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Areas of specialization

Software Verification; Programming Analysis; Compiler; Parallel Programming
Natural Language Processing; Large Language Model; Data Analytic

Appointments held

2022-2023.7 Teaching Fellow, Waikato University Joint Institute at Zhejiang University City College (NZUWI), Hamilton, New Zealand
2019-2022 Postdoc, Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand
2014-2019 Doctoral Assistant, Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand
2002-2011 Associate Researcher, Industrial Technology Research Institute, Taiwan

Education

2014-2019 PhD in CS, Waikato University, New Zealand
2012-2013 MSc in CS, Waikato University, New Zealand
2011-2012 PGDip in CS, Waikato University, New Zealand
1999-2001 Master in IEEM, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
1995-1999 Bachelor in IEM, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan

Membership

2023 Full Membership in Sigma Xi, the Scientific Honor Society
2022 Emerging Professional Member of Engineering NZ (Membership number: 2009229)
2023 Reviewer for the open access journal Urban Planning (ISSN: 2183-7635)

Publications

Journal articles and Conference papers

2022 **MH Weng**, S Wu, M Dyer, "Identification and Visualization of Key Topics in Scientific Publications with Transformer-Based Language Models and Document Clustering Methods", *Applied Sciences* 12 (21), 11220
2021 **MH Weng**, R Malik, M Utting, "Automatic proofs of memory deallocation for a Whiley-to-C Compiler", *Formal Methods in System Design* 57 (3), 429-472
2021 **MH Weng**, S Wu, M Dyer, "AI Augmented Approach to Identify Shared Ideas from Large Format Public Consultation", *Sustainability* 13 (16), 9310
2021 M Dyer, S Wu, **MH Weng**, "Convergence of public participation, participatory design and NLP to co-develop circular economy", *Circular Economy and Sustainability* 1 (3), 917-934

2020 M Dyer, **MH Weng**, S Wu, T Garcia Ferrari, R Dyer, "Urban narrative: Computational linguistic interpretation of large format public participation for urban infrastructure", *Cogitatio* 5 (4), 20-32

2019 M Dyer, R Dyer, **MH Weng**, S Wu, T Grey, R Gleeson, TG Ferrari, "Framework for soft and hard city infrastructures", *Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers-Urban Design and Planning* 172 (6), 219-227

2019 M Dyer, R Dyer, **MH Weng**, S Wu, T Grey, R Gleeson, TG Ferrari, "Urban narratives for city infrastructures", *WEC2019: World Engineers Convention 2019*, 1127

2019 K Mackness, M Dyer, R Dyer, A Hinze, T Garcia Ferrari, S Wu, R Wilkins, **MH Weng**, Urban narrative: Value based urban design", *2019 New Zealand Planning Institute Conference*, 1-24

2017 **MH Weng**, B Pfahringer, M Utting, "Static techniques for reducing memory usage in the C implementation of Whiley programs", *Proceedings of the Australasian Computer Science Week Multiconference*, 1-8

2016 **MH Weng**, M Utting, B Pfahringer, "Bound analysis for Whiley programs", *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science* 320, 53-67

2013 M Utting, **MH Weng**, JG Cleary, "The JStar language philosophy", *Parallel Computing* 40 (2), 35-50

Thesis and Technical Report

2019 **MH Weng**, "Efficient compilation of a verification-friendly programming language", *Thesis, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)*, The University of Waikato

2019 Dyer, M., Dyer, R., Ferrari, T.,**MH Weng**, Wilson, J., Wilkins, R., & Wu, S. "Data Collection, Data Analytics, Data Visualisations and Data Storytelling", *Report for Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities: Urban narratives (Contestable Research)*, 65pgs.

2013 **MH Weng**, "Automatic Parallelization of Data-Driven JStar Programs", *Thesis, Master of Science (MSc)*, The University of Waikato

Talk

2016 Memory Optimization for C implementations of Whiley, SAPLING 2016, Australian National University, Canberra

2014 Bound Analysis for Whiley Programs, SAPLING 2014, Oracle Labs, Australia (Brisbane)

Patterns

2012 Probability Time Division Multiplaexing Polling Method and Wireless Identification Reader Controller Thereof, US US8233468 B2

2011 Ubiquitous Proxy Mobile Service Method and System And Computer Recordable Storage Medium For the Method, US US8037130 B2

Certificates

2023 Machine Learning Specialization, Coursera

2022 Fundamentals of Deep Learning, NVIDIA

2010 Cloudera Certified Hadoop Developer (CCHD), Cloudera

Teaching

2022-23 Teaching Fellow at Waikato University Joint Institute at Zhejiang University City College (NZUWI) Taught the following Computer Science courses: COMPX201 Data structuresand algorithms), COMPX222 (Web development), and COMPX318 (Internet of Things and Mobile computing).

2020 Senior Tutor (6 months) at NZUWI Taught COMPX322 (Advanced Web Development) and COMPX202 (Mobile Computing)

2014-2019 Doctoral assistant at Waikato university helps out a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Research Highlights

Some of my research projects are listed below.

A large language model-based (GPT-3) topic analysis tool.
https://github.com/samminweng/AIonUrbanStudies

AI augmented approach to identify shared ideas from large format public consultation (Urban Narratives). https://github.com/samminweng/urban_narratives

A compiler translates into efficient C code, and formally proves the memory safety of C code.
https://github.com/samminweng/WhileyOpenCL

Kaggle Notebook Expert (top 0.2% of 320,000 participants from Sep 2023 - Present)

Google - predict AI Model runtime My solution leverages a GNN (Graph Neural Network) model, integrated with a modified BERT architecture, to train on the graph-based data structures generated by the compiler and predict the run-time of each AI model. [Bronze-medal solution]

LLM Science Exam that uses LLMs to answer difficult science questions My solution blends Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) with the generative power of 'Platypus2-70B', a large language model, to deliver accurate answers to a wide range of questions. RAG relevant Wikipedia texts as background knowledge, crafting the prompts that leverage Platypus2-70B's generative ability to predict the answer to the question. [Solution link]

Pavilion of Dreams at 2010 Flora Expo (the International Association of Horticultural Producers). I developed the software architecture that seamlessly integrates our custom RFID hardware, empowering visitors to unlock diverse interactions with exhibits in the building using their RFID bracelets. The exhibition drew over *100,000* visitors in just six months and it is also the first internationally recognized exposition that utilizes RFID technology in Taiwan and the seventh in Asia. Notably, two patents were filed during the project.