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EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- **Purdue University**   2021 - Now
  Postdoctoral Research Associate

- **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology & Sourcebrella Inc.**   2015 - 2021
  Ph.D. in Computer Science (2015 - 2020) & Co-founder of Sourcebrella Inc. (2015 - 2021)
  Thesis: Precise and Scalable Static Bug Finding for Industrial-Sized Code

RESEARCH AND HONORS

- My research focuses on the use of programming language and compiler techniques, especially static analysis, for ensuring software security, including (1) static analysis for reverse engineering, (2) static analysis for vulnerability scanning, (3) static analysis for fuzz testing, and (4) static analysis for theorem proving.

- My research has been commercialized and received nearly 200 million CNY investment. The tool for hunting software vulnerabilities, known as *Pinpoint Static Code Analyzer*, has been deployed in many Global 500 companies. The startup that commercializes my research, Sourcebrella Inc., has been acquired by Ant Group.

- My research has won me an ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award (2019), three champions in NASAC prototype competitions (2016, 2018a, and 2018b), a Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (2015), and two China National Scholarships (2010, 2015).

PUBLICATIONS

I contributed to the following papers in the area of programming language (PL), cybersecurity (SEC), and software engineering (SE). First-author papers and corresponding-author papers (papers under my supervision) are in bold and italics, respectively.

	2016-2019	2020	2021	2022
PL	**PLDI**		**PLDI**, *OOPSLA*	OOPSLA
SEC		*S&P*		*S&P*
SE	**TSE**, **TRel**, ICSE	**ICSEx2**, *ISSTAx2* ISSTAx2	ISSTA, ESEC/FSE	ICSE

[1] Chengpeng Wang, Peisen Yao, Wensheng Tang, **Qingkai Shi**, and Charles Zhang. Complexity-Guided Container Replacement Synthesis. In *Proceedings of the 37th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Object Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages and Applications (OOPSLA'22)*. pp 1-31. ACM, 2022.

[2] Yiyuan Guo, Jinguo Zhou, Peisen Yao, **Qingkai Shi**, and Charles Zhang. Precise Divide-By-Zero Detection with Affirmative Evidence. In *Proceedings of the 44nd ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'22)*. ACM, 2022.

[3] Heqing Huang, Yiyuan Guo, **Qingkai Shi***, Peisen Yao, Rongxin Wu, and Charles Zhang. Beacon: Directed Grey-Box Fuzzing with Provable Path Pruning. In *Proceedings of the 43rd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P'22)*. pp 104-118. IEEE, 2022.

[4] Peisen Yao, **Qingkai Shi***, Heqing Huang, and Charles Zhang. Program Analysis via Efficient Symbolic Abstraction. In *Proceedings of the 36th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Object Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages and Applications (OOPSLA'21)*. pp 1-32. ACM, 2021.

[5] Peisen Yao, Heqing Huang, Wensheng Tang, **Qingkai Shi**, Rongxin Wu, and Charles Zhang. Skeletal Approximation Enumeration for SMT Solver Testing. In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'21)*. pp 1141-1153. ACM, 2021.

[6] Peisen Yao, Heqing Huang, Wensheng Tang, **Qingkai Shi**, Rongxin Wu, and Charles Zhang. Fuzzing SMT Solvers via Two-Dimensional Input Space Exploration. In *Proceedings of the 30th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA'21)*. pp 322–335. ACM, 2021.

[7] **Qingkai Shi**, Peisen Yao, Rongxin Wu, and Charles Zhang. Path-Sensitive Sparse Analysis without Path Conditions. In *Proceedings of the 42nd ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'21)*. pp 930–943. ACM, 2021.

[8] Peisen Yao, **Qingkai Shi***, Heqing Huang, and Charles Zhang. Fast Bit-Vector Satisfiability. In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA'20)*. pp 38–50. ACM, 2020.

[9] Gang Fan, Chengpeng Wang, Rongxin Wu, Xiao Xiao, **Qingkai Shi**, and Charles Zhang. Escaping Dependency Hell: Finding Build Dependency Errors with the Unified Dependency Graph. In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA'20)*. pp 463–474. ACM, 2020.

[10] Chunrong Fang, Zixi Liu, Yangyang Shi, Jeff Huang, and **Qingkai Shi**. Functional Code Clone Detection with Syntax and Semantics Fusion Learning. In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA'20)*. pp 516–527. ACM, 2020.

[11] Yang Feng, **Qingkai Shi***, Xinyu Gao, Jun Wan, Chunrong Fang, and Zhenyu Chen. DeepGini: Prioritizing Massive Tests to Enhance the Robustness of Deep Neural Networks. In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA'20)*. pp 177–188. ACM, 2020.

[12] **Qingkai Shi** and Charles Zhang. Pipelining Bottom-up Data Flow Analysis. In *Proceedings of the 42nd ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'20)*. pp 835–847. ACM, 2020.

[13] **Qingkai Shi**, Rongxin Wu, Gang Fan, and Charles Zhang. Conquering the Extensional Scalability Problem for Value-Flow Analysis Frameworks. In *Proceedings of the 42nd ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'20)*. pp 812–823. ACM, 2020.

[14] Heqing Huang, Peisen Yao, Rongxin Wu, **Qingkai Shi***, and Charles Zhang. Pangolin: Incremental Hybrid Fuzzing with Polyhedral Path Abstraction. In *Proceedings of the 41st IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P'20)*. pp 1613-1627. IEEE, 2020.

[15] Gang Fan, Rongxin Wu, **Qingkai Shi**, Xiao Xiao, Jinguo Zhou, and Charles Zhang. SMOKE: Scalable Path-Sensitive Memory Leak Detection for Millions of Lines of Code. In *Proceedings of the 41st ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'19)*. pp 72–82. IEEE, 2019. **ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award**

[16] **Qingkai Shi**, Xiao Xiao, Rongxin Wu, Jinguo Zhou, Gang Fan, and Charles Zhang. Pinpoint: Fast and Precise Sparse Value Flow Analysis for Million Lines of Code. In *Proceedings of the 39th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'18)*. pp 693–706. ACM, 2018.

[17] **Qingkai Shi**, Zhenyu Chen, Chunrong Fang, Yang Feng, and Baowen Xu. Measuring the Diversity of a Test Set with Distance Entropy. In *IEEE Transactions on Reliability (TRel'16)*, Vol. 65, No. 1. pp 19-27. IEEE, 2016.

[18] **Qingkai Shi**, Jeff Huang, Zhenyu Chen, and Baowen Xu. Verifying Synchronization for Atomicity Violation Fixing. In *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE'16)*, Vol. 42, No. 3. pp 280-296. IEEE, 2016.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

[1] "Path-Sensitive Sparse Analysis without Path Conditions", the 42nd ACM SIGPLAN conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'21), Virtual, June, 2021. **Presentation**.

[2] "Fast and Precise Static Bug Detection for Industrial-Sized Code", Texas A&M University, TX, the United States, July, 2021. **Invited Talk**.

[3] "Taming Path-Sensitivity for Static Code Analysis on Industrial Scale", Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, April, 2021. **Invited Talk**.

[4] "Pipelining Bottom-up Data Flow Analysis", the 42nd ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'20), Virtual, July, 2020. **Presentation**.

[5] "Conquering the Extensional Scalability Problem for Value-Flow Analysis Frameworks", the 42nd ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'20), Virtual, July, 2020. **Presentation**.

[6] "The Next Generation Software Security Analysis", Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, May, 2020. **Invited Talk**.

[7] "Marrying Taint Analysis with Big Data Analytics", Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, China, November, 2018. **Invited Talk**.

[8] "Fast and Precise Sparse Value Flow Analysis for Million Lines of Code", the 39th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'18), Philadelphia, the United States, June, 2018. **Presentation**.

PATENTS

[1] Defect detection method, device. system, and computer readable medium. (**US Patent No. 20190108003**, China Patent No. 201811013103.6).

[2] Use-after-free detection method, device, system, and computer readable medium. (China Patent No. 201811013000.X).

[3] SQL-injection detection method, device, system, and computer readable medium. (China Patent No. 201811015751.5).

[4] A method of obtaining the feedback on the teaching of Java unit testing. (China Patent No. 2016102941812).

[5] Inter-procedural null dereference detection method, device, system, and computer readable medium. (China Patent No. 2018110146864).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Reviewer:
  - IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing.

  - IEEE Transactions on Reliability.

- Artifact Evaluation Committee:
  - The 49th ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'22), 16 - 22 January 2022, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the United States.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant for COMP3111/3111H: Software Engineering (Fall 2018)

- Teaching Assistant for COMP4111: Software Engineering Practices (Spring 2018)

- Teaching Assistant for COMP4111: Software Engineering Practices (Fall 2016)