

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

Name	Rojas, José Miguel
Nationality	Bolivian
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Google Scholar Profile	https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=NeuqUtcAAAAJ
DBLP Profile	https://dblp.org/pid/94/5122

Qualifications

Dates	01/2018 – 08/2019
Institution	Advance HE, United Kingdom
Qualification awarded	<i>HEA Fellow</i>
Dates	10/2009 – 12/2013
Institution	Technical University of Madrid, Spain
Degree awarded	<i>Phd. in Software and Systems</i>
Thesis title	Test Case Generation in Object Oriented Programming
Supervisory Team	Prof. Elvira Albert and Dr Miguel Gómez-Zamalloa
Dates	02/2008 – 09/2009
Institution	Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
Study	<i>Postgraduate Study in Computer Engineering and Telecommunications</i>
Dates	04/2005 – 12/2005
Institution	Gabriel René Moreno University, Bolivia
Qualification awarded	<i>Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education</i>
Dates	02/2001 – 12/2005
Institution	Gabriel René Moreno University, Bolivia
Degree awarded	<i>Computer Engineer</i>

Work Experience

Dates	04/2022 – present
Position	Lecturer / Assistant Professor
Institution	Department of Computer Science, The University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
Dates	12/2017 – 03/2022
Position	Lecturer / Assistant Professor
Institution	School of Informatics, University of Leicester, United Kingdom
Dates	09/2017 – 12/2017
Position	Distance Learning Associate Tutor
Institution	School of Informatics, University of Leicester, United Kingdom
Dates	02/2014 – 11/2017
Position	Research Associate in Software Testing
Institution	Department of Computer Science, The University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
Principal Investigator	Prof. Gordon Fraser

Dates	05/2013 – 08/2013
Occupation or position held	Google Summer of Code Software Developer
Institution	Google and NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, USA
Supervisors	Prof. Corina Păsăreanu and Prof. Willem Visser
Dates	09/2012 – 12/2012
Occupation or position held	Predoctoral Research Intern
Institution	NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, CA USA
Host Researcher	Prof. Corina Păsăreanu
Dates	10/2009 – 12/2013
Occupation or position held	Predoctoral Research Grant, awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Education under the National Program for Training Human Resources
Institution	Department of Computer Science - Technical University of Madrid, Spain
Dates	12/2007 – 08/2009
Occupation or position held	IT Trainee
Institution	IT Department - Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
Dates	06/2006 – 11/2007
Occupation or position held	.NET Developer
Institution	ABJ Consulting, Bolivia

Further Teaching

Dates	19/02/2018 – 24/02/2018
Role and Course Taught	Summer School Speaker; Automated Software Testing
Institution	University of Rio Cuarto, Argentina
Dates	14/03/2016 – 17/03/2016
Role and Course Taught	Visiting Lecturer; Automated Software Testing (Masters Seminar)
Institution	Technical University of Madrid, Spain
Dates	01/12/2014 – 13/12/2014
Role and Course Taught	Visiting Lecturer; Software Testing (Masters Module)
Institution	Gabriel René Moreno University, Bolivia
Dates	09/2013 – 01/2014
Role and Course Taught	Teaching Assistant; Algorithms and data structures (Undergraduate Module)
Institution	Technical University of Madrid, Spain
Dates	02/2006 – 12/2006
Occupation or position held	Mathematics Laboratory Assistant
Institution	Gabriel René Moreno University, Bolivia
Dates	02/2004 – 12/2005
Role and Courses Taught	Teaching Assistant; Principles of Informatics, Compilers (Undergraduate Modules)
Institution	Gabriel René Moreno University, Bolivia

Research Publications

- 2022** Iván Arcuschin Moreno, Juan Pablo Galeotti, Christian Ciccaroni, and José Miguel Rojas.
On the feasibility and challenges of synthesizing executable Espresso tests.
In *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automation of Software Test, AST@ICSE 2022*, p. 92–102. ACM/IEEE, 2022.
- 2020** Gordon Fraser, Alessio Gambi, and José Miguel Rojas.
Teaching Software Testing with the Code Defenders Testing Game: Experiences and Improvements.
In *13th IEEE International Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation Workshops, ICSTW 2020, Porto, Portugal, October 24-28, 2020*, p. 461–464. IEEE, 2020.
- 2019** Gordon Fraser, Alessio Gambi, Marvin Kreis, and José Miguel Rojas.
Gamifying a Software Testing Course with Code Defenders.
In *ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, (SIGCSE)*, p. 571–577. ACM, 2019.
- Gordon Fraser and José Miguel Rojas.
Software Testing.
In Sungdeok Cha, Richard N. Taylor, and Kyo C. Kang, editors, *Handbook of Software Engineering*, p. 123–192. Springer International Publishing, 2019.
- 2018** Sina Shamshiri, José Miguel Rojas, Luca Gazzola, Gordon Fraser, Phil McMinn, Leonardo Mariani, and Andrea Arcuri.
Random or Evolutionary Search for Object-Oriented Test Suite Generation?
Software Testing, Verification and Reliability (STVR), 28(4):e1660, 2018.
- Gordon Fraser, Alessio Gambi, and José Miguel Rojas.
A Preliminary Report on Gamifying a Software Testing Course with the Code Defenders Testing Game.
In *European Conference of Software Engineering Education (ECSEE)*, p. 50–54. ACM, 2018.
- Yan Ge Marcelo Medeiros Eler, José Miguel Rojas and Gordon Fraser.
Automated Accessibility Testing of Mobile Apps.
In *IEEE Int. Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation (ICST)*, p. 116–126. IEEE, 2018.
Facebook Testing and Verification Research Award 2018.
- Sina Shamshiri, José Miguel Rojas, Juan Pablo Galeotti, Neil Walkinshaw, and Gordon Fraser.
How Do Automatically Generated Unit Tests Influence Software Maintenance?
In *IEEE Int. Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation (ICST)*, p. 250–261. IEEE, 2018.
- 2017** Ermira Daka, José Miguel Rojas, and Gordon Fraser.
Generating Unit Tests with Descriptive Names Or: Would You Name Your Children Thing1 and Thing2?
In *ACM Int. Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA)*, p. 57–67. ACM, 2017.
- José Miguel Rojas, Thomas White, Benjamin Clegg, and Gordon Fraser.
Code Defenders: Crowdsourcing Effective Tests and Subtle Mutants with a Mutation Testing Game.
In *Int. Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*, p. 677–688, 2017.
ACM Distinguished Paper Award.

- Benjamin Clegg, José Miguel Rojas, and Gordon Fraser.
Teaching Software Testing Concepts Using a Mutation Testing Game.
In *Int. Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)(SEET)*, p. 33–36, 2017.
- José Miguel Rojas and Gordon Fraser.
Is Search-based Test Generation Research Stuck in a Local Optimum?
In *Int. Workshop on Search-Based Software Testing (SBST)*, p. 51–52, 2017.
- Gordon Fraser, José Miguel Rojas, Jose Campos, and Andrea Arcuri.
EvoSuite at the SBST 2017 Tool Competition.
In *Int. Workshop on Search-Based Software Testing (SBST)*, p. 39–42, 2017.
- 2016** José Miguel Rojas, Gordon Fraser, and Andrea Arcuri.
Seeding strategies in search-based unit test generation.
Software Testing, Verification and Reliability (STVR), 26(5):366–401, 2016.
- José Miguel Rojas, Mattia Vivanti, Andrea Arcuri, and Gordon Fraser.
A detailed investigation of the effectiveness of whole test suite generation.
Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE), p. 1–42, 2016.
- José Miguel Rojas and Gordon Fraser.
Teaching Mutation Testing using Gamification.
In *European Conference of Software Engineering Education (ECSEE)*. Shaker Verlag, 2016.
- José Miguel Rojas and Gordon Fraser.
Code Defenders: A Mutation Testing Game.
In *Int. Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation Workshops (MUTATION ICSTW)*, p. 162–167. IEEE, 2016.
- 2015** Sina Shamshiri, René Just, José Miguel Rojas, Gordon Fraser, Phil McMinn, and Andrea Arcuri.
Do Automatically Generated Unit Tests Find Real Faults? An Empirical Study of Effectiveness and Challenges.
In *IEEE/ACM Int. Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE)*, p. 201–211. ACM, 2015.
ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award.
- Sina Shamshiri, José Miguel Rojas, Gordon Fraser, and Phil McMinn.
Random or Genetic Algorithm Search for Object-Oriented Test Suite Generation?
In *Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO)*, p. 1367–1374. ACM, 2015.
Best Paper Award (SBSE-SS Track).
- José Miguel Rojas, Gordon Fraser, and Andrea Arcuri.
Automated unit test generation during software development: a controlled experiment and think-aloud observations.
In *ACM Int. Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA)*, p. 338–349. ACM, 2015.
- José Miguel Rojas, José Campos, Mattia Vivanti, Gordon Fraser, and Andrea Arcuri.
Combining Multiple Coverage Criteria in Search-Based Unit Test Generation.
In *Int. Symposium on Search Based Software Engineering (SSBSE)*, vol. 9275 of *LNCS*, p. 93–108. Springer, 2015.
Best Paper Award (Industry-relevant SBSE results).
- 2014** Elvira Albert, Puri Arenas, Miguel Gómez-Zamalloa, and José Miguel Rojas.
Test Case Generation by Symbolic Execution: Basic Concepts, a CLP-Based Instance, and Actor-Based Concurrency.
In *14th Int. School on Formal Methods for the Design of Computer, Communication, and Software Systems (SFM Advanced Lectures)*, vol. 8483, p. 263–309. Springer International Publishing, 2014.

- 2013** Elvira Albert, María García de la Banda, Miguel Gómez-Zamalloa, José Miguel Rojas, and Peter Stuckey.
A CLP Heap Solver for Test Case Generation.
Theory and Practice of Logic Programming (TPLP) (ICLP 2013 SI.), 13(4-5):721–735, 2013.
- José Miguel Rojas and Corina S. Păsăreanu.
Compositional Symbolic Execution through Program Specialization.
In *BYTECODE 2013*, 2013.
Peer-reviewed workshop (co-located with ETAPS 2013) with no formal proceedings.
- 2012** Elvira Albert, Diego Esteban Alonso-Blas, Puri Arenas, Jesús Correas, Antonio Flores-Montoya, Samir Genaim, Miguel Gómez-Zamalloa, Abu Naser Masud, German Puebla, José Miguel Rojas, Guillermo Román-Díez, and Damiano Zanardini.
Automatic Inference of Bounds on Resource Consumption.
In *Int. Symposium on Formal Methods for Components and Objects (FMCO, Revised Lectures)*, vol. 7866 of LNCS, p. 119–144. Springer, 2012.
- José Miguel Rojas and Miguel Gómez-Zamalloa.
A Framework for Guided Test Case Generation in Constraint Logic Programming.
In *Int. Symposium on Logic-Based Program Synthesis and Transformation (LOPSTR)*, vol. 7844 of LNCS, p. 176–193. Springer, 2013.
- Elvira Albert, Bjarte M. Østvold, and José Miguel Rojas.
JMS2ABS: Automated Extraction of Abstract Behavioural Models from JMS Applications.
In *Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems (FMICS)*, vol. 7437 of LNCS, p. 16–31. Springer, 2012.
- 2011** Elvira Albert, Miguel Gómez-Zamalloa, and José Miguel Rojas.
Resource-driven CLP-based Test Case Generation.
In *Int. Symposium on Logic-Based Program Synthesis and Transformation (LOPSTR)*, vol. 7225 of LNCS, p. 25–41. Springer, 2012.
- Carmen Navarrete, Marina de la Cruz, Eloy Anguiano, Alfonso Ortega, and José Miguel Rojas.
Parallel Simulation of NEPs on Clusters.
In *IEEE/WIC/ACM Int. Conferences on Web Intelligence and Intelligent Agent Technology (WI-IAT)*, p. 171–174. IEEE Computer Society, 2011.
- 2010** Elvira Albert, Miguel Gómez-Zamalloa, José Miguel Rojas, and Germán Puebla.
Compositional CLP-Based Test Data Generation for Imperative Languages.
In *Int. Symposium on Logic-Based Program Synthesis and Transformation (LOPSTR)*, vol. 6564 of LNCS, p. 99–116. Springer, 2011.
- José Miguel Rojas, Marina de la Cruz Echeandía, and Alfonso Ortega de la Puente.
Towards the Automatic Programming of H Systems: jHsys, a Java H System Simulator.
In *Int. Conference on Practical Applications of Agents and Multiagent Systems (PAAMS)*, p. 387–394. Springer, 2010.
- 2009** Emilio del Rosal, José Miguel Rojas, Rafael Núñez, Carlos Castañeda, and Alfonso Ortega de la Puente.
On the Solutions of NP-Complete Problems by Means of jNEP Run on Computers.
In *International Conference on Agents and Artificial Intelligence (ICAART)*, p. 605–612. INSTICC Press, 2009.

Research Projects

Project title	Automated Generation and Inference of Unit Tests for Legacy Software
Financing Organisation	EPSRC & BT
Participant Organisations	University of Leicester, BT
Duration	09/2021 – 09/2025

Main Researcher	Dr José Miguel Rojas
Project title	Efficient Evolution for Intelligent Autonomous Systems
Financing Organisation	College of Science and Engineering, University of Leicester
Participant Organisations	University of Leicester
Duration	09/2021 – 09/2024
Main Researcher	Dr José Miguel Rojas
Project title	Trustworthy Autonomous Systems Verifiability Node
Financing Organisation	EPSRC/UKRI
Participant Organisations	U. of Leicester (Lead), U. of Leeds, U. of Manchester, U. of Sheffield, U. of York
Duration	11/2020 – 11/2022
Main Researcher	Prof. Mohammad Mousavi
Website	http://verifiability.org/
Project title	DriverLeics
Financing Organisation	University of Leicester, Leicester Artificial Intelligence Network
Participant Organisations	University of Leicester
Duration	01/2019 –
Main Researchers	Dr Jan Oliver Ringert and Dr José Miguel Rojas
Website	http://driverleics.github.io/
Project title	GReaTest: <i>Growing Readable Software Tests</i>
Financing Organisation	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) (EP/N023978/1)
Participant Organisations	University of Sheffield, Barclays Bank Plc, Google, Microsoft
Duration	03/2016 – 02/2020
Main Researcher	Dr. Gordon Fraser
Project title	EXOGEN: <i>Explorative Test Oracle Generation</i>
Financing Organisation	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) (EP/K030353/1)
Participant Organisations	University of Sheffield, Google, Microsoft
Duration	02/2014 – 08/2015
Main Researcher	Dr. Gordon Fraser
Project title	PROMETIDOS-CM: <i>Madrid Program in Rigorous Methods for the Development of Software</i>
Financing Organisation	Madrid Regional Government (CAM S2009TIC-1465)
Participant Organisations	IMDEA Software (Spain), Technical University of Madrid (Spain), Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)
Duration	January 2010 – December 2013
Main Researcher	Prof. Francisco Bueno
Project title	DOVES: <i>Development Of Verifiable and Efficient Software</i>
Financing Organisation	Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (TIN 2008-05624)
Participant Organisations	Technical University of Madrid (Spain)
Duration	January 2009 – December 2013
Main Researcher	Prof. Manuel Hermenegildo
Project title	HATS: <i>Highly Adaptable and Trustworthy Software using Formal Models</i>
Financing Organisation	CE ICT GA#231620
Participant Organisations	CTH (Sweden), UIO (Norway), KTH (Sweden), Technical University of Madrid (Spain), UKL (Germany), BOL (Italy), CWI (Holland), NRS (Norway), FRH (Germany), FRG (Holland), KUL (Belgium)
Duration	March 2009 – February 2013
Main Researcher	Prof. Germán Puebla

Academic Service

Chair

SPLC'22 (Demos and Tools Chair), ICSE'21 (Proceedings Chair), SPLC'21 (Workshops Chair), EASE'21 (Workshops Chair), ICSE'20 (Student Volunteers Chair), SBST'20, SBST'19, SSBSE'18 (Challenge Track), MUTATION'18, MUTATION'17

Program Committee Member

ICST'22 Industry Track, MUTATION'22, MUTATION'21, SBST'21, ICST'21, ESEC/FSE'20, ICST'20 (Research Track, Industry Track, Testing Tools Track), SSBSE'20, TestEd'20, MUTATION'20, SSBSE'19, ICSE'19 (Demonstrations Track), ASE'19 (Research Track, Student Research Competition), ICST'19 (Industry Track), ASE'18, ISSTA'18(AE), A-MOST'17, AST'17, GECCO'17, ICST'17 (Tool Papers Track), ISSTA'17 (AE), SBST'17, A-MOST'16, AST'16, CHESE'16, GECCO'16, ISSTA'16 (AE), MUTATION'16, ICST'15 (Tool Track)

Sub-reviewer

TAP'17, iFM'13, KDPD'13, NFM'13, TACAS'13, WFLP'13, SCAM'10

Journal Edition

STVR (MUTATION 2016-17 Special Issue)

Journal Reviewer

Computer, IST, EMSE, JSS, SCICO, SCP, STVR, TSE, TOSEM

Research Activities

Activity

Research Visit

Institution

University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Host Researcher

Dr. Juan Pablo Galeotti

Dates

01/08/2019 – 01/09/2019

Activity

Research visit

Institution

University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Host Researcher

Dr. Juan Pablo Galeotti

Dates

18–22/04/2016

Activity

Research visit

Institution

Technical University of Madrid, Spain

Host Researcher

Prof. Natalia Juristo

Dates

14–18/03/2016

Activity

10th TAROT International Summer School on Training And Research On Testing

Organiser

Faculdade de Engenharia, Universidade do Porto (Location: Porto, Portugal)

Dates

29/06–04/07/2014

Activity

8th LASER Summer School on Soft. Eng.: Tools for Practical Software Verification

Organiser

ETH Chair of Software Engineering (Location: Elba Island, Italy)

Dates

04–10/09/2011

Activity

Research visit

Institution

KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden

Host Researcher

Prof. Mads Dam

Dates

05/2011 – 07/2011

Software Projects

Name

Code Defenders

Description

Mutation testing game for software testing education and crowdsourcing

URL

code-defenders.org

Role

Lead developer

Name

EvoSuite

Description

Search-based unit test generation for Java

URL

evosuite.org

Role	Developer
Name	PET
Description	Test data generation using symbolic execution
URL	costa.ls.fi.upm.es/pet
Role	Developer
Languages	
Mother tongue	Spanish
Proficient	English
Basic	German