

# Kasra Jamshidi

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## Research Interests

Scalable Graph Systems, Graph Query Languages.  
Application-Aware Systems, Query Optimization.  
Distributed Systems, Byzantine Fault Tolerance.

## Education

Simon Fraser University  
**PhD Computer Science** - *Advised by Prof. Keval Vora* 2019-2023  
**BSc Hon Computer Science** 2014-2019

## Publications

**Accelerating Graph Mining Systems with Subgraph Morphing** EuroSys '23

Kasra Jamshidi, Mugilan Mariappan, Keval Vora.  
European Conference on Computer Systems, May 2023.

**Anti-Vertex For Neighborhood Constraints In Subgraph Queries** GRADES-NDA '22

Kasra Jamshidi, Mugilan Mariappan, Keval Vora.  
ACM Workshop on Graph Data Management Experiences & Systems and Network Data Analytics, June 2022.

**A Deeper Dive Into Pattern-Aware Subgraph Exploration With Peregrine** OSR '21

Kasra Jamshidi, Keval Vora.  
SIGOPS Operating Systems Review 55, 1, June 2021.

**Peregrine: A Pattern-Aware Graph Mining System** EuroSys '20

Kasra Jamshidi, Rakesh Mahadasa, Keval Vora.  
European Conference on Computer Systems, April 2020.

## Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant @ SFU PDCL** April 2019 - July 2023

- Designed and implemented Peregrine, a programmable parallel graph mining system that is **700x faster** than the previous state-of-the-art with **8x fewer CPUs**, while using **100x less memory**.
  - Maintain open-source project: <https://github.com/pdclab/peregrine>.
  - Performance scales nearly ideally with physical CPU cores (e.g., 48 cores lead to 41x speedup).
  - Custom lockfree aggregator.
- Built a distributed, fault tolerant stream processing system for an RDMA-enabled cluster using C++23. Solves analytics queries on massive, rapidly updating data, sustaining an average output throughput of **200M (3.5GB) records per second**.
  - Custom lockfree arena allocator to reduce context switches in critical path.
  - Custom Paxos implementation to take advantage of RDMA and provide Byzantine fault tolerance.
  - Asynchronous RDMA network layer implementation.
- Developed a runtime-agnostic query optimization framework that automatically improves graph mining execution speed by **10-34x** (saving **24 hours+** on some queries) with overhead in the milliseconds.
  - Accounts for low-level runtime traits to fix multiple different bottlenecks, uncovered via extensive profiling.
  - Scales to large patterns and large data graphs.
  - Proven correct with arbitrary aggregations.
  - Integrated and evaluated the framework in 4 existing graph mining systems.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant @ SFU PDCL** September 2018 - August 2019

- Developed a distributed graph mining model without the synchronization requirements of Arabesque (SOSP '15) and implemented a proof-of-concept using Java, Scala, and the Akka actor framework.
- Implemented the DualSIM (SIGMOD '16) disk-based pattern-matching algorithm in C++.

## Object Clustering Robot Swarms @ SFU Autonomy Lab

January 2018 - May 2019

- Simplified existing compute-free, communications-free robot design to be deterministic, resulting in cheaper robot swarms that finish object clustering tasks **2-3x faster**.
- Observed novel environmental manipulation method to further improve clustering speed by **5x**.

## Founding Developer @ Polly Language Exchange/Lingvu

January 2017 - March 2018

- Developed web chat app that pairs users seeking to learn each other's native languages.
  - Technologies: WebRTC, Angular2, NGINX, Lua, Redis, Phoenix/Elixir, PostgreSQL Geospatial, Vagrant.

## Software Intern @ Nexedi Inc.

June 2016 - January 2017

- Developed various React web applications, including implementing reverse-indexing and fuzzy full-text search.
- Wrote technical documentation and tutorials for new products, and assisted in demonstrations by the CEO.

## Service & Other Activities

### Reviewing for Journals & Conferences

EuroSys '20, ATC '20, OSDI '20, PACT '20, ASPLOS '21, ICS '21, ATC '21, OSDI '21, ASPLOS '22, ATC '22, SOSP '23.

### Student Mentoring

- Rakesh Mahadasa (MSc), *Incremental Graph Mining*.
- Jeremy Schwartz (undergraduate), *Graph Pattern Generation*.
- Hao Henry Fang (undergraduate), *Pattern-Aware Graph Mining on Weighted Graphs*.
- Daniel Gomes Maia Filho (undergraduate), *Workload-Balancing in Incremental Graph Mining*.
- Richard Dong (undergraduate), *Parallel Frequent Subgraph Mining*.

### President of the Computing Science Student Society

- Organized week-long student trip to Silicon Valley for tours and networking events.
- Taught undergraduate workshops on git and Linux software development.

### Technical Writer at BC Children's Society

- Drafted and edited program and funding proposals to the Ministry of Children and Families for new initiatives to assist children and youth with support needs.
- Revised internal training and reference manuals.

## Honours & Awards

Best Poster Award - Anti-Vertex For Neighborhood Constraints	2022
SFU Computing Science Graduate Fellowship	2019, 2021, 2022
Clark Wilson LLP Graduate Scholarship	2022
Best Poster Award - Peregrine: A Pattern-Aware Graph Mining System	2020
SFU Vice President-Research Undergraduate Student Research Award	2018
Gordon M. Shrum Major Entrance Scholarship	2014