Caleb J. Wang

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL, USA

 $Ph.D.\ Candidate\ in\ Computer\ Science$

Sep. 2022 - Present

Advised by Prof. Fabian E. Bustamante @ AquaLab

National Taiwan University

Taipei, Taiwan

Master of Science in Communication Engineering

Feb. 2020 - Jue. 2021

Thesis: Discovering Twitch's Video Delivery Infrastructure Utilizing Cloud Services and VPNs Advised by Prof. Polly Huang

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Sep. 2015 - Jan. 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AquaLab, Northwestern University

Evanston, IL, USA

Research Assistant, Advised by: Prof. Fabian E. Bustamante

Sep. 2022 - Present

- * Network Responses to Submarine Cable Disruptions: Submarine cable failures routinely disrupt Internet connectivity, yet systematic methods to assess how networks respond remain lacking. In this project, we develop a measurement-driven approach using traceroute data to characterize failure response strategies. By analyzing link-level path changes, we infer whether traffic is rerouted locally or externally, and discover substantial variation in operator responses ranging from seamless circuit-level protection to complete disconnection.
- * Submarine Cable Network Criticality: The submarine cable network is a critical infrastructure that underpins the global Internet. However, little is known about the importance of specific cables and landing stations within a given region. In this project, we leveraged submarine and terrestrial cable maps to develop a system that maps network-layer measurements to their underlying network infrastructure and derived metrics to evaluate the relative importance of submarine cables and landing stations in different regions.
- * Investigation of IP geolocation Techniques: In an attempt to develop a local IP geolocation service, we implemented an active geolocation technique (single-radius), and evaluated the efficacy of it's vantage point selection strategy. We integrated efforts from Manycast2, sc_hoiho, and single-radius to build a geolocation pipeline that focuses on core Internet infrastructure.

Cisco ThousandEyes

San Francisco, CA, USA

Ph.D. Research Intern, Reported to Dr. Arian Niaki & Dr. Abbas Razaghpanah

Jun. 2025 - Sep. 2025

- * Root Cause Identification of Network Events: Attributing the root cause of a network failure is challenging because each connection spans across multiple networks whose operations are opaque to outside observations. End-to-end monitoring can signal failure occurrence, but falls short of localizing where the issue originated or which party is responsible. In this effort we analyze topology measurements at scale and provide a mechanism to attribute the root cause of a network issue to responsible entities at the interface, network, and country level.
- Ph.D. Research Intern, Reported to Dr. Kyle Schomp & Dr. Arash Molavi

May. 2024 - Aug. 2024

* Bringing State into IP geolocation (research blog): IP geolocation is the process of mapping a logical IP address to a geographical entity. Latency-based approaches typically rely on stateless evaluations of Round-Trip-Time (RTT) from known vantage points. In this study, we investigate the advantages of integrating state information into the geolocation process and assess the effects of reducing the confidence of vantage point locations.

Internet Initiative Japan

Tokyo, Japan

Research Intern, Reported to Dr. Romain Fontugne & Dr. Kenjiro Cho

Aug. 2024 - Sep. 2024

* Mapping Critical Network Infrastructure: The Internet is built upon layers of critical network infrastructure, including Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) and submarine cables. In this analysis, we examine how different regions across the world depend on IXPs and submarine cables to access popular content and Internet services. We also highlight the risks associated with network routes concentrating around a few critical pieces of infrastructure.

Network & Systems Lab, National Taiwan University

Taipei, Taiwan

Research Assistant, Advised by Prof. Polly Huang

Jan. 2020 - Jun. 2021

* Exploring Twitch's Video Delivery Infrastructure: Twitch is a global live streaming platform primarily focused on video gaming. In this project we built Jujuby to measure Twitch's video delivery mechanism at scale. We deployed Jujuby on over 20 vantage points across the globe and performed a longitudianl analysis of the scale and coverage of Twitch's Content Delivery Network (CDN).

October 3, 2025 Caleb Wang Curriculum Vitae

Publications

- [C1] Threading the Ocean: Mapping Digital Routes Across Submarine Cables using Calypso. Caleb J. Wang, Ying Zhang, Qianli Dong, Esteban Carisimo, Ramakrishnan Durairajan, Fabián E. Bustamante. In proceedings of the ACM SIGCOMM 2025 Conference, Coimbra, Portugal
- [C2] Ten years of the Venezuelan crisis An Internet perspective. Esteban Carisimo, Rashna Kumar, Caleb J. Wang, Santiago Klein, Fabian E. Bustamante. In proceedings of the ACM SIGCOMM 2024 Conference, Sydney, Australia
- [C3] A Hop Away from Everywhere: A View of the Intercontinental Long-haul Infrastructure. Esteban Carisimo, Caleb J. Wang, Mia Weaver, Fabian E. Bustamante, Paul Barford. In the proceedings of the ACM on Measurement and Analysis of Computing Systems (SIGMETRICS'24), Venice, Italy
- [C4] Jujuby: Design and Deployment of a Crawler for Twitch CDN Mapping. Caleb Wang, Yuan-Tai Lui, Polly Huang. In proceedings of the 17th Asian Internet Engineering Conference (AINTEC'22), Hiroshima, Japan
- [P1] Towards Cost Effective Server Population Estimation: A Case Study of Twitch. Caleb Wang, Hsi Chen, Polly Huang. In the proceedings of the Web Conference 2020 (WWW'20), Taiwan, Taipei
- [P2] Twitch's CDN as an Open Population Ecosystem. Wei-Shiang Wung, Caleb Wang, Hsi Chen, Yuan-Tai Lui, Cheng Hsu, Guan-Ting Ting, Polly Huang. 2020. ACM SIGCOMM 2020 Conference

Work Experience

Microsoft Taiwan
Customer Engineer

Taipei, Taiwan

Aug. 2021 - Jun. 2022

* GCR - Customer Success: As an engineer under the Customer Success Unit, I was responsible for proactively engaging with customers to ensure the effective adoption of Microsoft services and solutions. I provided technical consultation on SQL Server and PowerBI for Taiwanese SMC & government agencies and developed custom IPs (intellectual properties) for Microsoft Synapse and Databricks.

AI R&D Center, Microsoft Taiwan

Taipei, Taiwan

Software Engineer Intern

Sep. 2019 - Jun. 2021

- * Document Intelligence: As a software engineer intern, I implemented a CI pipeline to ensure synchronization of containerized environments across development teams and reduced 50% testing overhead by automating the testing CI/CD pipeline for production containers.
- * Partner Technology, Hong Kong: As part of the Partner Technology team, I worked with Microsoft partners in Hong Kong on developing custom AI solutions, leading to case wins in finacial, insurace, legal, and government sectors. I reduced service evalution overhead from days to minutes by implementing a demonstration platform for partners to quickly evalute Azure services.

Yoctol.AI

Data Scientist Intern

Taipei, Taiwan

Jul. 2018 – Aug. 2018

* Speaker Identification: As a data scientist intern, I trained a speaker identification model based on a Siamese architecture with Tensorflow, and hosted the model as a backend for a web-based speaker identification service using Flask, Redis and Tensorflow serving.

SKILLS

Languages: Python, SQL, JavaScript, C/C++, Bash

Frameworks & Libraries: Spark, Clickhouse, MongoDB, Django, PyTorch, MongoDB, Redis

DevOps: Azure DevOps, Git, Docker

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant

CS 345: Distributed Systems, Northwestern University

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Spring 2024 & Spring 2025

Computer Networks, National Taiwan University

Machine Learning, National Taiwan University

Fall 2018 & Fall 2019

Fall 2020

Head Teaching Assistant