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Projects	
PaxiBFT Golang * A framework that evaluates BFT performance	Jan 2020 – May 2020
Big-BFT Golang * A prototype for consensus protocol	Jan 2021 – Aug 2021
ML-Sys Python * A prototype for evaluating machine learning system performance	Jan 2019 – May 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- * S. Alqahtani*, M. Demirbas. BigBFT: A Concurrent Leader Byzantine Faultt Tolerance Protocol. Under review (IPCCC 2021)
- * S. Alqahtani*, M. Demirbas. Bottlenecks in Blockchain Consensus Protocols. Appeared at IEEE International Conference on Omni-layer Intelligent systems (IEEE COINS 2021)
- * S. Alqahtani*, M. Demirbas. Performance Analysis and Comparison of Distributed Machine Learning Systems. Appeared at International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (IEEE ICCCN 2019)
- * K. Zhang*, S. Alqahtani*, M. Demirbas. A Comparison of Distributed Machine Learning Platforms. Appeared at International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (IEEE ICCCN 2017)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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