# WENHAI WANG

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## **EDUCATION**

# Nanjing University, Nanjing, China

Sep. 2016 - Present

Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science and Technology, Supervised by Prof. Tong Lu.

# Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Nanjing, China

Sep. 2012 - Jun. 2016

B.E. in Software Engineering.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Optical Character Recognition [1, 4, 5, 3, 16]
- Deep Neural Networks Exploration [6, 10, 2]
- Object Detection / Instance Segmentation [7, 9, 8, 14, 11]

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Github: https://github.com/whai362

# The University of Hong Kong, Hongkong, China

Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020

Research Assistant, Supervised by Prof. Ping Luo

• One-stage Instance Segmentation. Proposed an anchor-box free and single shot instance segmentation method, termed PolarMask, which formulates the instance segmentation problem as instance center classification and dense distance regression in a polar coordinate. This work *PolarMask: Single Shot Instance Segmentation with Polar Representation* is accepted by CVPR 2020, and the extension version is accepted by TPAMI 2021.

## SenseTime, Beijing, China

Aug. 2019 - Mar. 2020

Research Intern, Supervised by Xuebo Liu and Ding Liang

• Optical Character Recognition. Did research on text detection and recognition in natural scenes, and tried to 1) solve the ambiguity in text detection and 2) design a real-time algorithm for arbitrary-shaped text detection and recognition. The first work is accepted by ECCV 2020, and the second work is accepted by TPAMI 2021.

#### Momenta, Beijing, China

Jun. 2018 - Dec. 2018

Research Intern, Supervised by Dr. Xiang Li

- **Deep Neural Networks Exploration**. Did research on the receptive fields of CNNs, and designed a dynamic selection mechanism in CNNs that allows each neuron to adaptively adjust its receptive field. This work *Selective Kernel Networks* is accepted by CVPR 2019.
- Object Detection. Led a team to take part in Autonomous Driving Perception Task in AI Challenger 2018.
  Re-implemented and improved Cascade R-CNN to detect objections in autonomous driving scenarios. Our team finally secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the task.

# **CONTESTS**

- National Artificial Intelligence Challenge (NAIC) 2020, Remote Sensing Semantic Segmentation Task, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 1,000,000 RMB
   Nov. 2020
- ICDAR2019 Robust Reading Challenge on Arbitrary-Shaped Text, Task1, 1st Place May 2019
- ICDAR2019 Robust Reading Challenge on Large-scale Street View Text with Partial Labeling, Task1, **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Place**Jun. 2019
- AI Challenger 2018 Autonomous Driving Perception Task, **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**, **40,000 RMB** Dec. 2018
- ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Contest, **Silver Medal** Nov. 2015

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

• National Scholarship (top 1%)

Oct. 2019

# **PUBLICATIONS**

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=WMOOglcAAAAJ

Top-Tier Computer Vision Journal/Conference Papers

- [1] **W. Wang**, E. Xie, X. Li, et al. *PAN++: Towards Efficient and Accurate End-to-End Spotting of Arbitrarily-Shaped Text*, in IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI), 2021.
- [2] W. Wang, E. Xie, X. Li, et al. *Pyramid Vision Transformer: A Versatile Backbone for Dense Prediction without Convolutions*, in IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), Virtual, 2021.
- [3] **W. Wang**, X. Liu, X. Ji, et al. *AE TextSpotter: Learning Visual and Linguistic Representation for Ambiguous Text Spotting*, in the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), Online, 2020.
- [4] **W. Wang**, E. Xie, X. Li, et al. *Shape Robust Text Detection with Progressive Scale Expansion Network*. in IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Long Beach, CA, USA, 2019.
- [5] W. Wang, E. Xie, X. Song, et al. *Efficient and Accurate Arbitrary-Shaped Text Detection with Pixel Aggregation Network*, in IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), Seoul, Korea, 2019.
- [6] W. Wang, X. Li, T. Lu, et al. *Mixed Link Networks*, in International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), Stockholm, Sweden, 2018.
- [7] E. Xie, **W. Wang**, M. Ding, et al. *PolarMask++: Enhanced Polar Representation for Single-Shot Instance Segmentation and Beyond*, in IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI), 2021.
- [8] X. Li, W. Wang, X. Hu, et al. *Generalized Focal Loss V2: Learning Reliable Localization Quality Estimation for Dense Object Detection*, in IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Virtual, 2021.
- [9] X. Li, W. Wang, L. Wu, et al. *Generalized Focal Loss: Learning Qualified and Distributed Bounding Boxes for Dense Object Detection*, in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2020.
- [10] X. Li, W. Wang, X. Hu, et al. *Selective Kernel Networks*, in IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Long Beach, CA, USA, 2019.
- [11] E. Xie, J. Ding, **W. Wang**, et al. *Detco: Unsupervised contrastive learning for object detection*, in IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), Virtual, 2021.
- [12] E. Xie, W. Wang, W. Wang, et al. *Segmenting Transparent Objects in the Wild*, in the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), Online, 2020.
- [13] E. Xie, W. Wang, W. Wang, et al. Segmenting Transparent Object in the Wild with Transformer, in International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), Montreal, Canada, 2021.
- [14] E. Xie, P. Sun, X. Song, **W. Wang**, et al. *PolarMask: Single Shot Instance Segmentation with Polar Representation*, in IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Seattle, Washington, USA, 2020.
- [15] S. Jin, W. Liu, E Xie, **W. Wang**, et al. *Differentiable Hierarchical Graph Grouping for Multi-Person Pose Estimation*, in the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), Online, 2020.
- [16] W. Wang, E. Xie, X. Liu, **W. Wang**, et al. *Scene Text Image Super-Resolution in the Wild*, in the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), Online, 2020.

# **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

#### Journal Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)
- IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (TMM)
- Computational Visual Media Journal (CVM)

# (Senior) Program Committee Member/Conference Reviewer

- IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020, 2021, 2022
- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2020, 2021
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2021
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2021
- IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2021
- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2021, 2022
- Asian Conference on Computer Vision 2020 (ACCV), 2020
- IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2021