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1. Summary

Felipe Fronchetti is an Assistant Professor in Computer Science at Louisiana State University (LSU), USA. Currently working on the intersection between Software Engineering (SE) and Human-Robot Interaction (HRI), he focuses on developing programming technologies to support end-users in robotics and newcomers in open-source communities. He is the principal investigator of the Robotics and Software Engineering (RISE) laboratory at LSU. Among his projects, there are studies investigating the integration of newcomers in open-source projects, the benefits of social coding platforms for open-source development, and the development of end-user technologies for industrial and collaborative robots. With more than 10 years of experience in research, his studies resulted in papers published in top-tier journals and conferences in Software Engineering, including research venues such as the International Conference in Software Engineering (ICSE) and the Transactions in Software Engineering Journal (TSE). Fronchetti also holds a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of São Paulo, ranked the best university in Latin America according to USNews (2024).

2. Education

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| (2020 - 2024) | Ph.D. in Engineering
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), USA
Advised by Dr. Rodrigo Spinola
Working on “ <i>Exploring end-user environments for the control and programming of collaborative robots</i> ” |
| (2018 - 2022) | M.Sc. in Computer Science
University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil
Advised by Dr. Marco Aurélio Gerosa
Working on “ <i>A classification model to identify newcomer-relevant documentation in open-source software projects</i> ” |
| (2013 - 2017) | B.Sc. in Computer Science
Federal University of Technology - Paraná (UTFPR), Brazil
Advised by Dr. Igor Steinmacher and Dr. Igor Wiese
Working on “ <i>An exploratory study on receptivity indicators in open-source software projects</i> ” |
| (2011 - 2012) | Technical Degree in Occupational Health and Safety
National Service for Industrial Training (SENAI), Brazil |

3. Work

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| (2024 - Present) | Assistant Professor
Louisiana State University (LSU), USA |
| (2020 - 2024) | Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), USA |
| (2018 - 2019) | Graduate Research Assistant
University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil |
| (2014 - 2016) | Co-Founder and Marketing Director
HAKEN - Junior Enterprise in Computer Science, Brazil |
| (2014 - 2017) | Undergraduate Research Assistant
Federal University of Technology - Paraná (UTFPR), Brazil |
| (2012 - 2012) | Occupational Health and Safety Intern
Beeight Group, Brazil |

4. Publications

My name is underlined as Felipe Fronchetti (shortened name) or Luiz Felipe Fronchetti Dias (full name) in older papers.

4.1. Journals (6)

- (2025) de Souza Santos, R., Franchetti, F., Freire, S. and Spinola, R., 2025. Software fairness debt: Building a research agenda for addressing bias in AI systems. **ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology**.
- (2025) Ritschel, N., Holmes, R., Franchetti, F., Garcia, R. and Shepherd, D.C., 2025. Block-based or graph-based? Why not both? Designing a hybrid programming environment for end-users. **Interacting with Computers Journal**. Oxford Academic.
- (2022) Franchetti, F., Ritschel, N., Holmes, R., Li, L., Soto, M., Jetley, R., Wiese, I. and Shepherd, D., 2022. Language impact on productivity for industrial end users: A case study from Programmable Logic Controllers. In **Journal of Computer Languages (COLA)**, 69, p.101087.
- (2020) Padala, H.S., Mendez, C., Franchetti, F., Steinmacher, I., Steine-Hanson, Z., Hilderbrand, C., Horvath, A., Hill, C., Simpson, L., Burnett, M. and Gerosa, M., 2020. How gender-biased tools shape newcomer experiences in OSS projects. In **IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)**, 48(1), pp.241-259.
- (2018) Dias, L.F., Steinmacher, I. and Pinto, G., 2018. Who drives company-owned OSS projects: internal or external members?. In **Journal of the Brazilian Computer Society (JBCS)**, 24(1), pp.1-17.
- (2018) Pinto, G., Steinmacher, I., Dias, L.F. and Gerosa, M., 2018. On the challenges of open-sourcing proprietary software projects. In **Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)**, 23, pp.3221-3247.

4.2. Conferences (16)

- (2025) Moreira, G., Freitas, J., Burvant, S., Sengchiam, C., de Paula, S.M. and Franchetti, F., 2025, September. womeninoss.com: Supporting women participation in OSS communities with an online platform. In **Simpósio Brasileiro de Engenharia de Software (SBES)**.
- (2025) Sotolani, R., Freire, S., Franchetti, F., de Souza Santos, R. and Spinola, R., 2025, September. Exploring Software Fairness Debt in Gray Literature. In **Euromicro Conference on Software Engineering and Advanced Applications** (pp. 85-104). Springer Nature Switzerland.
- (2025) Odugu, O., Khan, M.T., Wang, C. and Franchetti, F., Transfer Learning for Construction Robotics: Leveraging Road Construction Data to Enhance Building Site Segmentation. **IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation: 4th Workshop on Future of Construction**.
- (2024) Franchetti, F., Ritschel, N., Schorr, L., Barfield, C., Chang, G., Spinola, R., Holmes, R. and Shepherd, D.C., 2024. April. Block-based Programming for Two-Armed Robots: A Comparative Study. In **Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 45th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE): Research Track**.
- (2023) Ruvimova, A., Franchetti, F., Khan, B., Susin, L., Hurley, Z., Fritz, T., Hancock, M., Shepherd, D.C., 2023, December. Ready Worker One? High-Res VR for the Home Office. In **Proceedings of the 29th ACM Symposium on Virtual Reality Software and Technology (VRST)**.
- (2023) Franchetti, F., Shepherd, D.C., Wiese, I., Treude, C., Gerosa, M. and Steinmacher, I., 2023, December. Do CONTRIBUTING files provide information about OSS newcomers' onboarding barriers? In **Proceedings of the ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE)**.
- (2022) Ritschel, N., Franchetti, F., Holmes, R., Garcia, R. and Shepherd, D.C., 2022, May. Enabling end-users to implement larger block-based programs. In **Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 44th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE): Companion Proceedings** (pp. 347-349).
- (2022) Shepherd, D.C., Franchetti, F., Liu, Y., Hou, D., DeWaters, J. and Small, M.M., 2022, May. Project-sized scaffolding for software engineering courses. In **Proceedings of the First International Workshop on Designing and Running Project-Based Courses in Software Engineering Education (DREE)** (pp. 27-31).
- (2022) Ritschel, N., Franchetti, F., Holmes, R., Garcia, R. and Shepherd, D.C., 2022. Can guided decomposition help end-users write larger block-based programs? a mobile robot experiment. **Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (OOPSLA)**, pp.233-258.
- (2020) Dias, L.F., Barbosa, C., Pinto, G., Steinmacher, I., Fonseca, B., Ribeiro, M., Treude, C. and Da Costa, D.A., 2020, August. Refactoring from 9 to 5? What and When Employees and Volunteers Contribute to OSS. In **2020 IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC)** (pp. 1-5). IEEE.
- (2019) Franchetti, F., Wiese, I., Pinto, G. and Steinmacher, I., 2019, May. What Attracts Newcomers to Onboard on OSS Projects? TL; DR: Popularity. In **15th IFIP International Conference on Open Source Systems (OSS)** (pp. 91-103).

- (2018) Pinto, G., Dias, L.F. and Steinmacher, I., 2018, May. Who gets a patch accepted first? comparing the contributions of employees and volunteers. In Proceedings of the 11th **International Workshop on Cooperative and Human Aspects of Software Engineering (CHASE)** (pp. 110-113).
- (2018) Pinto, G., Wiese, I. and Dias, L.F., 2018, March. How do scientists develop scientific software? An external replication. In 2018 **IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER)** (pp. 582-591). IEEE.
- (2017) Dias, L.F., Steinmacher, I. and Pinto, G., 2017. Who drives company-owned OSS projects: Employees or volunteers?. In **V Workshop on Software Visualization, Evolution and Maintenance (VEM)**, co-located with CBSOft (p. 10).
- (2016) Dias, L.F., Steinmacher, I., Pinto, G., Da Costa, D.A. and Gerosa, M., 2016, October. How does the shift to GitHub impact project collaboration?. In 2016 **IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME)** (pp. 473-477). IEEE.
- (2016) Dias, L.F., Steinmacher, I., Wiese, I., Pinto, G., da Costa, D.A., Gerosa, M. and Mourao-PR-Brasil, C., Uma Análise Preliminar de Projetos de Software Livre que Migraram para o GitHub. In **IV Workshop on Software Visualization, Evolution and Maintenance (VEM)**, co-located with CBSOft.

5. Research Grants

5.1. National

- (2025) **NASA** **US\$ 4.5K** TwinSight: A Digital Twin Interface for NASA-Class Robotic Ground Operations (Role: PI; Award #: AWD-AM260143)

6. Service

6.1. Journal Reviews

- (2025) **Reviewer** Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
- (2025) **Reviewer** Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)
- (2025) **Reviewer** Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)
- (2025) **Reviewer** Information and Software Technology (IST)
- (2024) **Reviewer** Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)

6.2. Conference Reviews

- (2025) **Reviewer** 21st ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)
- (2025) **Reviewer** 44th ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)
- (2025) **Committee** 32nd IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER)
- (2025) **Committee** 29th ACM International Conference on Evaluation and Assessment in Software Engineering (EASE 2025)
- (2025) **Committee** 34th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Program Comprehension (ICPC 2026)
- (2023) **Reviewer** 20th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR)
- (2022) **Committee** 1st International Workshop on Recruiting Participants for Empirical Software Engineering (RoPES)
- (2022) **Sub-reviewer** 18th International Symposium on Open Collaboration (OpenSym)
- (2019) **Sub-reviewer** 10th Brazilian Symposium on Collaborative Systems (SBSC)

6.3. Organization

- (2025) **Media Chair** Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
- (2025) **Engineer** LSU CSE Silicon Bayou Gala
- (2025) **Media Chair** 34th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Program Comprehension (ICPC 2026)

(2025)	Web Chair	2nd International Workshop on Fairness in Software Systems (Fairness'2026)
(2024)	Media Chair	1st International Workshop on Fairness in Software Systems (Fairness'2025)
(2022)	Web Chair	1st Workshop on Designing and Running Project-Based Courses in Software Engineering Education (DREE)
(2021)	Session Chair	29th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE)
(2021)	Session Chair	36th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE)
(2020)	Session Chair	International Conference on Global Software Engineering (ICGSE)

7. Talks

(2022)	Speaker	Is robot programming for everyone? A study about end-users in robotics. College of William & Mary (W&M), Virginia, USA.
(2022)	Speaker	Talking with robots: Why is it so tricky, and how can we improve it? Full Steam Ahead Middle School Conference, Virginia, USA.
(2021)	Speaker	Mining and learning from software repositories with GitHub API Federal University of Technology - Paraná (UTFPR), Paraná, Brazil.

8. Teaching

(2025)	Professor	Software Systems Development (CSC 4330). Louisiana State University.
(2025)	Professor	Computer Organization and Design (CSC 3501). Louisiana State University.
(2024)	Professor	Software Systems Development (CSC 4330). Louisiana State University.
(2024)	Teaching Assistant	Introduction to Software Analysis, Testing, and Verification (CMSC 425 and 525). Virginia Commonwealth University.
(2023)	Teaching Assistant	Software Testing, Version Control Systems, and Mixed Reality (CMSC 355, Hands-on classes). Virginia Commonwealth University.
(2023)	Teaching Assistant	Fundamentals of Software Engineering (CMSC 355). Virginia Commonwealth University.
(2023)	Teaching Assistant	Introduction to Software Analysis, Testing, and Verification (CMSC 425 and 525). Virginia Commonwealth University.
(2020)	Teaching Assistant	Fundamentals of Software Engineering (CMSC 355). Virginia Commonwealth University.
(2020)	Teaching Assistant	Programming Languages (CMSC 403). Virginia Commonwealth University.
(2015)	Instructor	Introduction to Mobile Development in Android Studio (8 hours). II SEINFO - Informatics Seminar.

9. Awards

(2025)	Best Paper Award	Euromicro Conference on Software Engineering and Advanced Applications
(2021)	Best Paper Award (Runner Up)	Journal of Computer Languages (COLA)
(2018)	Research Scholarship	São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)
(2017)	Best Paper Award	V Workshop on Software Visualization, Evolution and Maintenance (VEM)
(2015)	Research Scholarship	Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)

10. Advising

10.1. Ph.D. Students

- (2025 - Present) **Juliana dos Santos Freitas**
Louisiana State University (LSU)
- (2025 - Present) **Elijah Phifer**
Louisiana State University (LSU)
- (2025 - Present) **Nabila Fairuz**
Louisiana State University (LSU)

10.2. M.Sc. Students

- (2024 - Present) **Obiora Joshua Odugu (co-advisor)**
Louisiana State University (LSU)

10.3. Undergraduate Research Projects

- (2024 - 2025) **Sarah Burvant, Caitlynn Sengchiam**
Capstone Project: “*Womeninoss.com: A Web-Based Tool for Increasing Women’s Participation in Open Source Projects*”
URL: <https://womeninoss.com/>
- (2024 - 2025) **Victoria Irondi, Nnamdi Dike, Trevor Perrault**
Capstone Project: “*Implementation of a Smart Car Seat Alert System to Prevent Child Heatstroke Fatalities*”
URL: <https://www.lsu.edu/blog/2025/05/car-seat-device-capstone.php>

11. Projects Portfolio

Womeninoss.com: A platform to support women participation in open-source projects

Role: Project Manager.

Website: <https://womeninoss.com/>

Source: <https://github.com/riseatlsu/womeninoss.com>

Mista: A tool to manually control robots in mixed reality

Role: Project Manager, Developer.

Source: <https://github.com/riseatlsu/mista>

Funded by: NSF (Award #2024561)

Duplo: A block-based language for two-armed robots

Role: Project Manager, Developer.

Website: <https://se.lab.vcu.edu/research/robotics>

Source: <https://github.com/fronchetti/ICSE-2024>

Funded by: NSF (Award #2024561)

Contributing.info: A tool to identify newcomer-related information in OSS projects

Role: Sole Developer.

Website: <https://contributing.streamlit.app/>

Source: <https://github.com/fronchetti/FSE-2023>

Funded by: FAPESP (Award #2018/02596-1)

12. References

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