# Yang (Ellen) Song

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### ABOUT

I have over 5 years of experience applying natural language processing (NLP), deep learning (DL), and machine learning (ML) to software automation, enabling computers to intelligently process, understand, and generate various software artifacts such as bug reports and source code, which improves the productivity of the development process. Additionally, I develop and research interactive AI systems that enhance a user's ability to effectively complete complex tasks, especially by leveraging large language models and multimodal models

#### **EDUCATION**

# Ph.D. in Computer Science

August 2018 - Present

Department of Computer Science, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

Advisor: Dr. Oscar Chaparro

#### **B.S.** in Mathematics

August 2012 - June 2016

School of Mathematics, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Y. Song, A, Saha, Y. Zhou, J. Mahmud, K. Moran, O.Chaparro "On the Automated Mapping of Bug Descriptions to Mobile App UI Screens" Under Review
- Y. Song, J. Mahmud, N. De Silva, Y. Zhou, O.Chaparro, K. Moran, A. Marcus, D. Poshyvanyk, "BURT: A Chatbot for Interactive Bug Reporting" Proceedings of the 45th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'23) Tool demo
- Y. Song, O.Chaparro "Recommending Bug Assignment Approaches For Individual Bug Reports: An Empirical Investigation" in arXiv 2023.
- Y. Song, J. Mahmud, Y. Zhou, O.Chaparro, K. Moran, A. Marcus, D. Poshyvanyk, "Toward Interactive Bug Reporting for Android App End-Users" Proceedings of the 30th ACM Joint Meeting on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'22) Research track
- Y. Song, O. Chaparro, "BEE: A Tool for Structuring and Analyzing Bug Reports" Proceedings of the 28th ACM Joint Meeting on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'20) Tool demo

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Research Assistant

March 2020 - Present

Department of Computer Science, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

- Multimodal Representation Learning for GUI and Bug Report Elements.
  - Develop a Transformer-based architecture for modeling graphical user interfaces (UI widgets) and bug report elements (Observed behavior descriptions) to learn visual and text multimodal representations for two tasks: screen and UI widget retrieval.
- Enabling Interactive Bug Reporting for Android App End-users.

Implemented a task-oriented conversational agent that guides end-users to report essential bug report elements, assesses the quality of bug reports and provides feedback by using natural language processing and dynamic program analysis.

• Analyzing and Structuring Bug Reports.

Developed a tool based on machine learning to automatically identify different types of information in textual bug reports and alert reporters about missing information.

• Improving Automated Bug Report Assignment.

Use machine learning and bug report information to recommend the best-performing method for assigning expert developers to individual bug reports.

# Teaching Assistant

August 2018 - May 2020

Department of Computer Science, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

Courses: Discrete Structures, Finite Automata and Theory of Computation

## Software Engineer Intern

April 2017 - August 2017

Health Big Data Lab, Haola Technology, Beijing, China

Designed and implemented a K-modes clustering algorithm to predict teenager height based on millions of records. Used statistical models and tools to analyze the factors that influence teenager height. Integrated and deployed the clustering algorithm into Android application.

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, MATLAB, Latex

Deep Learning Framework: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Jax, Keras

### **ACTIVITIES**

Student volunteer at ICSE'20, ICSME'20, ICSME'23

Web Chair at NLBSE'22 (1st International Workshop on Natural Language-based Software Engineering)

Paper co-reviewer at ASE'21, ICSME'21, ICSME'22, ICSE'22, FSE'23, ICSE'23

#### **AWARDS**

W&M International Student Opportunity Scholarship'22

Student Travel Grant for ICSE'22, FSE'22