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"Premature optimization is the root of all evil" -Donald Knuth

Education

2016 - Present **Ph.D. Software Engineering**, *Carnegie Mellon University*, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
Advisor: Christian Kästner.

2010 - 2015 **B.A. Computer Science (Physics minor)** , *University of St Thomas*, St. Paul, MN, USA.
Summa Cum Laude. Major and Minor GPA: 4.00/4.00. Cumulative GPA: 3.99/4.00.
Advisor: Patrick Jarvis. Summa Cum Laude paper: “Current and Future Relationships Between Robots and Humans”.

Research Experience

2016 - Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Carnegie Mellon University*, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

Summer 2015 **Research Intern**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Cambridge, MA, USA.

2014 - 2015 **Undergraduate Student Researcher**, *University of St. Thomas*, St. Paul, MN, USA.

Industry Experience

Full-time

2016 **Application Developer/Software Engineer**, *Sportradar US*, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
Accepted full-time offer. Developed an ETL application using Ruby that provided data for the NFL Radar360 research tool.

Internships

Summer 2018 **Software Engineering Intern**, *Google*, Mountain View, CA, USA.
Improved ranking of contact actions in AGSA Suggest.

Fall 2015 **Application Developer/Software Engineer**, *Sportradar US*, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
Built a Ruby monitoring application to parse and build Formula 1 feeds.

Spring 2015 **Jr. Application Developer**, *SportsData/Sportradar US*, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
Implemented an application to parse and build MLB feeds using Ruby.

2013 - 2015 **Cloud Developer Intern**, *Valtira*, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
Developed web applications with Java servlets, AngularJS, and MySQL databases.

Publications

Refereed Conference Publications

[4] P. Jamshidi, M. Velez, C. Kästner, and N. Siegmund. “Learning to Sample: Exploiting Similarities Across Environments to Learn Performance Models for Configurable Systems”. In *Proc. Int’l Symp. Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE)*. New York, NY, USA: ACM, Nov. 2018. (21% acceptance rate).

[3] P. Jamshidi, N. Siegmund, M. Velez, C. Kästner, A. Patel, and Y. Agarwal. “Transfer Learning for Performance Modeling of Configurable Systems: An Exploratory Analysis”. In *Proc. Int’l Conf. Automated Software Engineering (ASE)*. Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA: ACM, Oct. 2017. (21% acceptance rate).

[2] P. Jamshidi, M. Velez, C. Kästner, N. Siegmund, and P. Kawthekar. “Transfer Learning for Improving Model Predictions in Highly Configurable Software”. In *Proc. Int’l Symp. Software Engineering for Adaptive and Self-Managing Systems (SEAMS)*. Buenos Aires, Argentina: IEEE Computer Society, May 2017, pp. 31–41. (23% acceptance rate).

[1] M. Velez, J. Sawin, A. Ingerson, and D. Chiu. “Improving Bitmap Execution Performance Using Column-Based Metadata”. In *Int’l Conf. Future Internet of Things and Cloud (FiCloud)*. Vienna, Austria: IEEE Computer Society, Aug. 2016, pp. 371–378. (30% acceptance rate).

Miscellaneous

[6] M. Velez, P. Jamshidi, C. Kästner, N. Siegmund, F. Sattler, and S. Apel. *White-Box Performance Discovery*. Poster. BRASS PI Meeting. Seattle, WA, USA, Nov. 2017.

[5] M. Velez and J. Sawin. *Improving the Efficiency of CHA through Parallelization*. Poster. Inquiry at St. Thomas. St. Paul, MN, USA, May 2016.

[4] M. Velez and J. Sawin. *Faster WAH Compression Querying through the Use of Metadata*. Poster. Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges Midwest Region. 1^{st} place Discovery Track. Evansville, IN, USA, Oct. 2015.

[3] M. Velez and A. Solar-Lezama. *Simpler Implementation of Sketches through Enhanced Expressiveness*. Poster. MIT Summer Research Poster Session. Cambridge, MA, USA, Aug. 2015.

[2] M. Velez. *Current and Future Relationships Between Robots and Humans*. Summa Cum Laude Paper. Apr. 2015.

[1] M. Velez, P. Gittins, and J. Sawin. *Extending SMILES to Encode Reaction Mechanisms*. Poster. Inquiry at St. Thomas. St. Paul, MN, USA, May 2014.

Awards and Honors

2015 **MSRP Research Internship at MIT**. Acceptance rate: 10.5%

2015 **CCSC:MW 1st place Student Posters & Showcase Discovery Track**. $100

2015 **UST Student Travel Grant**. $750

2014, 2015 **UST Collaborative Inquiry Grant**. $2,000

2012 **UST International Student Leadership Scholarship**. $500
2011 - 2015 **Bev and Pat Flaherty Scholarship**. $14,000
2010 - 2015 **University of St. Thomas International Scholarship**. $80,000
2010 - 2015 **University of St. Thomas Tuition Scholarship**. 40% discount
2008 - 2009 **American Field Service International Scholarship**.

Service

2017 ASE'17 Sub-Reviewer
2017 FSE'17 Sub-Reviewer
2017 CMU REU-SE Committee member
2016 ICSE'17 Sub-Reviewer

Other Interests and Activities

2018 Hispanic Googler Network
2014 - 2015 UST Game Design Club
2013, 2015 Note taker. Helped two students with disabilities to take notes in class
2012 - 2015 UST Computer Science Consultant
2011 - 2015 UST Computer Science Club
2010 - 2015 UST Globally Minded Student Association
2012 - 2013 St. Thomas Activities and Recreation President
2011 - 2012 St. Thomas Activities and Recreation Intern
2010 - 2012 UST Spanish Tutor
2011 2 STEM Learning Communities
2010 - 2011 UST Morrison Hall Council

References

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