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Research Interests

Mobile computing; distributed systems; computer vision.

Education

Carnegie Mellon University <i>Ph.D. Student, Computer Science</i>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania <i>August 2014–Present</i>
Virginia Tech <i>B.S., Computer Science, Honors Scholar, 3.99/4.00</i>	Blacksburg, Virginia <i>August 2011–May 2014</i>

Research Experience

Carnegie Mellon University.....

Research Assistant <i>Carnegie Mellon University</i>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania <i>August 2014–Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advisor: Dr. Mahadev Satyanarayanan○ Research Area: Mobile computing and distributed systems.	

Magnum Research Group.....

Undergraduate Research Assistant <i>Magnum Research Group</i>	Blacksburg, Virginia <i>May 2012–May 2014</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advisor: Dr. Jules White○ Research Area: Mobile computing, cyber-physical systems, and security.○ Android malware detection research implemented with a distributed Actor-based Scala system.○ Manufacturing cyber-physical security research implemented with VC# and Python.	

Virginia Tech.....

Undergraduate Research Assistant <i>Virginia Tech</i>	Blacksburg, Virginia <i>January 2013–May 2014</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advisor: Dr. Layne Watson○ Research Area: Scientific computing.○ Algorithm development for stochastic optimization using quasi-Newton methods for parameter estimation in Fortran 95 and OpenMP.○ Bioinformatics research on yeast cell modeling using Fortran 95, C++, and Matlab.	

Systems Software Research Group.....

Undergraduate Research Assistant <i>Systems Software Research Group</i>	Blacksburg, Virginia <i>November 2012–March 2014</i>
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- **Advisor:** Dr. Binoy Ravindran
- **Research Area:** Compilers.
- Compiler research on a heterogenous system on automatic **OpenMP** to **CUDA** translation using **C++** and the **ROSE** compiler framework.
- Polyhedral loop optimization research to restructure **OpenCL** kernels for locality using **LLVM** and **Polly**.

Teaching Experience

- Undergraduate TA. **CS 2114, Software Design and Data Structures.** Virginia Tech. *January 2013–May 2013.*

Publications

Conference Proceedings.....

Journal Articles.....

Magazine Articles.....

Industry Experience

Adobe Research.....

Data Scientist Intern **San Jose, California**
Adobe Research *May 2014–August 2014*

- **Research Area:** Distributed Systems
- Built and released *Spindle* as an open source web analytics processing engine using **Scala**, **Spark**, **Spray**, and **Parquet** on **HDFS**. *Spindle* is available on GitHub at <http://github.com/adobe-research/spindle>.

Snowplow Analytics.....

Software Winter Intern **London, United Kingdom (Remote)**
Snowplow Analytics *December 2013–January 2014*

- Open-source **Scala** development with a startup on the Snowplow analytics platform, available at <http://github.com/snowplow/snowplow>.
- Developed a new server using **Spray** and **Actors** to store **Apache Thrift** events on **Amazon Kinesis**.
- Completed project ahead of schedule, and also helped port Snowplow's Scala enrichment process to Kinesis.

Qualcomm.....

Source Integrity Team Software Intern **San Diego, California**
Qualcomm *May 2013–August 2013*

- Developed an XML modification **web application** for fuzz vector generation. Implemented with client-side **HTML** and **js**, using **D3** for graphics and **Handlebars** for templating.
- Developed an XML-based grammar translator in **C++** with the **Xerces** XML parser in **Linux**. Reimplemented in **Python** using the **ElementTree** XML API for sophisticated analysis and tree transformations.

Phoenix Integration.....

Software Engineer Intern **Blacksburg, Virginia**
Phoenix Integration *May 2012–August 2012*

- Developed industry software in **VC++**, **VC#**, **Java**, and **Tomcat**.
- Improved the testing (**JUnit** and **NUnit**) and installation (**Ant**, **InstallShield**, and **Make**) frameworks.
- Integrated a new licensing mode into CenterLink, a grid computing application, using **FLEXlm** and **Java**.

Sunapsys.....

Network Administrator Intern

Vinton, Virginia

Sunapsys

January 2011–August 2011

- Internship in high school to replace Windows domain, mail, DHCP, and DNS servers with virtual **Linux** servers using **KVM** and **virsh**.

Projects

GitHub Portfolio.....

- Hosts code samples, original source code, and patches for open source projects.
- 25 original repositories, 5 forked repositories.

Personal Blog and Website.....

- Hosted on GitHub Pages. Uses **Markdown** for posts and **Jekyll** for static HTML generation.
- **42 posts** across the following tags, listed by highest frequency.
- Python, Bash, Linux, LaTeX, Fortran, Android, Scala, News, JavaScript, Zsh, C++, OpenMP, Lua, Make, Mathematica, mpv

Skills

- **Preference.** Arch Linux/Mac, vim/emacs, git/Make/sbt
- **Languages.** Akka**, Bash**, C/C++**, C#*, Fortran**, HTML/CSS*, L^AT_EX**, Java**, JavaScript**, *Mathematica***, Make***, PHP*, Python***, R*, Scala***
- **Systems.** Android**, Linux***, Mac***
- **Rankings.** 1/10* – 3/10** – 5/10*** – 7/10****

Honors & Awards

- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Inducted 2014
- 1st Place Capstone Award, Virginia Tech Computer Science, 2014
- David Heilman Research Award, Virginia Tech Computer Science, 2014
 - Given to the Computer Science student with the most outstanding research experience.
- Senior Scholar Award, Virginia Tech Computer Science, 2014
 - Given to the senior in Computer Science with the most outstanding academic record.
- ACC Meeting of the Minds Undergraduate Research Conference, 2014
- Honorable Mention, CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award, 2014
 - 1 of 15 North American males awarded honorable mention for exemplary computer science research.
- Qualstar Award, Qualcomm, 2013
- Pi Mu Epsilon Honor Society, Inducted 2013
- Benjamin F. Bock Merit Scholarship, Virginia Tech Engineering, 2013–2014
- Sophomore Scholar Award, Virginia Tech Computer Science, 2013
- University Honors, Virginia Tech, 2012–2014
- Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence Scholar, Virginia Tech, 2012–2014
 - Merit-based scholarship providing a cyber-security research fellowship.
- Dean's List with Distinction, Virginia Tech, 2011–2014
- Engineering Merit Scholarship, Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, 2011

- Merit-based scholarship presented annually to one student in the graduating Engineering class.
- o Papa John's Merit Scholarship, 2011
- o Gay B. Shober Memorial Merit Scholarship, Roanoke County Federal Credit Union, 2011
- o Pamplin Leader Scholarship, Virginia Tech, 2011
 - Merit-based scholarship presented to one student from each public high school in Virginia.
- o I. Luck Gravett Memorial Merit Scholarship, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, 2011
- o Salem–Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Merit Scholarship, 2011

Activities

- o Honors Residential College, Virginia Tech, 2013–2014
- o Hokies Pep Band, Virginia Tech, 2012–2013
- o Computer Science Community Service, Virginia Tech, 2012
- o Symphony Band, Virginia Tech, 2011–2012
- o Linux and Unix Users Group, Virginia Tech, 2011–2012
- o Galileo Living–Learning Community, Virginia Tech, 2011–2012