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Research Interests

High performance filesystems and storage, virtualization, cloud computing, big data,

high performance networking, RDMA, and network-based computing

EDUCATION The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 2015 - 2021

Ph.D., Computer Science

Thesis: Designing Scalable Storage Systems for Non-Volatile Memory

BITS-Pilani, India 2011 - 2015

B.E., Computer Science

Thesis: Evaluation And Implementation of Utilizing Hadoop in a Scientific Gateway

Senior Member of Technical Staff Work Feb 2021 - present

EXPERIENCE Oracle, Redwood Shores, CA

Role: Design and implementation of next-generation Oracle database products

Graduate Research Associate Aug 2020 - Dec 2020 Aug 2015 - May 2019

Department of Computer Science, The Ohio State University

Role: Designing storage systems for next-generation cloud environments

Research Intern June 2020 - Aug 2020 May 2019 - Aug 2019

Storage Systems Research Group, IBM Research Almaden

Role: Designing software to make persistent memory easier to use

Jun 2014 - Dec 2014

Centre for Parallel Computing, University of Westminster, London

Visiting Researcher

Role: Extending scientific workflow systems to support MapReduce workloads

ACHIEVEMENTS • Selected as participant for ACM Student Research Competition at SC'18 and SC'17 AND ACTIVITIES • Awarded student travel grant for SC'18, SC'17, NVMW'18, and HiPC'17

• Presented talks at Data Works Summit'18, HiPC'17, CloudCom'16, and IDCS'14

• Presented tutorials at IISWC'20 and SC'18

• External reviewer for IEEE TPDS, MASCOTS'19, IPDPS'18, and ICS'17

Research Memory Fabric: Data Management for Large-Scale Hybrid Memory Systems, Projects National Science Foundation, Oct'18 - Dec'20

> Role: Designing new abstractions and mechanisms to allow storage systems to efficiently utilize non-volatile memory.

NeuroHPC: Advanced Computational Neuroscience, National Science Foundation, Sep'16 - May'19

Role: Developing scalable solutions for linear fascicle evaluation of the brain connectomme with MPI. Resulting designs are publicly available on docker hub (link).

HiBD: Scalable Middleware for Managing and Processing Big Data on Next Generation HPC Systems, National Science Foundation, Aug'15 - Aug'17 Role: High-performance designs for HBase and Hadoop with RDMA. Developed

designs were distributed as publicly available software releases (link).

Chameleon: A Large-Scale, Reconfigurable Experimental Environment for Cloud Research, National Science Foundation, Aug'15 - Sep'17

Role: Design and development of high-performance Big Data middleware and appliances for next-generation cloud environments. Developed appliances were made publicly available through the Chameleon appliance catalog (link).

CloudSME: Cloud-based Simulation Platform for Manufacturing and Engineering, European Commission FP7 Capacities, Jun'14 - Dec'14

Role: Extended scientific workflow systems to support MapReduce based applications in the cloud. As part of the project, optimal strategies for infrastructure management and integration with workflows were developed (link).

PATENT APPLICATIONS

S. Gugnani, S. Guthridge, F. Schmuck, T. Anderson, and D. Bhagwat, "Fine-Grained Forced Cache Eviction", US Patent 201909738

SELECT REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. S. Gugnani and X. Lu, "DStore: A Fast, Tailless, and Quiescent-Free Object Store for PMEM", HPDC 2021
- S. Gugnani, T. Li, and X. Lu, "NVMe-CR: A Scalable Ephemeral Storage Runtime for Checkpoint/Restart with NVMe-over-Fabrics", IPDPS 2021
- 3. **S. Gugnani**, A. Kashyap, and X. Lu, "Understanding the Idiosyncrasies of Real Persistent Memory", VLDB 2021
- 4. T. Li, D. Shankar, **S. Gugnani**, and X. Lu, "RDMP-KV: Designing Remote Direct Memory Persistence based Key-Value Stores with PMEM", SuperComputing 2020
- S. Gugnani, X. Lu, and D.K. Panda, "Analyzing, Modeling, and Provisioning QoS for NVMe SSDs", UCC 2018
- S. Gugnani, X. Lu, H. Qi, L. Zha, and D.K. Panda, "Characterizing and Accelerating Indexing Techniques on Distributed Ordered Tables", IEEE Big Data 2017
- 7. X. Lu, D. Shankar, S. Gugnani, and D.K. Panda, "High-Performance Design of Apache Spark with RDMA and Its Benefits on Various Workloads", IEEE BigData 2016
- 8. **S. Gugnani**, C. Blanco, T. Kiss, and G. Terstyanszky, "Extending Science Gateway Frameworks to Support Big Data Applications in the Cloud", Journal of Grid Computing, 2016

SOFTWARE SKILLS • C, C++, Java, UNIX/Linux, git, RDMA, NVMe, PMEM, QEMU, Hadoop/Spark, OpenStack, and others

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- \bullet Instructor for OSU CSE 1223: Introduction to Programming in Java, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
- Grader for OSU CSE 2331: Algorithms, Fall 2015
- Grader for OSU CSE 3421: Computer Architecture, Spring 2016

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Mentored the following junior PhD students at OSU:

- $\bullet~$ Tianxi Li
- Arjun Kashyap