Curriculum Vitae – Timothy Hnat, Ph.D.

Personal Information

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Education

University of Virginia Ph.D., Computer Science *2012*
- Advisor: Professor Kamin Whitehouse

University of Louisville M.Eng., Computer Engineering and Computer Science *2006*
- Advisor: Professor Rammohan K. Ragade

B.S., Computer Engineering and Computer Science *2005*

Dissertation

A System for Tracking People in Homes for Smart Home Applications

People spend 62 percent of their time within the confines of their home. However, localization technologies such as GPS fail to accurately identify their indoor location. A key requirement of creating a smart home is both identifying each person and their current room location. This work addresses these challenges with a new hardware and software solution for indoor tracking.

Interests

Cyber-Physical Systems, Distributed Optimization, Distributed Systems, Machine Learning, Mobile Health (mHealth), Big-Data, Networking, Programming Abstractions, Smart Environments, Wireless Sensor and Embedded Networks

Professional Objective

I design and build open source software and technology to support reliable high-frequency data collection from mobile and wearable sensors to enable sensor-triggered just-in-time adaptive interventions as part of MD2K's "Big Data" solutions to quantify physical, biological, behavioral, social, and environmental factors that contribute to health and wellness in daily life.

Employment

Chief Software Architect University of Memphis *August 2014–Present*
NIH Center of Excellence for Mobile Sensor Data-to-Knowledge (MD2K)

Assistant Professor University of Memphis *2011–2014*
Research focusing on indoor tracking and navigation systems, mobile health interventions, and body sensor networks.

Graduate Student Researcher University of Virginia *2006–2012*
Research focused on programming systems, languages, and data analysis for large scale wireless embedded networks with Professor Whitehouse.
- Guest Lecturer: Computer Networks (CS 457)

Teaching Assistant University of Virginia *2006–2008*
Courses:
- Computer Networks (CS 457)
- Program and Data Representation (CS 216)
- Computer Architecture (CS 333)

Selected Projects

mCerebrum (University of Memphis) *2014–Present*
- mCerebrum is a configurable software platform for mobile and wearable sensors. It provides support for reliable data collection from mobile and wearable sensors, and real-time processing of these data for sensor triggered just-in-time adaptive interventions.
- http://github.com/MD2Korg/

Cerebral Cortex (University of Memphis) *2014–Present*

- Cerebral Cortex is a flexible layered big-data architecture designed around different functional layers so that each component can be adapted and extended without adversely affecting the other components. A Kernel links the layers to provide security controls between modules and a unified data interface to abstract implementation specifics.
- http://github.com/MD2Korg/

Smart home tracking (University of Virginia) *2009–2012*

- Developed a hardware and software system that mounted at the top of doorways to track people in their homes
- Does not require cameras or for individuals to carry anything special
- Resulted in 90+% tracking accuracy
- This deployment and software I developed resulted in over 2TB of data being produced and logged in a reliable manner
- Demo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAluI_uniK8

MacroLab (University of Virginia) *2007–2009*

- Developed a complete tool chain for running Matlab-like code on a distributed wireless sensor network.
- Deployed and tested the system on a 50-node testbed
- Resulting developed code size was reduced by a factor of 100
- Additionally, developed a debugging environment to support the new programming abstraction

K-Sense (University of Memphis) *2013–2015*

- Advised and employed a graduate student to develop a wearable sensor platform for determining the kinematics of a human body
- Designed to monitor and estimate calories in obese populations and during light-intensity activities
- Future applications include various medical diagnostic systems

SlamDroid (University of Memphis) *2013*

- Advised an undergraduate student (now at Amazon) to develop an indoor localization and mapping (SLAM) technique for Android devices
- This system has the potential to bring Google map style technology to indoor environments

Lifesense (University of Memphis) *2013*

- Advised and employed an undergraduate student to develop a complete sensor logging platform for Android devices
- Designed to validate a user's identify on a smartphone based on weak-biometrics
- Future applications include personel physical security, multi-factor computer authentication, or remote-validation of identity for banking.

Traffic Optimizer (University of Memphis) *2012*

- Advised and employed an undergraduate student (now at Wayfair) to develop a simulation framework to test theories about real-time control of vehicle route planning and traffic light control

Advisory Board

University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee

- Center for Information Assurance *2012–2015*

Awards and Honors

University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee

- mHealth Scholar *2013*
- Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Nomination *2013*

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

- Frank Anger Memorial ACM SIGBED/SIGSOFT Student Award, *2009*
- SenSys Student Travel and Conference Funding Award, *2009*
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- IPSN Student Travel and Conference Funding Award, *2008*
- UVA Fellowship, *2006–2011*

University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky

- Fischer Family Scholarship, University of Louisville, *2001–2006*
- ACM Distinguished Student Award, *2005*
- Speed School Alumni (Scholarship), *2001–2002*

Professional Organizations

The Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) *2005–present*

- Local Arrangement Chair: SenSys *2014*

Service

- Program Committee: DCOSS *2013–2015*
- Poster and Demo Chair: EWSN *2014*
- Program Committee: IEEE Wireless Health *2014*
- Program Committee: IEEE MASS *2013*

Teaching Experience

University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee

Undergraduate Courses *2011–2014*

- COMP 3825 - Computer Networking and Information Assurance
- COMP 3410 - Computer Organization
- COMP 4310 - Wireless Mobile Computing

Graduate Courses *2011–2014*

- COMP 6310 - Wireless Mobile Computing
- COMP 7212 - Operating Systems

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Ballroom Dance Technique Instructor *2008–2010*

- Augmented basic instruction for beginning dancers with technical details of the dances.

Community Service

Computer Science Research Day *2012–2014*

- Judged and/or organized this event.

ACM 3D Printer Workshop *2013*

- Helped guide the student ACM group to apply for funding to build a 3d printer
- Taught the basics of 3d modeling to grades 9-12.

Computer Science Day *2007–2014*

- Demonstrated wireless sensor network technology to the general public.

Google-Rise Camp *2009–2010*

- Presentation and demonstration of Wireless Sensor Networks to 7th and 8th graders.

Engineering Day *2005–2006*

- Demonstration of current research to the general public.

Computing Workshop for Kids *2004*

- Designed and taught a half-day workshop that introduced kids to programming and web design.

Publications

1. Kazi I. Zaman, Anthony White, Sami Yli-Piipari, **Timothy W. Hnat** *K-Sense: A Kinematic Approach to Measuring Human Energy Expenditure for Daily Living Activities*. Proceedings of The 11th European Conference on Wireless Sensor Networks (EWSN), Oxford, United Kingdom, pp. –, Febuary 2014
2. **Timothy W. Hnat**, Erin Griffiths, Raymond Dawson, Kamin Whitehouse. *Doorjamb: Unobtrusive Room-level Tracking of People in Homes using Doorway Sensors*. Proceedings of the 10th ACM Conference on Embedded Network Sensor Systems (SenSys), Toronto, Canada, pp. –, November 2012
3. **Timothy W. Hnat**, Vijay Srinivasan, Jiakang Lu, Tamim Sookoor, Raymond Dawson, John Stankovic, Kamin Whitehouse. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to Successful Residential Sensing Deployments*. Proceedings of the 9th ACM Conference on Embedded Network Sensor Systems (SenSys), Seattle, WA, pp. –, November 2011

4. **Timothy W. Hnat**, Kamin Whitehouse. *A Relaxed Synchronization Primitive for Macroprogramming Systems.* Proceedings of the 7th International IEEE Conference on Networked Sensing Systems (INSS), Kassel, Germany, pp. 219–226, June 2010
5. **Timothy W. Hnat**, Tamim I. Sookoor, Pieter Hoomimeijer, Westley Weimer, Kamin Whitehouse. *A Modular and Extensible Macroprogramming Compiler.* Proceedings of the 1th Workshop on Software Engineering for Sensor Network Applications (SESENA) in Conjunction With ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), Cape Town, South Africa, pp. 49–54, May 2010
6. Tamim I. Sookoor, **Timothy W. Hnat**, Pieter Hoomimeijer, Westley Weimer, Kamin Whitehouse. *Macrodebugging: Providing Abstract Views of System State.* Proceedings of the 7th ACM Conference on Embedded Network Sensor Systems (SenSys), Berkeley, CA, pp. 141–154, November 2009
7. **Timothy W. Hnat**, Tamim I. Sookoor, Pieter Hoomimeijer, Westley Weimer, Kamin Whitehouse. *MacroLab: A Vector-based Macroprogramming Framework for Cyber-Physical Systems.* Proceedings of the 6th ACM Conference on Embedded Network Sensor Systems (SenSys), Raleigh, NC, pp. 225–238, November 2008
8. S. Braun, W. P. Hnat, **T. W. Hnat**, H. L. Legan, *Taking the guesswork out of mandibular symphyseal distraction osteogenesis.* American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Volume 119, Number 2, pp. 121–126, February 2001
9. S. Braun, W. P. Hnat, B. Kusnoto, **T. W. Hnat**, *A new accurate approach to the anterior ratio with clinical applications. Part 1: A computer program.* American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Volume 115, Number 4, pp. 368–372, April 1999

Conference Demos

1. R. Dickerson, **T. Hnat**, E. Hoque, J. Stankovic. *Demonstration of Sleep Monitoring and Caregiver Displays for Depression Monitoring* . Wireless Health, San Diego, CA, October 2011
2. **Timothy W. Hnat**, Tamim I. Sookoor, Kamin Whitehouse. *Macrodebugging with MDB Framework for Cyber-Physical Systems.* The 7th ACM Conference on Embedded Network Sensor Systems (SenSys), Berkeley, CA, November 2009
3. Tamim I. Sookoor, **Timothy W. Hnat**, Kamin Whitehouse. *Demo Abstract: Programming Cyber-Physical Systems with MacroLab.* The 6th ACM Conference on Embedded Network Sensor Systems (SenSys), Raleigh, NC, November 2008
4. R. Dickerson, J. Lu, B. Chantree, **Timothy W. Hnat**, J. Lu, J. Stankovic, K. Whitehouse, *MetroNet: Case Study for Collaborative Data Sharing on the World Wide Web.* Information Processing and Sensor Networks, April 2008

Skills

Wireless Sensor Networks: TinyOS, SnapPY, Contiki, Cooja, NesC, XBow,Sentilla (Moteiv)

Wireless: Protocols, Communication, Mesh Networking

Matlab: Embedded Matlab, Compiler Design, Statistics, Visualization, Machine Learning, Signal Processing

Instrumentation and Control: Simulink, Tektronix, National Instruments, Data Acquisition, Labview, Signal conditioning

Operating systems: Linux, Apple OS X, Microsoft Windows

Programming languages: C, C++, Java, Matlab, NesC, Perl, PHP, Python, UNIX Shell Scripting, SQL, SVN

Applications: TEX, LATEX, BIBTEX, and other common productivity packages for Windows, OS X, and Linux platforms

References

Available upon request.