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# Yangzihao Wang

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## Education

- 2011–present **Ph.D. Candidate, Computer Science, University of California, Davis, GPA: 3.87/4.0.**  
Advisor: Prof. John D. Owens
- 2008–2011 **M.E., Software Engineering, Beihang University.**
- 2003–2007 **B.E., Computer Science, Beihang University.**

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## Selected Honors and Awards

- 2014 NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship Finalist
- 2007 Outstanding Graduates of Colleges and Universities in Beijing top 10%

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## Experience Highlights

- Aug-2011–present **Graduate Student Researcher, Institute of Data Analysis and Visualization, UC Davis.**  
Research Interests: structure of parallelism in irregular algorithms on the GPU; programming model for graph analytics on the GPU.
- CUDA Multi-GPU sorting system based on samplesort;
    - Designed the multi-GPU cluster sorting system with MPI and CUDA;
    - Achieved comparable performance with sorting systems on CPU cluster or supercomputer.
  - Gunrock: a stable, powerful, and forward-looking substrate for GPU-based graph-centric research and development (open-sourced at: <http://gunrock.github.io>);
    - Led a research team of 8 graduate students;
    - Proposed the data-centric programming model for GPU graph analytics;
    - Designed the system framework and API set;
    - Implemented several critical optimizations for the system core;
    - Achieved the best performance of any programmable GPU+graph library.
- Fall 2015 **Software Engineer Intern, Google.**  
Worked in search infrastructure team, built a content-free URL quality score estimation service for index selection.
- Summer 2013–2016 **Summer Research Intern, DARPA.**  
Worked on expanding features and increasing the performance of Gunrock. Worked closely with multiple research groups and companies on using Gunrock for large-scale graph data analysis on real-world datasets.
- Summer 2012 **Co-op Engineer, AMD Research.**  
Ported cudaraster (a state-of-the-art software rasterizer) to OpenCL.
- Aug-2009–Mar-2011 **Research Assistant, State Key Lab of Virtual Reality Technology and Systems, Beihang University.**  
Designed and implemented a sort-first cluster rendering system. Worked on several graphics research topics such as water wave simulation, collision detection, and rendering load balancing.

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## External Talks

- Mar, 2016 **GTC'16**, *Gunrock: A Fast and Programmable Multi-GPU Graph Processing Library*.  
Apr, 2015 **Oracle Labs**, *Gunrock: A High Performance Graph Processing Library on the GPU*.  
Jan, 2015 **NVIDIA Research**, *High-Performance Graph Processing Programming Model on the GPU*.  
Mar, 2014 **GTC'14**, *High-Performance Graph Primitives on GPUs: Design and Implementation of Gunrock*.

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## Professional Skills

- Proficient: C/C++, CUDA, MPI, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Linux development  
Familiar: Python, OpenCL, OpenGL, git, Spark, Caffe, shell scripting, Html/CSS

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## Course Certification

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| 2015 | edX Verified Certificate for Introduction to Big Data with Apache Spark | edX     |
| 2012 | Introduction to Artificial Intelligence                                 | Udacity |

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## Professional Service

- Reviewer: IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems  
PC Member: The 1st GPUPhysics Workshop at ICCSA 2016

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## Publications

Leyuan Wang, Yangzihao Wang, Carl Yang, and John D. Owens. A comparative study on exact triangle counting algorithms on the GPU. In *Proceedings of the 1st High Performance Graph Processing Workshop, HPGP '16*, May 2016.

Yangzihao Wang, Andrew Davidson, Yuechao Pan, Yuduo Wu, Andy Riffel, and John D. Owens. Gunrock: A high-performance graph processing library on the GPU. In *Proceedings of the 21st ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming, PPOPP 2016*, March 2016. Distinguished Paper.

Yuduo Wu, Yangzihao Wang, Yuechao Pan, Carl Yang, and John D. Owens. Performance characterization for high-level programming models for GPU graph analytics (best paper finalist). In *IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization, IISWC 2015*, October 2015. Best Paper finalist.

Carl Yang, Yangzihao Wang, and John D. Owens. Fast sparse matrix and sparse vector multiplication algorithm on the GPU. In *Graph Algorithms Building Blocks, GABB 2015*, May 2015.

Yuechao Pan, Yangzihao Wang, Yuduo Wu, Carl Yang, and John D. Owens. Multi-GPU graph analytics. *CoRR*, abs/1504.04804(1504.04804v1), April 2015.

Afton Geil, Yangzihao Wang, and John D. Owens. WTF, GPU! Computing Twitter's who-to-follow on the GPU. In *Proceedings of the Second ACM Conference on Online Social Networks, COSN '14*, October 2014.