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Software Reliability in Emerging Cloud Computing Paradigms

Cloud system reliability has been a grand challenge in the past decade due to prevalent, inevitable hardware faults, software bugs, and misconfigurations. Emerging computing paradigms such as microservices and serverless computing further expand reliability challenges by significantly increasing the complexity of system interactions and dependencies, with new failure domains. In this talk, I will present our work on improving the reliability of cloud infrastructure systems such as Kubernetes and cloud-native applications running atop them via software testing, model checking, and formal verification. Specifically, I will present push-button testing techniques for systematically checking safety and liveness properties of existing system components and discuss the promises of building new components with formally verified correctness properties towards a vision of truly reliable cloud infrastructures and systems.



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