Alexander Ballmer

Computer Science

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Web & Git

github.com/gnu3ra

Work Experience

Tel

Summer 2015

Argonne National Laboratory

Research Assistant

Ported a performance modeling tool used on the IBM Blue Gene/Q supercomputer using PPC for use on the proposed x86 Intel supercomputer.

- · Worked with low level hardware counters
- Ran field tests with real world applications
- Experience with C and low level debugging

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alexandersballmer@ gmail.com

2014-Present

Illinois Institute of Technology

Data Intensive Distributed Systems Laboratory

Student Assistant

Student Assistant and Member of IIT Student Cluster Competition Team. Competed at SC14, SC15.

- With teammates, built and configured a high-performance computer cluster designed to operate within strict power constraints.
- Collaborated with sponsors including Argonne National Laboratories, Nvidia, Intel, Mellanox, and HP.
- Profiled and analyzed hardware application performance.
- Specialized in running NAMD bioinformatics application, HPC Repast, file systems, and automation scripts during 48-hour, real-time, non-stop competition.

Programming

bitbucket.org/aballmer

C++ Java Perl Python Ruby Clojure Bash

2014-Present

Youth Technology Corps

Intern/Counselor

Teach technology skills to high school students impacted by poverty, including Microsoft Registered Refurbishing, coding, and networking. Counselor for YTC summer camp in Troy, MO.

OS Preference

GNU/Linux ★★★★
Unix (BSD) ★★★★
Android ★★★★
OSX ★★★★
Windows ★★★★

Publications

Ben Walters, Alex Ballmer, Andrei Dumitru, Adnan Haider, Serapheim Dimitropoulos, Ariel Young, William Scullin, Ben Allen, Ioan Raicu. **15 TFlops Haswell vs. 60 TFlops Knight Landing for HPC Scientific Computing Applications** Student Cluster Competition (SCC), IEEE/ACM Supercomputing/SC 2015

Other Skills

Project Collaboration Gimp / Photoshop Video Editing (Avid) Electronics Work Soldering Model Aviation Kevin Brandstatter, Ben Walters, Alexander Ballmer, Adnan Haider, Andrei Dumitru, Serapheim Dimitropoulos, Ariel Young, William Scullin, Ben Allen, Ioan Raicu. **Experiences in Optimizing Cluster Performance For Scientific Applications: Controlling Configuration, Utilization, and Power Consumption** *GCASR 2015*

Kevin Brandstatter, Jason DiBabbo, Daniel Gordon, Ben Walters, Alex Ballmer, Lauren Ribordy, Ioan Raicu. **Delivering 3.5 Double Precision GFlops/Watt and 200Gb/sec Bi-Section Bandwidth with Intel Xeon Phi-based Cisco Servers** Student Cluster Competition (SCC), IEEE/ACM Supercomputing/SC 2014

Education

2018 (Expected) Illinois Institute of Technology

Computer Science Major, Camras Scholar

2014 Evanston Township High School Evanston, IL

With High Distinction, National Honor Society

Chicago, IL