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Linhai Song

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Interests

- Performance Optimization & Tuning for Large Software
- Program Analysis and Software Testing

Employment

FireEye Research Labs, FireEye, Inc. Staff Research Scientist California, USA 2015.11 – Present

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Wisconsin, USA

Ph.D. in Computer Science (M.S. along the way)

2010.08 - 2015.10

Advisor: Shan Lu

Thesis: Understanding, Detecting, and Diagnosing Real-World Performance Bugs

Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Beijing, China

M.S. in Computer Science

2007.08 - 2010.06

Advisor: Xueqi Cheng

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

Hubei, China

B.E. in Software Engineering

2003.08 - 2007.06

Academic Award

MICRO Best Paper Runner Up, 2014

- "COMP: Compiler Optimizations for Manycore Processors" published in MICRO'2014
- One of five papers selected from 273 MICRO'2014 submissions

ACM SIGPLAN Research Highlights Award, 2011

- "Automated Atomicity-Violation Fixing" published in PLDI'2011
- One of eight papers selected from all papers published in 13 ACM SIGPLAN conferences in 2011

Research Experience

Staff Research Scientist, FireEye Research Labs

2015.11 - Present

- Conduct data mining for the security repository on VirusTotal;
- Design and implement an end-point anti-virus system;
- Design and implement algorithms to calculate similarity between JavaScript programs.

Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2011.01 - 2015.10

- Design and implement a series of static-dynamic hybrid analysis for inefficient loops;
- Study the correlation between features of critical sections and their change histories;
- Explore the design space of applying statistical debugging to performance failure diagnosis;
- Implement a dynamic technique to detect inefficient nested loops for C/C++ programs;
- Design and implement a series of static rule-based detectors for performance bugs;
- Conduct a comprehensive study on 110 real-world performance bugs;

• Implement the deadlock detection module in an atomicity violation concurrent bug fixing project.

Research Intern, FutureWei Technologies Inc.

2014.05 - 2014.09

- Demonstrate a static bug detection technique for inefficient loops with Cond-Break fixes;
- Demonstrate a failure diagnosis technique built on hardware performance counters.

Research Intern, NEC Labs America

2013.05 - 2013.08

- Explore performance bottlenecks for Intel Xeon Phi manycore coprocessors (MIC);
- Design and implement three source-to-source compiler optimizations for parallel loops which offload computation to MIC.

Research Intern, Microsoft Research Asia

2010.05 - 2010.07

- Design and implement a toolkit for graphical model inference based on secondary development on Visio;
- Get **excellent** assessment for this project.

Research Assistant, Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

2007.09 - 2010.05

- Design two separate algorithms to extract news articles and blog posts respectively;
- Implement the web content extraction module for a web retrieve system.

Publications

Refereed Conference Publications

1. **Linhai Song**, Shan Lu

Program Analysis for Inefficient Loops, Under Submission.

- 2. Rui Gu, Guoliang Jin, **Linhai Song**, Linjie Zhu, Shan Lu *What Change History Tells Us About Thread Synchronization*, **FSE'2015**.
- 3. **Linhai Song**, Min Feng, Nishkam Ravi, Yi Yang, Srimat Chakradhar *COMP: Compiler Optimizations for Manycore Processors*, **MICRO'2014**.

Won MICRO'2014 Best Paper Runner Up

4. **Linhai Song**, Shan Lu

Statistical Debugging for Real-World Performance Problems, OOPSLA'2014.

(A followup work is under submission.)

- 5. Adrian Nistor, Linhai Song, Darko Marinov, Shan Lu
 - Toddler: Detecting Performance Problems via Similar Memory-Access Patterns, ICSE'2013.
- 6. Guoliang Jin*, **Linhai Song***, Xiaoming Shi, Joel Scherpelz, Shan Lu

Understanding and Detecting Real-World Performance Bugs, PLDI'2012.

(*: alphabetical order of surnames)

Most cited paper from PLDI'2012

7. Guoliang Jin, Linhai Song, Wei Zhang, Shan Lu, Ben Liblit

Automated Atomicity-Violation Fixing, PLDI'2011.

Won ACM SIGPLAN Research Highlights Award

Other Publications

- 1. **Linhai Song**, Heqing Huang, Wu Zhou, Wenfei Wu, Yiying Zhang *Learning from Big Malwares*, **APSys'2016**.
- 2. **Linhai Song**, Shan Lu
 - Program Analysis for Inefficient Loops, UChicago CS Technical Report TR-2016-06.
- 3. Dongdong Deng, Guoliang Jin, Marc de Kruijf, Ang Li, Ben Liblit, Shan Lu, Shanxiang Qi, Jinglei Ren, Karthikeyan Sankaralingam, **Linhai Song**, Yongwei Wu, Mingxing Zhang, Wei Zhang, Weimin Zheng *Fixing*, *Preventing*, and *Recovering from Concurrency Bugs*, **Science China Information Sciences**, **April 2015**.
- 4. **Linhai Song**, Shan Lu
 - Statistical Debugging for Real-World Performance Problems, GCASR'2015 Poster.
- 5. **Linhai Song**, Shan Lu

Statistical Debugging for Real-World Performance Problems, UW-Madison CS Technical Report 1803.

Publications before Ph.D

- 1. Yan Guo, Huifeng Tang, **Linhai Song**, Yu Wang, Guodong Ding *ECON: An Approach to Extract Content from Web News Page*, **APWeb'2010** (CCF Class C).
- 2. **Linhai Song**, Xueqi Cheng, Yan Guo, Bo Wu, Yu Wang *Blog Post Extraction Using Title Finding*, **CCIR'2009**.
- 3. Yu Wang, Bingxing Fang, Bo Wu, **Linhai Song**, Yan Guo *Schema Matching Incorporating with Attribute Distribution Features*, **CCIR'2009**.
- 4. Feng Guan, Xiaoming Yu, Zeying Peng, Hongbo Xu, Yue Liu, **Linhai Song**, Xueqi Cheng *ICTNET at Web Track* 2009 *Ad-hoc Task*, **TREC'2009**.
- 5. Xueke Xu, Yue Liu, Hongbo Xu, Xiaoming Yu, **Linhai Song**, Feng Guan, Zeying Peng, Xueqi Cheng *ICTNET at Blog Track TREC* 2009, **TREC**′2009.
- 6. Bo Wu, Xueqi Cheng, Yu Wang, Yan Guo, **Linhai Song**Simultaneous Product Attribute Name and Value Extraction from Web Pages, **WI'2009 workshop**.
- 7. **Linhai Song**, Xueqi Cheng, Yan Guo, Yue Liu, Guodong Ding *ContentEx: A framework for automatic content extraction programs*, **ISI'2009 short**.

Patents

1. Min Feng, Srimat Chakradhar, **Linhai Song** *Compiler Optimization for Many Integrated Core Processors*, U.S. Patent No. 20150277877, Oct 1st, 2015.

Professional Services

- Reviewer for the Journal of Computer Science and Technology
- PC member of Artifact Evaluation session in PLDI'2015
- PC member of Artifact Evaluation session in ISSTA'2014

Talks

- Understanding, Detecting, and Diagnosing Real-World Performance Bugs National University of Singapore, March 2016
- 2. Understanding, Detecting, and Diagnosing Real-World Performance Bugs Microsoft Research Asia, December 2015
- 3. Understanding, Detecting, and Diagnosing Real-World Performance Bugs Peking University, June 2015
- 4. Understanding, Detecting, and Diagnosing Real-World Performance Bugs Pivotal Labs, May 2015
- 5. Statistical Debugging for Real-World Performance Problems Conference Presentation in OOPSLA'2014, October 2014
- 6. Statistical Debugging for Real-World Performance Problems WISDOM Workshop II, May 2014
- 7. Optimizing Memory Performance on Many Integrated Core Coprocessors NEC Labs America, August 2013
- 8. Understanding and Detecting Real-World Performance Bugs Conference Presentation in PLDI'2012, June 2012
- Understanding and Detecting Real-World Performance Bugs
 Programming Languages Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2012

Skills

- Languages: C/C++, C#, Java, Python, PHP, SQL, HTML, JavaScript, Bash
- Instrumentation & Analysis: LLVM, PIN, GCC, GDB
- Tools & Libraries: Pthread, OMP, STL, SVN, GIT, MySQL, SQLite
- Platforms: Linux, Windows, Intel MIC