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## Research Works

**Google Scholar:** [shorturl.at/hzBC5](https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=zh-CN&user=shorturl.at/hzBC5)

⇒ **Conference Papers (Research Track Papers by Default)**

- ICPC'22** [C12] Junda He, **Bowen Xu**, Zhou Yang, DongGyun Han, Chengran Yang and David Lo. "PTM4Tag: Sharpening Tag Recommendation of Stack Overflow with Pre-trained Models". *30th ACM/IEEE International Conference on Program Comprehension (ICPC 2022)*.
- SANER'22** [C11] Jieke Shi, Zhou Yang, Junda He, **Bowen Xu** and David Lo. "Can Identifier Splitting Improve Open-Vocabulary Language Model of Code?". *29th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2022)*.  
Accepted as a ERA track Paper.
- SANER'22** [C10] Chengran Yang, **Bowen Xu**, Junaed Younus Khan, Gias Uddin, Donggyun Han, Zhou Yang and David Lo. "Aspect-Based API Review Classification: How Far Can Pre-Trained Transformer Model Go?". *29th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2022)*.
- ICSME'20** [C9] Ting Zhang, **Bowen Xu**, Ferdian Thung, Stefanus Agus Haryono, David Lo, Lingxiao Jiang. "Sentiment Analysis for Software Engineering: How Far Can Pre-trained Transformer Models Go?". *36th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME 2020)*.
- PAKDD'19** [C8] Heng-Yi Li, Shu-Ting Shi, Ferdian Thung, Xuan Huo, **Bowen Xu**, Ming Li, and David Lo. "DeepReview: Automatic Code Review using Deep Multi-Instance Learning". *The 23rd Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD 2019)*.
- ESEM'18** [C7] **Bowen Xu**, Amirreza Shirani, David Lo and Mohammad Amin Alipour. "Prediction of Relatedness in Stack Overflow: Deep Learning vs. SVM - A Reproducibility Study". *12th International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement (ESEM 2018)*. **Highly Commended Full Paper Award**
- ASE'17** [C6] **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo. "AnswerBot - Automated Generation of Answer Summary to Developers' Technical Questions". *32nd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2017)*.
- ASE'16** [C5] **Bowen Xu**, Deheng Ye, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, Guibin Chen, Shanping Li. "Predicting Semantically Linkable Knowledge in Developer Online Forums via Convolutional Neural Network". *31st IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2016)*.
- ASE'16** [C4] Guibin Chen, Chunyang Chen, Zhenchang Xing, **Bowen Xu**. "Learning Dual-Language Vector Space for Domain-specific Cross-Lingual Question Retrieval". *31st IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2016)*.

- MSR'16** [C3] **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo, Qingye Wang, Shanping Li. "Domain-Specific Cross-Language Relevant Question Retrieval". *13th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR 2016)*. **Invited to Empirical Software Engineering Journal**
- ICECCS'15** [C2] Yun Zhang, David Lo, Xin Xia, **Bowen Xu**, Jianling Sun, Shanping Li. "Combining Software Metrics and Text Features for Vulnerable File Prediction". *20th International Conference on Engineering of Complex Computer Systems (ICECCS 2015)*.
- APSEC'15** [C1] **Bowen Xu**, David Lo, Xin Xia, Ashish Sureka, Shanping Li. "EFSPredictor: Predicting Configuration Bugs With Ensemble Feature Selection". *22th Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC 2015)*.
- ⇒ **Journal Papers**
- TSE'21** [J3] **Bowen Xu**, HOANG Van Duc Thong, Abhishek SHARMA, Xin Xia, and David Lo. "Post2Vec: Learning Distributed Representations of Stack Overflow Posts". *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*. **Presented during ICSE 2022 as part of the Journal First Paper Track**
- EMSE'20** [J2] **Bowen Xu**, Le An, Ferdian Thung, Foutse Khomh, David Lo. "Why Reinventing the Wheels? An Empirical Study on Library Reuse and Re-implementation". *Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)*. **Presented during ICSE 2020 as part of the Journal First Paper Track**
- EMSE'17** [J1] **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo, Shanping Li. "Domain-Specific Cross-Language Relevant Question Retrieval". *Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)*.
- ⇒ **Tool Demo Papers**
- ESEC/FSE'19** [T2] Liang Cai, Haoye Wang, **Bowen Xu**, Qiao Huang, Xin Xia, David Lo, Zhenchang Xing. "AnswerBot: An Answer Summary Generation Tool Based on Stack Overflow". *The 27th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE 2019)*.
- ESEC/FSE'17** [T1] **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo. "XSearch: A DomainSpecific Cross-Language Relevant Question Retrieval Tool". *The 25th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE 2017)*.
- ⇒ **Workshop Paper**
- AAAI'19 RCQA** [W1] Amirreza Shirani, **Bowen Xu**, David Lo, Thamar Solorio and Mohammad Amin Alipour. "Question Relatedness on Stack Overflow: The Task, Dataset, and Corpus-inspired Model". *AAAI 2019 Reasoning and Complex QA Workshop*.

## Teaching

- 2022** Guest Instructor, Singapore Management University, IS706 - Software Mining and Analysis
- 2020** Teaching Assistant, Singapore Management University, IS706 - Software Mining and Analysis
- Students' Feedback:** <https://tinyurl.com/1t9xklsh>
- 2019** Graduate Instructor Certification, Singapore Management University, Singapore.

## Education

2017-2021	<b>Ph.D Candidate</b> in School of Computing and Information Systems, Singapore Management University, Singapore Supervised by Prof. David Lo (IEEE Fellow, ACM Distinguished Member (Scientist))
2014-2017	<b>Master Degree</b> in School of Software Technology, Zhejiang University, China Supervised by Prof. Shanping Li and Prof. Xin Xia (Top 40 Young Researchers in Australia)
2010-2014	<b>Bachelor Degree</b> in College of Computer Science and Technology, Hunan City University, China

## Working Experience

August, 2021 - Present	<b>Research Scientist (Post-Doc)</b> in Software Analytics Research Group, Singapore Management University, Singapore Work with Prof. David Lo
Feb - July, 2016	<b>Research Assistant</b> in Software Engineering Lab, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Work with Prof. Zhenchang Xing

## Research Mentoring

I am honored to mentor the following students.

- Ting Zhang, PhD on the work ICSME'20
- Chengran Yang, PhD on the work TSE'21, SANER'22
- Jieke Shi, PhD on the work SANER'22
- Junda He, PhD on the work ICPC'22

## Professional Services

MaL-TeSQuE'22	<b>Co-Organizer</b> for The 5th edition of the International Workshop on Machine Learning Techniques for Software Quality Evolution, collocated with ESEC/FSE 2022.
EMSE'22	<b>Journal Referee</b> for Empirical Software Engineering, 2022.
MSR'22	<b>Program Committee</b> for Data and Tool Showcase Track, The 2022 Mining Software Repositories Conference.
TOIS'20	<b>Journal Referee</b> for ACM Transactions on Information Systems.
JSS'20	<b>Journal Referee</b> for Journal of Systems and Software.

## Certifications, honors & awards

2020	Dean's List (top3%), Singapore Management University, Singapore.
2020	Presidential Doctoral Fellowship (top3%), Singapore Management University, Singapore.
2017	Excellent Graduate of Zhejiang Province, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of Zhejiang Province (top3%), China.
2014	Scholarship of State Street (top5%), State Street Corp, U.S.A.
2012	National Scholarship (top3%), Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, China.