

Seminar: XXX (SS24)

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Research group:	Computer Networks (CN)
Study program:	<BSc/MSc Computer Science / Computer Engineering>
Supervisor:	Prof. Dr. Lin Wang
Paper title:	<Title of the selected paper>

The following structure should be followed in general. You may deviate from this structure slightly if you have a good reason to do so. Skipping any parts contained in the structure without proper justification will result in penalties. If you are unsure about your choice, please contact your supervisor.

Abstract

An abstract is a compressed summary of the paper. It should make clear at least the following points:

1. What is the context of the problem and why the problem is important?
2. What are the new insights/observations that motivate the paper?
3. What are the major contributions of the paper?

You should explain each of the above points with just 1–2 sentences.

1 Introduction

The introduction section serves as an unzipped summary of the paper. It is similar to the abstract but with more details. An example storyline for the introduction could look like the following:

1. Background, general context of the problem
2. Problem description and its importance
3. Existing works and why they fall short
4. New insights/observations that motivate a new design
5. Key features of the new design
6. Summary of contributions

This storyline just serves as a typical example. You can also find your own way to organize this section.

2 Background

This section introduces the necessary background for others to understand the context and problem. You can have multiple subsections, each focusing on one major concept. For example, if the paper is about an in-network key-value cache, you may need to explain first what is a *key-value store* and *the associated caching problem*, and then what is *in-network computing*. After reading these two background descriptions, readers would have a good idea about the context of in-network key-value caching.

3 Problem Statement and Taxonomy

This section is tailored for a literature study report. Since you have read multiple papers, hopefully on closely related topics. Now you should think about what is a good overarching problem to write about, covering all the papers you want to include. But of course, these papers may have different focuses, even though they all fit the overarching problem.

You must identify the overarching problem and make a clear statement about it so it is crystal clear to the reader. Then, categorize the papers and create a (simple) taxonomy to guide the readers further. For example, if you

want to include papers about the hardware architecture of programmable switches in a report, you could create a taxonomy based on the hardware type: FPGA-based, ASIC-based, and NPU-based. You can even divide each of these directions into sub-directions. For example, for ASIC-based architecture, there are pipeline-based and multi-core-based.

4 Summary of Surveyed Papers

This section provides summaries of the papers according to the taxonomy you have just presented. You are free to choose how to organize this section, but it should somehow reflect the taxonomy. Note that you should not copy anything directly from the paper. You must identify the key elements (like the ones listed in the storyline of the introduction) of each of the papers and summarize the paper in your own words. You might want to go a bit deeper here regarding the core technical ideas, but you can be very brief on aspects that are not essentially related to the core ideas.

5 Qualitative Analysis and Comparison

This section is to perform a qualitative analysis of the papers you have presented. Try to synthesize some metrics on which you can compare the solutions presented in this paper. These metrics could include system requirements (e.g., scalability, reliability, extensibility, programmability), and performance metrics (e.g., latency, throughput). Please carefully select metrics to include according to the context of the studied problem. A table would be helpful for such a qualitative analysis and comparison, where each column includes a metric while each row corresponds to a solution.

6 Comments on the Papers

Here you can make some general comments about the research field, the studied problem, as well as the papers included in this report. You could comment on the importance of the problem, the significance of the presented solutions, and maybe also your opinion about the development of the research field in general. After all, no paper is perfect and no one can predict the future.

7 Conclusions

Finally, draw some conclusions as to whether the presented papers have already solved the stated problem. Try first to draw conclusions about the current landscape and then outline some future directions that could be interesting to explore.

References

- [1] Marcel Blöcher, Lin Wang, Patrick Eugster, and Max Schmidt. “Switches for HIRE: resource scheduling for data center in-network computing”. In: *ASPLOS '21: 26th ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems, Virtual Event, USA, April 19-23, 2021*. Ed. by Tim Sherwood, Emery D. Berger, and Christos Kozyrakis. ACM, 2021, pp. 268–285. DOI: [10.1145/3445814.3446760](https://doi.org/10.1145/3445814.3446760). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3445814.3446760>.

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7.1 Subsection Heading

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The above shows a normal paragraph for this document. By default, the paragraph is not indented. If you want to cite a reference, you can use the `\cite` command. Here is an example: HIRE is a novel resource scheduler for in-network computing [1]. The list of references is shown at the end of the document in the "References" section. We use `biblatex` to manage references and the source of bib items is specified at the beginning with the command `\addbibresource{...}`. It is recommended that you collect the bib entries of papers from [DBLP](#).

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 - b. Second subentry

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If you want to write a code block, you can use the `minted` environment, where you can turn on the syntax highlighting if you want. Here is an example for a shell script.

```
echo "Hello world!"
```

The following is an example for a C code snippet.

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    return 0;
}
```

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