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CURRENT POSITION **Microsoft Research**

- ⊙ Senior Researcher

August 2019

EDUCATION

Microsoft Research

- ⊙ Post doctoral researcher

August 2017

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

- ⊙ PhD candidate Computer Science
- ⊙ PhD candidate Electrical and Systems Engineering

August 2017

May 2014

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

- ⊙ Dual Masters degree from Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

August 2017

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

- ⊙ B.S., Electrical Engineering, Communications

June 2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Networked systems, Datacenter Networks, Network Protocols, Distributed Systems

PUBLICATION VENUES

I have previously published my work in: SIGCOMM, NSDI, OSDI, IMC, and ICNP.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, K. Hsieh, H. Chen, Interpret-able feedback for AutoML systems, under submission, ICML 2021
- ⊙ A. Mallick, K. Hsieh, **B. Arzani**, Matchmaker: Data Drift Mitigation in Machine learning for Large Scale Systems, under submission, NSDI 2022
- ⊙ N. Yaseen, **B. Arzani**, R. Beckett, S. Ciraci, V. Liu, Aragog: Scalable runtime verification of shardable Networked Systems. OSDI 2021
- ⊙ F. Abuzaid, S. Kandula, **B. Arzani**, I. Menache, M. Zaharia, P. Bailis, Contracting Wide-area Network Topologies to Solve Flow Problems Quickly. NSDI 2021
- ⊙ S. Kesava Reddy Kakarla, R. Becket, **B. Arzani**, T. Milstein, G. Varghese, GRoot: Proactive Verification of DNS Configurations. SIGCOMM 2020. **Best student paper**
- ⊙ J. Gao, N. Yaseen, R. MacDavid, F. Vieira Frujeri, V. Liu, R. Bianchini, R. Aditya, X. Wang, H. Lee, D. Maltz, M. Yu, **B. Arzani**, Scouts: Improving The Diagnosis Process Through Domain-customized Incident Routing. SIGCOMM 2020.
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, S. Ciraci, S. Saroiu, A. Wolman, J. Stokes, G. Outhred, L. Diwu, MadEye: Scalable Privacy-Preserving Compromise Detection In The Cloud. NSDI 2020.

- ⊙ A. Roy, D. Bansal, D. Brumley, H. K. Chandrappa, P. Sharma, R. Tewari, **B. Arzani**, A. Snoeren, Cloud Datacenter SDN Monitoring: Experiences and Challenges, IMC 2018
- ⊙ D. Yu, Y. Zhu, **B. Arzani**, R. Fonseca, T. Zhang, L. Yuan, K. Deng, dShark: A General, Easy to Program and Scalable Framework for Analyzing In-network Packet Traces, NSDI 2019
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, S. Ciraci, L. Chamon, Y. Zhu, H. Liu, J. Padhye, B. Thau Loo, G. Outhred, 007: Democratically Finding The Cause of Packet Drops, NSDI 2018
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, S. Ciraci, L. Chamon, Y. Zhu, H. Liu, J. Padhye, G. Outhred, B. Thau Loo, Closing the Network Diagnosis Gap with Vigil, Proceedings of SIGCOMM Posters and Demos 2017
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, S. Ciraci, B. Thau Loo, A. Schuster, G. Outhred, Taking The Blame Game Out of Data Center Operations With NetPoirot, SIGCOMM 2016
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, A. Gurney, S. Cheng, R. Guerin, B. Thau Loo, Deconstructing MPTCP Performance, ICNP 2014
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, A. Gurney, S. Cheng, R. Guerin, B. Thau Loo, Impact of Path Selection and Scheduling Policies on MPTCP Performance, PAMS 2013
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, R. Guerin, A. Rebeiro, A Distributed Routing Protocol for Predictable Rates in Wireless Mesh Networks, ICNP 2012
- ⊙ **B. Arzani** Design Of A Distributed Routing Protocol For Predictable Rates in Wireless Mesh Networks, ICNP PhD forum 2012

Patents

- ⊙ H. Zhang, **B. Arzani**, F. Ivancic, J. Rhee, N. Arora, G. Jiang, OFFLINE QUERIES IN SOFTWARE DEFINED NETWORKS, US Patent, 2014
- ⊙ S. Raindel, J. Padhye, A. Levy, M. Elhaddad, A. Monfared, B. Zill, **B. Arzani**, X. Guo, Link Fault Isolation Using RDMA Latencies, US Patent, 2020
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, S. Ciraci, S. Saroiu, A. Wolman, J. Stokes, G. Outhred, Methods and systems for scalable privacy preserving compromise detection in the cloud, US patent application, 2020
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, B. Rouhani Darvish, Automated Generation of Machine Learning Models For Network Evaluation

Pending patents

- ⊙ A. Mallick, K. Hsieh, **B. Arzani**, Matchmaker: Data Drift Mitigation in Machine learning for Large Scale Systems, US Patent, 2021

Technical Reports

- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, K Hsieh, H. Chen, Interpret-able feedback for AutoML systems. arxiv 2021
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, B. Rouhani Darvish, Towards a Domain Customized Machine Learning Framework For Networks and Systems. arxiv 2020
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, N. Iodice, S Hwang, P Venkataramanan, R Gurney, BT Loo, Sunstar: A cost effective Multi-Server Solution for Reliable Video Delivery. arxiv, 2018
- ⊙ **B. Arzani**, A. Gurney B. Thau Loo, R. Guerin, FixRoute: Automated Router Configuration Repair with Traffic Engineering Optimizations, arxiv 2015

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

- Microsoft.**, Redmond, WA, USA **Intern** **Summer 2015, Summer 2016**
- ⊙ Automated classification of communication faults using TCP statistics.
- NEC Labs.**, Princeton, NJ, USA **Intern** **Summer 2013**
- ⊙ SDNShadow, a debugging tool for Software Defined Networks.
- Micromowje Engineering Co.**, Tehran, Iran
Intern **Summer 2009**
- ⊙ Producing high frequency satellite television transceivers and BTS stations

SELECTED HONORS
AND AWARDS

- ⊙ Our paper Groot: Proactive Verification of DNS Configurations won the SIGCOMM student best paper award **2020**
- ⊙ Winner of the MSR research collaboration award **2019**
- ⊙ N2Women Rising Stars in Computer Networking and Communications **2018**
- ⊙ Selected for the MIT rising stars in EECS workshop **2018**
- ⊙ Winner of The University of Pennsylvania Rubinoff dissertation award **2018**
- ⊙ Selected to participate in the NSF NeTS early-career workshop. **2017**
- ⊙ Top 1% of my class in Sharif University of Technology. **2010**
- ⊙ Top 10% of my class in the Electrical Engineering department at Sharif University of Technology. **2010**
- ⊙ Top 0.001% (ranked 57th) in the Nationwide Universities Entrance Exam in Mathematics (Konkour) **2006**
- ⊙ Top 0.001% (ranked 10th) in the Nationwide English Universities Entrance Exam **2006**

RESEARCH IMPACT

- ⊙ Our Scout project is now deployed and being used at Microsoft.
- ⊙ The work on 007 laid the foundation of an RDMA diagnosis system that is being deployed in Microsoft's data centers.
- ⊙ The work of NetPoirot helped Microsoft engineers identify the cause of VM reboots in Microsoft Azure for over 2 years.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

- **Substitute teacher**
University of Pennsylvania
 - ⊙ Introduction to Networks & Security (Instructor: Dr. Heninger) **Fall 2017**
- **Teaching Assistant**
University of Pennsylvania
 - ⊙ Introduction to Probability-Coursera (Instructor: Prof. Venkatesh) **Summer-Fall 2014**
 - ⊙ Introduction to Probability (Instructor: Prof. Venkatesh) **Spring 2014**
 - ⊙ Elements of Probability (Instructor: Prof. Venkatesh) **Fall 2013**
 - ⊙ Networking Theory and Fundamentals(Instructor: Prof. Sarkar) **Spring 2012**
- **Sharif University of Technology**

- ⊙ Principles of Electronics (Instructor: Prof. Fardmanesh) **Spring 2009**
- ⊙ Electronics Engineering Principles (Instructor: Prof. Fardmanesh) **Fall 2009**

Laboratory Instructor

- ⊙ Electrical Engineering Principles (Supervisor: Prof. Fardmanesh)
 - ▷ Lab Instructor **Fall 2008**
- ⊙ Electrical Engineering Principles (Supervisor: Prof. Kaboli)
 - ▷ Lab Instructor **Fall 2009**

Physics tutor at Salam Institution, Karaj, Iran **Summer 2008**

Other

- ⊙ Graduate Student Representative in Computer Science **Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015**
- ⊙ Active member of Resana English Group, SUT
 - ▷ Coordinator of Free Discussion Sections
 - ▷ Active participants in the English Poetry group
- ⊙ Active member of the industrial correspondence group of the MCN national conference, SUT **Fall and Winter 2008**

**MENTORING
(INTERNS)**

- ⊙ Nick Iodice (University of Pennsylvania) **2014**
- ⊙ Da Yu (Brown University) – Joint with Yibo Zhu **2017**
- ⊙ Robert MacDavid (Princeton University) **2018**
- ⊙ Akshay Narayan (MIT) **2018,2019**
- ⊙ Jiaqi Gao (Harvard) **2018,2019**
- ⊙ Nofel Yaseen (University of Pennsylvania) – Joint with Ryan Beckett **2018,2019,2021**
- ⊙ Zhiying Xu (Harvard) **2018,2019**
- ⊙ Firas Abuzaid (Stanford) – Joint with Srikanth Kandula and Ishai Menachi **2019**
- ⊙ Siva Kakarla (UCLA) – Joint with Ryan Beckett **2019**
- ⊙ Haoxian Chen (University of Pennsylvania) – Joint with Kevin Hsieh **2020**
- ⊙ Rahul Anand Sharma (CMU) – Joint with Ganesh Ananthanarayanan **2020**
- ⊙ Amirhossein Mirhoseini (University of Michigan Ann Arbor) **2020**
- ⊙ Ankur Mallick (CMU) – Joint with Kevin Hsieh **2020**
- ⊙ Pooria Namyar (USC) – Joint with Dan Crankshaw **2021**

INVITED TALKS

- ⊙ Invited guest lecture at John Hopkins University
Host: Soudeh Ghorbani **Fall 2020**
- ⊙ Invited guest lecture at Brown University
Host: Theo Benson **Fall 2018 & Spring 2019**
- ⊙ Invited talk at Princeton University
Host: Mina Tahmasbi **Spring 2019**
- ⊙ Invited talk at University of Pennsylvania
Host: Boon Thau Loo **Spring 2019**

- ⊙ Invited talk at Georgia Institute of Technology
Host: Ellen Zegura **Spring 2019**
- ⊙ Invited talk at Cornell University
Host: Nate Foster **Spring 2019**
- ⊙ Invited talk at University of Massachusetts Amherst
Host: Arun Venkataramani **Spring 2019**
- ⊙ Invited talk at University of Santa Barbara **Spring 2019**
- ⊙ Invited talk at Boston University
Host: Wenchao Li **Spring 2019**

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

- ⊙ Co-Chair ONUG academic workshop, May 2021
- ⊙ Program Committee member, OSDI and NSDI 2022
- ⊙ Program Committee member, SigComm and HotNets 2021
- ⊙ Co-PC chair for the NetAI 2020 workshop, co-located with SigComm 2020
- ⊙ Co-organizer of the first workshop on "Context Aware AutoML for networking and distributed systems" co-located with MLSys 2020
- ⊙ Program Committee Member, NSDI, ATC, ICNP, HotCloud, SOSR 2020
- ⊙ Program Committee Member, HotNets, CoNext, NetAI, SOSR, 2019
- ⊙ Program Committee Member, ACM CoNext, ApSys 2018
- ⊙ Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Networking, 2017

**SELECT GRADUATE
COURSES**

Digital Communications, Networking Theory and Fundamentals, Advanced Programming, Introduction to Algorithms, Advanced Algorithms, Convex Optimization, Optimal Design of Wireless Networks, Game Theory (Audited), Graduate level Probability, Advanced Networking Protocols(Audited), Embedded Systems, Network and Infrastructure Threats: Attacks, Defenses, and Incentives, Machine Learning, Academic Writing, Software Systems, Mathematical Statistics, Beyond MapReduce