

SEBASTIAN WOLFF

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I am a verification and formal methods enthusiast who works on challenging problems in concurrent and distributed programming that are relevant in practice. I am looking for opportunities to make real-world software systems more reliable and safe.

EXPERIENCE

Courant Institute of New York University

Postdoctoral Researcher, Mentors: Prof. Thomas Wies, Prof. Dennis Shasha

July 2021 – Present

New York, USA

- Formalize novel verification techniques for fine-grained concurrent data structures, with a focus on proof automation.
- Verify practical implementations that are beyond the state of the art, like concurrent binary search trees.
- Find and fix real bugs in published implementations.
- Develop an approach to prove memory safety and the absence of memory leaks.
- Integrate the developed theory into (semi-)automatic provers with a low proof burden (code to proof ratio: less than 1:2).
- Publish in top-tier conferences: *CAV'23, PLDI'23, TACAS'23, OOPSLA'22*.

TU Braunschweig & TU Kaiserslautern

Graduate Researcher & Teaching Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Roland Meyer

October 2015 – June 2021

Braunschweig, Germany

- Developed the first scalable verification technique for lock-free programs that use manual memory management.
- First work to verify practical lock-free data structures that use Hazard Pointers and Epoch-based Reclamation.
- Implemented tools to automated the entire verification process.
- Published in top-tier conferences: *POPL'20, POPL'19, SAS'17, VMCAI'16*.
- Independently taught an advanced course on static program analysis; thesis advisor for B.Sc/M.Sc. students.
- Collaborated in an industry project to explain and classify faults of embedded software using incomplete specifications.

High-Performance Computing Group, Fraunhofer ITWM

Graduate Researcher, Mentor: Dr. Mirko Rahn

November 2015 – March 2017

Kaiserslautern, Germany

- Performed code audits to validate a PGAS implementation, which maps remote memory accesses to local ones in order to employ ThreadSanitizer for debugging, against its (informal) specification.

AWARDS

- **Junior Fellowship of the Simons Foundation** (fully funded postdoctoral research for three years)
- **ETAPS 2022 Doctoral Dissertation Award** (for best Ph.D. thesis)

EDUCATION

TU Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany

TU Kaiserslautern, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Thesis: *“Verifying Non-blocking Data Structures with Manual Memory Management”*

March 2017 – June 2021

October 2015 – March 2017

Grade: summa cum laude

TU Kaiserslautern, Kaiserslautern, Germany

M.Sc. in Computer Science, minor in Math

April 2013 – October 2015

Grade: 1.0 (ECTS-Grade: A)

TU Kaiserslautern, Kaiserslautern, Germany

B.Sc. in Computer Science, minor in Math

October 2009 – March 2013

Grade: 1.7 (ECTS-Grade: B)

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: C++, Python, C#, Java
- Familiarity with: SAT/SMT solvers (Z3), BDD libraries (CUDD), parsing (ANTLR, LARK)
- Miscellaneous: Latex, CMake, GDB, Git, SVN, bash, CSS, SASS, HTML