXtreme Programming to lead a project of developing multichannel video streaming software (RTSP/RTP/RTCP) for Windows and browser ActiveX/DirectShow plugins in a one-month tight schedule
- Developed an embedded Perl web server to improve rendering server pages from seconds to the blink of an eye for video conferencing products, and a video player adapted from VLC displaying private event information for IP surveillance cameras
- Independently assigned to support another department in manually decompiling the Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) sources in Moto 68K assembly for U.S. check readers

Preference Developer ****

Researcher **** PM ****

Part-time Software Engineer

Avectec.com, Inc., Hsinchu, Taiwan

Developed a mobile phone based call center in Java that accesses contacts over IR and sends/receives SMS notifications. Implemented an Outlook like email client analyzing keywords in messages and automatically replying useful information from a remote SQL knowledge base.



Education

2011 - Now

Ph.D. in Computer Science

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Academics: 3.83 cGPA Graduation: 09/2016 expected

Formal Methods, Big Data Technologies, Distributed Computing, Pattern Recognition, Image Processing, Signal Processing, Randomized Algorithms,

Artificial Intelligence, High Performance Computer Architectures ...

Languages English *** Mandarin ★★★★ Taiwanese ****

2002 - 2004

MS in CS and Information Engineering Academics: 4.0/4.0 GPA with thesis

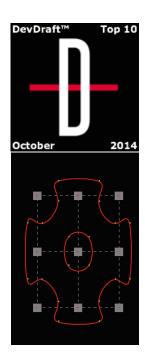
Nation Central University, Taiwan

1998 - 2002 **BS** in Industrial Engineering

> Minor in Computer Science Activities: Rover Scout Crew

National Tsing-Hua University, Taiwan

Projects



Numbers Game Challenge, Finals and Badge Design DevDraft, Oct. 14'/15'

- Ranked top 10 out of 1500 participants and conquered a two-player turn-based game with 100% code correctness that requires determining which player wins if both play optimally in 14'. My bottom-up approach allows to search for the solution in O(loglogN) big integer operations.

- Exclusively invited to design badges for DevDraf 2015 finals

Dict Eye BoilerMake Hackathon, Feb. 14'

- Developed an Android app to recognize vocabulary from video subtitles while displaying definitions in real-time. Statistics are collected for users to review in flashcards with spaced repetition. The real-time text tracking is supported by Qualcomm Vuforia.

Text-Independent Speaker Identification Pattern Recognition, Fall 13'

- The only one in class manually computed MFCCs and implemented GMM based speaker identification by hand. Score A+.

Comparison of Image Registration Methods Advanced Image Processing, Spr. 13'

- Evaluated four image registration methods on cross-modality 3D volume datasets by comparing sum of squared differences, correlation coefficient, joint entropy, normalized mutual information and employed t-test to show pairwise statistical significance. Better visualizations than others and scored A.

Light Field Contour Tracking w/ IRIS Motes Wireless Sensor Networks, Fall 11'

- Assuming a grid deployment of wireless motes with light sensors, each mote sends feedback to a laptop to detect events of interest such as smoke blob form, vanish, merge, split, expand, shrink and move. Ideas from experience in surveillance industry.

Publications

Farley Lai, Daniel Schmidt, Octav Chipara

Static Memory Management for Efficient Mobile Sensing Applications

ACM SIGBED International Conference on Embedded Software (EMSOFT), 2015

Farley Lai, Syed Shabih Hasan, Austin Laugesen, Octav Chipara

CSense: A Stream-Processing Toolkit for High-Rate Mobile Sensing Applications
ACM/IEEE International Conference on Information Processing in Sensor Networks, 2014

Syed Shabih Hasan, Farley Lai, Octav Chipara, Yi-Hsien Wu

AudioSense: Enabling Real-time Evaluation of Hearing Aid Technology In-Situ

IEEE International Conference on Computer-Based Medical Systems, Best Student Award, 2013

Farley Lai, Shing-Tssan Huang

Optimal Alternators with Reduced Space Complexity

Proves an optimal fair scheduling is strongly fair on rings of any size. *Master Thesis*, 2004

Leadership

2001 Lion Camp

Hsinchu, Taiwan

Planned Day of Pokémon as the camp climax. Designed an RPG based on the Triple Triad in Final Fantasy VIII, allowing participants to power up with earned points. Teams strategically cooperated to defeat bosses. I believe few other camps in the world deliver similar experience.

2000 Rover Recruit Camp

Hsinchu, Taiwan

As camp host in charge of the schedule, promotion and budget control. Nearly half of the 30+ college participants finally joined our crew, boosting the recruit rate twice. Ended up better than break-even with sufficient fund-raising.