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Ph.D. (Software Engineering)

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Software Engineering

Jan 2009 - Nov 2014

School of Computing, Dublin City University, Ireland. (www.dcu.ie)

Thesis adviser: Prof. Claus Pahl.

Thesis title: A Pattern Language for Evolution Reuse in Component-based Software Architectures

Thesis link - www.doras.dcu.ie/20757/

Examiners: Dr. Kung-Kiu Lau (UoM, Manchester, UK), Dr. David Sinclair (DCU, Dublin, IRL)

Grade: 75%, ECTS Grade A (Ph.D. course work)

Funding source: Lero - the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre, Ireland.

B.S. in Software Engineering

Sep 2003 - Aug 2007

Department of Computer Science, International Islamic University, Pakistan. (www.iiu.edu.pk)

Project adviser: Dr. Mata ur Rehman (academic), Mr. Shahid Shafiq (industrial).

Project title: 'Opus Web': Cross Browser and Customised Web-based Document Designing.

Project link: http://media.wix.com/ugd/396772_c74c46a5753b4caea9deb9e838fa1b16.pdf

Project examiner: Mr. Fazal Wahab (Bahria University, Islamabad - PAK)

Grade: 3.88/4.0, 82.8%, A+ with distinction

Scholarship award: International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Industrial funding: Elixir Technologies, Pakistan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (Software Engineering)

Sep 2015 - to Date

College of Computer Science and Engineering (CCSE), University of Ha'il, KSA.

Teaching: UG courses - Software Design and Architecture, Computer Programming.

Web Link - www.uoh.edu.sa/en/Subgates/Faculties/CCSE/

Postdoctoral Researcher

Jan 2014 - Dec 2014

Software and Systems Section, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Teaching: MSc. in Software Engineering - Introduction to Software Architecture.

Thesis Supervision: Masters thesis - Architectural Solutions for Adaptive Cloud-based Software.

Web Link - www.sss.wikit.itu.dk/

SCJA/SCJP Tutor

Jan 2010 - Sep 2010

Log Entries, Ireland.

Role: Tutoring of Foundation and Advanced Java Programming Certification Modules.

Web Link - www.logentries.com/

Software Engineer

Aug 2007 - Oct 2008

Elixir Technologies, Pakistan.

Role: Development and Deployment of Health Management Information System.

Role: Development of a Tele-medicine Web Portal named TelmedPak

Web Link - www.elixir.com

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS (SELECTIVE LIST)

Full publication record available at Google Scholar profile:
<http://scholar.google.dk/citations?user=nWtJYoIAAAAJ&hl=en>

Quantum Software Engineering and Software Architecture (work under progress)

- Arif Ali Khan, Aakash Ahmad, Muhammad Waseem, Peng Liang, Mahdi Fahmideh, Tommi Mikkonen, Pekka Abrahamsson. *Software Architecture for Quantum Computing Systems - A Systematic Review*. (Journal submission under review), 2022.
- Aakash Ahmad, Arif Ali Khan, Muhammad Waseem, Mahdi Fahmideh, Tommi Mikkonen. *Towards Process Centered Architecting for Quantum Software Systems*. (Conference submission under review), 2022.

Service Computing and Internet of Things Based Systems

- Muhammad Waseem, Peng Liang, Aakash Ahmad, Mojtaba Shahin, Arif Ali Khan, Gaston Marquez. *Decision Models for Selecting Patterns and Strategies in Microservices Systems and their Evaluation by Practitioners*. In IEEE/ACM 44th International Conference on Software Engineering: Software Engineering in Practice (ICSE-SEIP), 2022. [CORE Rank: A*]

- Mahdi Fahmideh, Aakash Ahmad, Ali Behnaz, John Grundy, Wily Susilo. *Software Engineering for Internet of Things: The Practitioners' Perspective*. IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, IEEE, 2021. [CORE Rank: A*, Impact Factor: 6.22]
- Mahdi Fahmideh, John Grundy, Aakash Ahmed, Jun Shen, Jun Yan, Davoud Mougouei, Peng Wang, Aditya Ghose, Anuradha Gunawardana, Uwe Aickelin, Babak Abedin. *Software Engineering for Blockchain Based Software Systems: Foundations, Survey, and Future Directions*. ACM Computing Surveys, ACM, 2021. [CORE Rank: A*, Impact Factor: 10.28]
- Muhammad Waseem, Peng Liang, Mojtaba Shahin, Aakash Ahmad, Ali Rezaei Nasab. *On the Nature of Issues in Five Open Source Microservices Systems: An Empirical Study*. The 25th International Conference on Evaluation and Assessment in Software Engineering (EASE), ACM, 2021, [CORE Rank: A].
- Muhammad Waseem, Peng Liang, Mojtaba Shahin, Gaston Marquez, Arif Ali Khan, Aakash Ahmad. *A Decision Model for Selecting Patterns and Strategies to Decompose Applications into Microservices*. The 19th International Conference on Service Oriented Computing (ICSOC), 2021, [CORE Rank: A].
- Chiara Boldrini, Aakash Ahmad, Mahdi Fehmideh, Rabie Ramadan, Mohammed Younis. (Guest Editors) *Special Issue on IoT for Fighting COVID-19*. Pervasive and Mobile Computing, Elsevier, 2021. [CORE Rank: B, Impact Factor: 3.45]

Secure Mobile Computing

- Bakheet Aljedani, Aakash Ahmad, Mansooreh Zahedi, Ali Babar. *Security Awareness of End-Users of Mobile Health Applications: An Empirical Study*. 17th EAI International Conference on Mobile and Ubiquitous Systems (MobiQuitous 2020), EAI, 2020. [CORE Rank: A]
- Aakash Ahmad, Adel Alkhalil, Ahmed B. Altamimi, Khalid Sultan, Wilayat Khan. *Modernising Legacy Software as Context-sensitive and Portable Mobile-enabled Application*. IEEE IT Professional, IEEE, 2020. [Impact Factor: 2.62]
- Aakash Ahmad, Asad Waqar Malik, Abdulrahman Alreshidi, Wilayat Khan, Maryam Sajjad. *Adaptive Security for Self-Protection of Mobile Computing Devices*. In *Mobile Networks and Applications*, Springer 2020. [Impact Factor: 3.42]
- Bakheet Aljedani, Aakash Ahmad, Mansooreh Zahedi, Muhammed Ali Babar. *An Empirical Study on Developing Secure Mobile Health Apps: The Developers' Perspective*. 27th Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC 2020), IEEE, 2020. [CORE Rank: B]
- Maryam Sajjad, Aakash Ahmad, Asad W. Malik, Ahmed B. Altamimi, Ibrahim M. Alsaedon. *Classification and Mapping of Adaptive Security for Mobile Computing*. In *IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing*, IEEE, 2018. [Impact Factor: 7.69]

THESIS SUPERVISION

MSc. Thesis

Thesis: Internet of Things based Framework for Smart Order Processing.

Completed - Oct 2018

MS. Software Engineering.

Institute: International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan.

Thesis: A Context-Aware Recommender System for Smart Markets

Completed - Mar 2017

MS. Information Technology.

Institute: National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan.

Thesis: Network Aware Adaptive Security for Mobile Computing

Completed - Mar 2017

MS. Computer Science.

Institute: National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan.

Thesis: Architecture for Cloud-based Software Portability

Completed - Aug 2014

MSc. Software Engineering.

Institute: IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Thesis title: Data Analytic Using Cloud Computing

Completed - Dec 2014

MSc. Software Engineering.

Institute: IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

RESEARCH SERVICES

Associate Editor & Organiser

- Guest Editor (IoTs for COVID-19) - Pervasive and Mobile Computing, Elsevier.
- Guest Editor (Software Engineering for Internet of Things) - Electronics, MDPI.
- Associate Editor for IEEE Access, IEEE.
- Publicity Chair, SCITA 2020, Springer.

Reviewer & Program Committee Member

- IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER) [Tool Track], IEEE.
- IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing (TMC), IEEE.
- IEEE Access, IEEE.
- IBM Journal of Research and Development, IEEE.
- Journal of Systems and Software (JSS), Elsevier.

- Future Generation Computer Systems (FGCS), Elsevier.
- IET Software (IET-SW), IET.
- 1st International Workshop on Cloud Adoption and Migration (CloudWay), 2015 - 2017.
- 10th International ACM Sigsoft Conference on Quality of Software Architectures (QoSA), 2014.
- 8th European Conference on Software Architecture (ECSA), 2014.
- 21st Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC), 2014.

Research Talks & Guest Lectures

- *Migration and Evolution of Cloud-based Systems*. School of Computer Science, University of Adelaide, Australia. 2014
- *Introduction to Software Architecture*. Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology, Pakistan. 2013
- *Research Topics in Software Engineering*. University Institute of IT, UAAR, Pakistan. 2013

Session Chair

- *Context-Aware Systems*. 7th International Conference on Software Paradigm Trends (ICSOPT). Italy, 2012

FUNDING & AWARDS

Role of Software Architectures in Engineering Internet of Things (IoTs) <i>Awarded by: University of Ha'il, Saudi Arabia. (amount: 38900 USD)</i>	Aug 2019 - Jul 2020
Architecting Software Systems for Quantum Computing <i>Awarded by: University of Ha'il, Saudi Arabia. (amount: 10500 USD)</i>	Nov 2021 - Oct 2022
Research Travel Award to visit University of Adelaide <i>Awarded by: IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark.</i>	Apr 2014 - May 2014
Best Research Idea <i>Awarded by: Lero - the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre, Ireland.</i>	2012
Fully Funded Scholarship for Ph.D. in Software Engineering <i>Awarded by: Lero - the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre, Ireland.</i>	Jan 2009 - Dec 2013
Proposals under review Modernising Legacy Software as Internet of Things-driven Applications <i>Under Review at KAUST, KSA</i>	2021

TEACHING

Course title: Software Design and Architecture <i>Department of Software Engineering, CCSE, UoH, KSA</i>	2017
Course title: Software Construction <i>School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, NUST, Pakistan</i> Degree Program: <i>B.E. in Software Engineering.</i>	2016
Course title: Model Driven Software Development <i>Department of Computer Science, IIUI, Pakistan.</i> Degree Program: <i>M.S. in Software Engineering.</i>	2016
Course title: Introduction to Software Architecture <i>IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark</i> Degree Program: <i>MSc. in Software Engineering.</i>	2014
Course title: Web Programming <i>Dublin City University, Ireland.</i> Degree Program: <i>B.S. in Computer Applications.</i>	2010 - 2013

MEMBERSHIPS

- IEEE Member.
- Irish Computer Society Member.