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EDUCATION

- **University of Pittsburgh** Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Ph.D. in Computer Science Aug. 2014 - Aug. 2023
Thesis Title: Optimizing Operators for Temporal and Spatiotemporal Data
Academic Advisor: Dr. Panos K. Chrysanthis (panos@cs.pitt.edu)
- **University of Pittsburgh** Pittsburgh, PA, USA
M.Sc. in Information Sciences; GPA: 3.98/4 May 2011 - Apr. 2013
Specialization: Information Security and Networking
- **University of Washington** Seattle, WA, USA
Educational Outreach Program Jan. 2010 - Mar. 2011
 - **Certificate:** Business for International Professionals.
 - **Certificate:** Fundamentals of Project Management.
 - **Certificate:** ELP Campus Intensive English Program (IEP).
- **King Saud University** Riyadh, KSA
B.Sc. in Computer Science; GPA: 4.68/5 Aug. 2004 - Jun. 2008

PROFILE

- **Innovative Researcher:** High capability in understanding holistically and in-details, breaking-down, and developing full plans to resolve research problems using scientific methodologies.
- **Problem Solver:** Strong ability to recognize and optimize inefficiencies in systems and work-flows through a systematic and automated approaches using technical and non-technical tools.
- **Experienced Programmer:** Strong algorithmic and mathematical thinking in solving programming problems, as well as strong software engineering capabilities, such as knowledge in design patterns and software architecture.
- **Motivational Collaborator:** Thrive at helping teams and colleagues to succeed through applying social skills, embracing an outgoing personality, and utilizing experiences in mentoring co-workers.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Researcher at the Advanced Data Management Technologies (ADMT) Lab** May 2022 - Aug. 2023
University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
 - **Tracking Horizontal Inequalities Across Dimensions to Forecast and Understand Instability (TRIAD) project:** 1) Containerized (Dockerized) Python applications. 2) Transferred Python modules to C++11 back-end servers.
 - **NIH - Causal MGM (Project ID 0136449):** 1) Developed modules in Python that incorporates R codes for a web interface. 2) Extracted visualizations across data pipelines. 3) Researched causality between features.
- **Teaching Assistants Mentor** Aug. 2022 - Dec. 2022
University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
 - Provided one-to-one support to TAs to resolve daily issues.
 - Curated a reference of resources for TAs in the CS department.
 - Formed guides and procedures to manage the TA-instructor relationship and facilitate successful collaboration.
- **Project Coordinator** Jul. 2019 - Nov. 2019
Sae Riyadh, KSA
 - Developed an algorithm to optimize the delivery of meals during lunch rush hour.
 - Developed and implemented an incentive-based module to captains (freelancers) to ensure high availability during lunch hour.
 - Created a complete business requirement specifications document for two food business models (mobileApp and webApp).

- Lecturing Teaching Assistant**
University of Pittsburgh

Aug. 2017 - Dec. 2022
Pittsburgh, PA

 - **CS1555/2055 Database Management Systems (6 semesters):** Provides in-depth knowledge of database systems design through modeling and using existing DBMSs. The relational model is discussed in great detail, as well as the NoSQL model.
 - **CS1501 Algorithms & Data Structures 2 (2 semesters):** A programming intensive course that covers a broad range of the most commonly used algorithms, such as searching, encryption, compression, graphs, and dynamic programming.
 - **CS0011 Introduction to Computing for Scientists:** Covers how a computer works and how to write programs in Python in order to use the computer as a problem solving tool. Problems discussed are related to the natural sciences with an emphasis on computational biology.
- Teaching Assistant**
University of Pittsburgh

Aug. 2015 - Apr. 2023
Pittsburgh, PA

 - **CS2550 Principles of Database Systems (3 semesters):** Covers in-depth knowledge of DBMSs design including detailed coverage of internal structures, physical storage models, concurrency control, recovery, query optimization, distributed databases, distributed concurrency control, and fault tolerance.
 - **CS1645/2045 Introduction to High Performance Computing (2 semesters):** Introduces the architecture of and software techniques for parallel and high performance computing systems, such as vector processing, shared-memory, and distributed-memory systems.
- Lecturing Teaching Assistant**
King Saud University

Apr. 2013 - Jul. 2014
Riyadh, KSA

 - **CSC311 Design and Analysis of Algorithms:** Covers mathematical essentials; sorting; space and time complexity theory; algorithm design methods, including greedy algorithms, divide and conquer, and dynamic programming; introduction to graph theory; and NP-completeness.
 - **CSC113 programming -2-:** Advanced concepts and topics such as relationships between classes, inheritance, polymorphism, abstract classes, error handling, interfaces, generics, and data structures (e.g., linked lists, stacks and queues).
 - **CSC215 Procedural Programming using C Language:** Introduces the procedural programming paradigm that covers a brief history of C, C primitive data types, variables and constants, operators (arithmetic operators, logical operators, etc.), control structures, procedures and parameter passing, user defined types, and pointers.
 - **CSC111 programming -1-:** Covers the basic concepts of Object Oriented programming approach such as abstraction and encapsulation principles, classes, objects, constructor concepts, information hiding principle and setters and getters, methods, message passing and overloading principle.
- Associate Software Engineer, Systems Development, R&D Department**
Advanced Electronics Company Ltd. (AEC)

Oct. 2008 - Jul. 2009
Riyadh, KSA

 - **Industrial Business Unit:** Developed parts of the Data Collection Unit (DCU) and the communication protocol (using TCP/IP) under the .Net environment for the project (ADDAD4).
 - **Military Business Unit:** Developed a military encrypted data communication system for tactical radios.

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

- **Programming languages:** C++ (~ 40k LOC), JAVA (~20k LOC), Python (~25k LOC), SQL (~30k LOC).
- **Strong code debugging and profiling skills:** JetBrains IDEs (CLion, IntelliJ, PyCharm, DataGrip), Valgrind, cProfile.
- **DBMSs:** PostgreSQL, Oracle, MySQL, SQLite.
- **Programming libraries:** Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, NumPy, Scipy, Matplotlib.
- **Tools:** LaTeX, Git, Docker, Kubernetes.
- **Security:** Secured Java, Cryptography.
- **Computer networks:** gRPC, TCP/IP programming, Traffic and Packet Monitoring (Wireshark, IPTraf), Network performance analysis, Routing Protocols.
- **Outstanding writing skills:** Published in journals and conferences proceedings, also wrote technical reports and proposals.
- **Outstanding presentation skills:** Presented at scientific conferences, and gave regular talks at the department of computer science.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- R. Alseghayer, P. K. Chrysanthis, and C. Costa. "Duration Constrained Temporal Aggregation Query Processing for Contact Tracing in Indoor Spaces." [Under Review].
- R. Alseghayer, D. Petrov, P. K. Chrysanthis, M. Sharaf, and A. Labrinidis. "DCS: A Policy Framework for the Detection of Correlated Data Streams." [Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing, vol 337. Springer].

- B. Nixon, R. Alseghayer, C. Costa, B. Graybill, X. Zhang, and P. K. Chrysanthis. “Efficient Detection of COVID-19 Exposure Risk.” [IEEE MDM ‘22].
- **Presented** – Rakan Alseghayer. “Racoon: Rapid Contact Tracing of Moving Objects Using Smart Indexes.” [IEEE MDM ‘21].
- D. Petrov, R. Alseghayer, P. K. Chrysanthis, and D. Mossé. “Smart Room-by-Room HVAC Scheduling for Residential Savings and Comfort.” [IGSC ‘19].
- D. Petrov, R. Alseghayer, and P. K. Chrysanthis. “Mitigating Congestion Using Environment Protective Dynamic Traffic Orchestration.” [MDASC ‘19 - Colocated with IEEE MDM ‘19].
- **Presented** – R. Alseghayer, P. K. Chrysanthis, and B. R. Childers. “Reproducibility Score for Computational Artifacts.” [MWS ‘19].
- D. Petrov, R. Alseghayer, D. Mossé, and P. K. Chrysanthis. “Data-Driven User-Aware HVAC Scheduling.” [IGSC ‘18].
- **Presented** – R. Alseghayer, D. Petrov, and P. K. Chrysanthis. “Strategies for Detection of Correlated Data Streams.” [ExploreDB ‘18 - Colocated with ACM SIGMOD ‘18].
- R. Alseghayer, D. Petrov, P. K. Chrysanthis, M. Sharaf, and A. Labrinidis. “Detection of Highly Correlated Live Data Streams.” [BIRTE ‘17 - Colocated with VLDB ‘17].
- **Presented** – D. Petrov, R. Alseghayer, M. Sharaf, P. K. Chrysanthis, and A. Labrinidis. “Interactive Exploration of Correlated Time Series.” [ExploreDB ‘17 - Colocated with ACM SIGMOD ‘17].

SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

- **Grand Awards Judge – Embedded Systems Track:** The Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF 2023).
- **Website Management & Online Arrangements:** The International Workshop on Self-Managing Database Systems (SMDB ‘23).
- **Committee Member:** Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) compliance committee in The 16th ACM International Conference on Distributed and Event-based Systems (ACM DEBS ‘22).
- **Student Volunteer:** The International Workshop on Self-Managing Database Systems (SMDB ‘21, SMDB ‘22).
- **External Reviewer:** The International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB ‘17, ‘21, ‘22).
- **External Reviewer:** The International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA ‘21).
- **External Reviewer:** The annual IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (IEEE ICDE ‘17, ‘19, ‘20, ‘21).
- **External Reviewer:** The ACM Special Interest Group on Management of Data (ACM SIGMOD ‘17).
- **External Reviewer:** The IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management (IEEE MDM ‘18, ‘19).
- **External Reviewer:** The Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (ACM CIKM ‘19).
- **External Reviewer:** The ACM/IEEE Conference on Internet of Things Design and Implementation (IoTDI ‘17).

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & HONORS

- Recipient of the student scholarship for the cybersecurity event Black Hat (2022).
- Recipient of the Diversity and Inclusion Award at the Ph.D. forum of the 22nd IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management (MDM 2021).
- Recipient of the People’s Choice of Best Pitch Video at the 22nd IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management (MDM 2021).
- PITT CS Department Orrin E. and Margaret M. Taulbee Award runner-up (2021).
- Recipient of the student travel grant for the 11th International Workshop on Real-Time Business Intelligence & Analytics (BIRTE 2018).
- Recipient of the King Saud University scholarship for a Ph.D. in Computer Science (2014 - 2020).
- Recipient of the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission Scholarship for a M.Sc. in Information Science (2010 - 2012).
- Undergrad Second Class Honors from King Saud University (2008).

LANGUAGES

- **Arabic:** Native.
- **English:** Bilingual Proficiency.
- **Spanish:** Beginner.

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