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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, CA

Master of Science in Computer Science; Advisor: Prof. Yi Zhang

Sep. 2016 - Dec. 2017(expected)

o Major courses:: Algorithm Analysis, Image Processing and Computer Vision, Design Database Systems, Data Mining

Zhejiang University Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science; Advisor: Prof. Jian Wu Hangzhou, China

o Major courses:: C Programming, Database System, Data Structure, Artificial Intelligence, Software Architecture

Sep. 2010 - June. 2014

Experience

Google

Mountain View, California

Jun 2017 - Sep 2017

Software Engineering Intern

- o Data Migration Design: Designed the process to migrate a table from Google's internal KVS Kansas to another internal DBMS - Spanner. The table serves several applications with different data consistency requirements.
- Independent Service Development: Developed and launched an independent service in Java with several Google technologies - Apps Framework, Boq, Guice, Kansas, Protocol Buffer, Spanner. The service is used as an intermediary layer between applications and database to hide database migration process from applications.
- o Data Processing: Wrote a flume job to convert massive log files from protobuf format to human-readable text format.

WithMe(Early Stage Startup)

Hangzhou, China

Full-Stack Developer

Aug 2015 - Aug 2016

- Prototyping: Fast built an MVP(a hybrid app) in days to verify key business assumptions.
- Leadership: Successfully led the iOS dev team of 3 delivering high-quality apps on time. Provided data structure and algorithm training to all engineers inside the company.
- ORM Component: Developed a thread-safe ORM component WMCache based on SQLite3 and Objective-C runtime methods. It is still used as a fundamental component in apps developed by WithMe.
- Data Synchronization: Designed the basic data synchronization strategy, and implemented a multi-observer listener component which has significantly reduced the complexity of data logic, and is still used as a fundamental component.

Alibaba

Hangzhou, China

Jun 2014 - May 2015

- Software Development Engineer o Crowd-Sourcing Data Labeling System: Built the whole system including the front end and back end. Implemented a random pre-assignment mechanism to implement a high-performance task distribution system, handling over 1,000,000 labeled data per day with a single server.
 - o Search Engine Debug and Test Toolbox: Built several internal tools including stress simulation, search engine pipeline visualization and search result evaluation for search algorithm groups.

Projects

- Persistent Key-Value Store: Implemented a KVS from scratch using memory-mapped I/O APIs, Trie-based algorithms. It outperforms industrial-level systems like Redis on SSD in terms of throughput and speed of recovering from data file.
- Personal News Radio: An iOS app which recommends news to users based on implicit feedback. A reinforcement learning was exploited for news recommendation.
- Mini Database: Developed a relational database supports basic SQL grammars including create table, create index, insert, delete, and select. B+ tree was implemented as the indexing data structure. Written in C.
- Book Price Comparison Portal: Built a price comparison website and search engine for Chinese books. Achieved 18,000 DAU / 1,000,000 pages indexed by Baidu. Stochastic DFS algorithm was utilized to recommend purchase strategies.

Publications

- 1. Shengqi Yang, Yanan Xie, Yinghui Wu, Tianyu Wu, Huan Sun, Jian Wu and Xifeng Yan. "SLQ: A User-friendly Graph Querying System." ACM SIGMOD Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD 2014 Demo), Snowbird, Utah, USA. June 22 - 27, 2014.
- 2. Yanan Xie, Liang Chen, Kunyang Jia, Lichuan Ji, Jian Wu. "iNewsBox: Modeling and Exploiting Implicit Feedback for Building Personalized News Radio." ACM Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM 2013 Demo), Burlingame, CA, USA. Oct 27 - Nov 1, 2013.
- 3. Jian Wu, Liang Chen, Yanan Xie, Lichuan Ji, Zhaohui Wu. "Modeling and Exploring Historical Records to Facilitate Service Composition." International Journal of Web and Grid Services (IJWGS) (accepted in April 2013).
- 4. Hanze Xu, Yanan Xie, Dinglong Duan, Liang Chen, Jian Wu. "FTCRank: Ranking Components for Building Highly Reliable Cloud Applications." 17th Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD 2013 Workshop), Gold Coast, Australia. April 14 - 17, 2013.
- 5. Jian Wu, Liang Chen, Yanan Xie, Zibin Zheng. "Titan: A System for Effective Web Service Discovery." 21th International World Wide Web Conference (WWW 2012 Demo), Lyon, France. April 16-20, 2012.