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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Many-core/multi-core/heterogeneous architectures, synchronization, cache coherence, interconnection networks, analytical models, computer systems performance analysis.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Computer Engineering

September, 2013 - Present Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dissertation: "Novel Evaluation Methodologies for Future Architectures"

Advisor: Natalie Enright Jerger

M.A.Sc, Computer Engineering

January 2014

University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Thesis: "Synthetic Traffic Models that Capture Cache Coherence Behaviour"

Advisor: Natalie Enright Jerger

B.A.Sc, Electrical Engineering

May 2011

University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario, Canada

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE Qualcomm Research Silicon Valley Intern (C++, OpenCL, Hexagon, CMake) Santa Clara, California, USA

May, 2015 - August, 2015

Used the Multicore Asynchronous Runtime Environment (MARE) to develop a heterogeneous application with multiple domain-specific kernels. Provided feedback to the MARE team on performance issues and bottlenecks.

Environment Canada

Toronto, Ontario, Canada June. 2009 - August. 2010

Intern (Java, XML)

Implemented new features and bug fixes for the NinJo workstation, a tool for meteorologists. Notable projects include upgrading the visualization framework for lightning strikes to be faster and use significantly less memory, incorporating storm cell data for Canada, and helping to create a configurable view of weather data for a given storm cell.

Awards & Scholarships Ontario Graduate Scholarship - \$15,000

2017

Awarded for excellence in graduate studies.

Electrical & Computer Engineering Teaching Assistant Award

2016

Awarded by student vote and department review to the top three teaching assistants for the Fall semester.

Roberto Padovani Intern Scholarship - \$5,000

2015

Awarded to seven Qualcomm Research interns across the globe for outstanding technical contributions made during their internship.

Thomas Noakes & Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship - \$15,000

2015

Awarded for excellence in science and technology.

Teaching Assistant Teaching Excellence Award - \$200

2015

Awarded to four recipients across the three University of Toronto campuses based on nominations, references, and teaching philosophy.

PEER-REVIEWED **PUBLICATIONS**

Joshua San Miguel, Karthik Ganesan, Mario Badr, and Natalie Enright Jerger. The EH Model: Analytical Exploration of Energy-Harvesting Architectures. In IEEE Computer Architecture Letters, November 2017.

Joshua San Miguel, Mario Badr, and Natalie Enright Jerger. Load Value Approximation. In Proceedings of the International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO), December 2014. (acceptance rate: 19%)

Mario Badr and Natalie Enright Jerger. SynFull: Synthetic Traffic Models Capturing a Full Range of Cache Coherence Behaviour. In Proceedings of the International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA), June 2014. (acceptance rate: 18%)

Refereed Papers

Mario Badr and Natalie Enright Jerger. Fast and Accurate Performance Analysis of Synchronization. In Proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Programming Models and Applications for Multicores and Manycores (PMAM), February 2018.

Tushar Kumar, Aravind Natarajan, Wenjia Ruan, Mario Badr, Dario Suarez Gracia, Calin Cascaval. Abstract Representation of Shared Data for Heterogeneous Computing. In the 30th International Workshop on Languages and Compilers for Parallel Computing (LCPC), October 2017.

Ajaykumar Kannan, Mario Badr, Parisa Khadem Hamedani and Natalie Enright Jerger. Offloading to the GPU: An Objective Approach. In the 3rd International Workshop on Parallelism in Mobile Platforms (PRISM), June 2015.

Presentations

Mario Badr, Natalie Enright Jerger, Riken Gohil, Radhika Jagtap, and Matteo Andreozzi. Generating Synthetic Traffic for Heterogeneous Architectures At the ARM Research Summit, September 2017.

Mario Badr and Natalie Enright Jerger. SynFull: Traffic Models Capturing Cache Coherence Behaviour. At the International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA), June 2014.

Mario Badr and Natalie Enright Jerger. SynFull: Synthetic Traffic Models That Capture Cache Coherent Behaviour. At the University of Toronto Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Symposium (Connections), May 2014. Awarded Best Oral Presentation.

Mario Badr and Natalie Enright Jerger. Realistic Synthetic Traffic At the University of Toronto Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Symposium (Connections), May 2012.

Software Artifacts

MIT License

Implementation of a statistical simulation methodology for design-space exploration of Networkson-Chip. Includes R scripts for creating models and an executable to generate synthetic traffic.

Teaching EXPERIENCE

Engineering Strategies and Practice

1st Year Undergraduates, T-Program Tutorials

Teaching Assistant

Supervised students through the design process for a given project and provided feedback on written design documents, with a focus on stimulating an engineering methodology to design.

Computer Fundamentals

1st Year Undergraduates, T-Program

Teaching Assistant

Tutorials, Computer Lab

Taught the fundamentals of computer programming in C, including data structures, recursion, and sorting algorithms. Also delivered the 2013 Exam Jam review session.

Programming Fundamentals

2nd Year Undergraduates

Teaching Assistant, Substitute Lecturer

Tutorials

Taught the fundamentals of C++ and object-oriented programming, including value versus reference semantics and memory management on the stack and heap. Delivered two lectures on recursion using an in-depth maze example with a step-by-step visualization of the maze traversal.

Communication and Design

2nd Year Undergraduates

Teaching Assistant, Course Development

Tutorials, Computer Lab

Mentored student groups in the implementation of an application that visualizes and finds routes in a city map. Developed six new tutorials in 2017 to help students with software engineering.

Computer Organization

3rd Year Undergraduates

Teaching Assistant

Computer Lab

Supervised and helped students implement a simple von Neumann processor using verilog.

Computer Architecture

4th Year Undergraduates & Graduates

Teaching Assistant

Computer Lab

Taught computer architecture concepts (e.g., caches, pipelining, out-of-order cores, multicore).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Appointed Graduate Representative

2015-2016

Executive Committee of Faculty Council - Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering

Graduate Representative

2015-2016

Faculty Council - Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering

President

2015-2016

Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Students' Society

Department Steward

2013-2014

Canadian Union of Public Employees

Social Event Coordinator

2012-2013

Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Students' Society

Professional Development

Teaching in Higher Education

2015

One semester course

Learned more about teaching theories and styles and was observed by peers while teaching a tutorial on Computer Architecture. Developed a course syllabus for a fictitious course.

Teaching Engineering in Higher Education

2015

One semester course

Studied concepts and research on curriculum, teaching, and learning in engineering education.

Prospective Professors in Training

2014-2015

Thirteen Seminars, One semester course

Began preparations for becoming a professor in academia and prepared an academic dossier.

Mini-MBA 2015

Ten Classes

Gained an understanding of fundamental business concepts and participated a case competition.

Oral Presentation Skills

Five Classes

Examined presentation structure and the use of visual aids. Exchanged feedback with peers.

Prewriting Strategies for Developing and Organizing Your Ideas

 $Four\ Classes$

Learned several new strategies for developing and organizing ideas before the writing process.

NSERC Proposal Workshop

2014

2014

2014

Three Classes

Examined features of good and bad proposal writing, and exchanged feedback with peers.

Teaching Fundamentals Certificate

2012-2013

Six Workshops

Improved my teaching skills with workshops on pedagogy, research, academic integrity, and students in difficulty.