

Curriculum Vitae

Affiliation Associate Professor
School of Computer Science, Software and Societal Systems Department
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Profile

Associate professor in the Software and Societal Systems Department at the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University interested in *limits of modularity* and *variability* in software systems, as well as open-source sustainability and software engineering for AI-enabled systems. Developing mechanisms, languages, and tools to implement variability in a disciplined way, to detect errors, to help with nonmodular changes, and to improve program comprehension in software systems, often focused on systems with a high amount of variability. Also interested in *open-source sustainability* and *software engineering for AI-enabled systems*.

Education

Apr. 2007 – May 2010 Doctoral degree in computer science (Doktor-Ingenieur),
University of Magdeburg, Germany,
Summa cum laude (with distinction)
Committee: Prof. Gunter Saake (University of Magdeburg), Prof. Don Batory (University of Texas at Austin), Prof. Krzysztof Czarnecki (University of Waterloo)

Oct. 2002 – Mar. 2007 Diploma degree in business information systems
(M.Sc. equivalent; Diplom-Wirtschaftsinformatiker),
University of Magdeburg, Germany,
Grade “1.0” (with distinction)

Academic Employment

since Sep. 2019 Director of the Software Engineering Ph.D. Program,
Carnegie Mellon University

since Jul. 2018 Associate Professor,
Carnegie Mellon University

Sep. 2012 – Jun. 2018 Assistant Professor,
Carnegie Mellon University

Jul. 2010 – Aug. 2012 Researcher (Post-Doc),
Host: Prof. Klaus Ostermann,
Philipps University Marburg, Germany

Apr. 2007 – Jun. 2010 Research Assistant,
Host: Prof. Gunter Saake,
University of Magdeburg, Germany

- Oct. 2006 – Mar. 2007 Visiting scholar,
Host: Prof. Don Batory
University of Texas at Austin, USA
- Oct. 2005 – Sep. 2006 Student Research Assistant,
Host: Prof. Gunter Saake,
University of Magdeburg, Germany

Awards and Honors

- Jun. 2025 Distinguished-Paper Award at the International Conference on the Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE) 2025
- May. 2025 Distinguished-Paper Award at the International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2025
- May. 2022 Two Distinguished-Paper Awards at the International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2022
- Oct. 2021 10-year Most Influential Paper of ICPC'12 for Measuring Programming Experience
- Oct. 2021 Distinguished Reviewer Award at the International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2021
- Oct. 2021 10-year Most Influential Paper of OOPSLA'11 for SugarJ: Library Based Syntactic Language Extensibility
- Nov. 2020 Distinguished Program Committee Member Award at the International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2020
- Sep. 2019 10-year Most Influential Paper Award at the International Conference on Software Product Lines (SPLC) 2019
- Nov. 2017 Distinguished Reviewer Award at the International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2017
- May. 2017 Distinguished Reviewer Award at the International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2017
- Nov. 2015 Distinguished Reviewer Award at the International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2015
- Oct. 2011 **GI-Dissertationspreis:** Best Dissertation Award of the German Computer Science Association, 2010
- Oct. 2011 Distinguished-Paper Award at the International Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications (OOPSLA) 2011
- Aug. 2011 Best-Research-Paper Award at the International Software Product Line Conference 2011
- Nov. 2010 Best-Dissertation Award of the School of Computer Science, University of Magdeburg, 2010
- Dec. 2009 Research Award of the School of Computer Science, University of Magdeburg for the Best Paper, 2009
- Sep. 2007 Software Engineering Award of the Denert Foundation for the Best Master's Thesis, 2007
- Oct. 2007 Best-Graduate Award of the School of Computer Science, University of Magdeburg, 2007
- Sep. 2006 Student Scholarship of the Germany Academic Exchange Service

Invited Talks

- Feb. 2025 From Models to Products: On the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning,
SEI, National AI Engineering Study Speaker Series
- Jan. 2025 From Models to Products: On the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning,
York University, AI+SE Seminar Series
- Jan. 2025 From Models to Products: On the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning,
University of Paderborn, Distinguished Lecture
- Apr. 2024 From Models to Products: On the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning,
CAIN 2024 Keynote
- May. 2022 From Models to Systems: Rethinking the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning,
Yale University
- Jul. 2022 From Models to Systems: Teaching Software Engineering to Data Scientists,
SEI SE Workshop for Educators 2022
- May. 2022 From Models to Systems: Rethinking the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning,
Keynote at 2022 Int'l Conf. Mining Software Repositories
- Mar. 2021 Toward a System-Wide and Interdisciplinary Perspective on ML System Performance,
Keynote at FastPath'21 Workshop
- Sep. 2020 Analyzing Tens of Terabytes of Public Trace Data & Open Source Sustainability,
State of the Source
- Jun. 2020 Engineering AI-Enabled Systems with Interdisciplinary Teams,
Software Engineering for Machine Learning Applications (SEMLA) International Symposium
- Apr. 2020 Software Engineering for ML-Enabled Systems,
Code and Supply Meetup
- Mar. 2020 Teaching Software Engineering for AI-Enabled Systems,
Dagstuhl Seminar 20091: SE4ML - Software Engineering for AI-ML-based Systems
- Sep. 2019 Performance Analysis for Highly-Configurable Systems,
Keynote for the 2019 System and Software Product Line Conference (SPLC)
- Sep. 2019 Granularity in Software Product Lines: 12 Years Later,
Most Influential Paper Award Talk at the 2019 System and Software Product Line Conference (SPLC)
- Sep. 2019 Efficiently Finding Higher-Order Mutants,
Saarland University
- Feb. 2019 How to Break an API: How Community Values Influence Practices,
University of South Carolina
- Jul. 2018 How to Break an API: How Community Values Influence Practices,
École Polytechnique de Montréal
- May. 2017 How to Break an API: How Community Values Influence Practices,
Speaker at jsconf.eu

- May. 2016 Quality Assurance for Highly-Configurable Systems,
Keynote Talk for the VACE Workshop at ICSE'16
- Nov. 2015 Starting an Academic Career – Reflecting on Habits that Worked for Me,
Keynote Talk for the ASE 2015 Doctoral Symposium
- Oct. 2015 Parsing Unpreprocessed C Code - The TypeChef Experience,
Keynote Talk for the Parsing@SLE Workshop at SPLASH'15
- Sep. 2015 Understanding Feature Interactions: From Bugs to Performance Surprises,
Keynote at Brazilian Symposium on Software Components, Architectures,
and Reuse (SBCARS)
- Jul. 2014 Feature Interactions in Software Systems An Implementation Perspective,
Dagstuhl Seminar 14281: Feature Interactions: The Next Generation
- Jun. 2014 Analyzing Highly-Configurable Software Systems,
University of Toronto – Workshop on the State of the Art in Automated
Software Engineering Research
- Apr. 2014 Quality Assurance for Highly-Configurable Systems,
University of Magdeburg, Germany
- Apr. 2014 Analysis of Software Product Lines,
Dagstuhl Seminar 14172: Unifying Product and Software Configuration
- Dec. 2013 Variability Mining,
University of Waterloo – Product Line Engineering Workshop
- Dec. 2013 Parsing and Type Checking all 2^{10000} Configurations of the Linux Ker-
nel,
University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- Aug. 2013 Analyzing Highly Configurable Systems: From Linux to Eclipse,
Technical University Darmstadt, Germany
- Aug. 2013 Accepting Change - Awareness instead of Stability Guarantees,
University of Passau, Germany
- Feb. 2013 Analyzing the #ifdef Hell with TypeChef – Or the Quest for Realistic Sub-
jects in Product-Line Analysis,
Dagstuhl Seminar 13091: Analysis, Test and Verification in The Presence
of Variability
- Dec. 2012 A Variability-Aware Module System,
Dagstuhl Seminar 12511: Divide and Conquer: the Quest for Compositional
Design and Analysis
- Apr. 2012 Parsing and Type Checking all 2^{10000} Configurations of the Linux Ker-
nel,
University of Passau, Germany
- Apr. 2012 Parsing and Type Checking all 2^{10000} Configurations of the Linux Ker-
nel,
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- Apr. 2012 Parsing and Type Checking all 2^{10000} Configurations of the Linux Ker-
nel,
University of Edinburgh, UK
- Mar. 2012 Parsing and Type Checking all 2^{10000} Configurations of the Linux Ker-
nel,
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- Dec. 2011 Parsing and Type Checking all 2^{10000} Configurations of the Linux Ker-
nel,
Technical University Ilmenau, Germany

- Oct. 2011 Virtual Separation of Concerns,
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
- Oct. 2011 Modularity in Feature-Oriented Software Development,
University of Texas at Austin, TX
- Jun. 2011 Virtual Separation of Concerns: Toward Preprocessors 2.0,
Kolloquium zum GI Dissertationspreis 2010 at Dagstuhl 11222
- Jan. 2011 Variability-Aware Analysis: Type Checking entire Product Lines,
Dagstuhl Seminar 11021: Feature-Oriented Software Development
- Dec. 2010 Modularity – Current State and Challenges,
University of Waterloo, ON
- Dec. 2010 Variability Analysis of C Code in the Presence of Lexical Macros and Con-
ditional Compilation,
IFIP WG 2.11 Meeting, Waterloo, ON
- Jul. 2010 From Aspectual Decomposition to Virtual Separation of Concerns,
Colloquium Honorary Doctorate Ernst Denert, University of Kaiserslautern
- May. 2010 Virtual Separation of Concerns: Toward Preprocessors 2.0,
Philipps University Marburg, Germany
- Apr. 2010 Virtual Separation of Concerns: Toward Preprocessors 2.0,
University of Namur (FUNDP), Belgium
- Mar. 2010 Virtual Separation of Concerns: Toward Preprocessors 2.0,
IFIP WG 2.11 Meeting, St. Andrews, UK
- Jul. 2008 Decomposing Berkeley DB: Granularity and Interactions,
Dagstuhl Seminar 08281: Software Engineering for Tailor-made Data Man-
agement

Teaching

Courses

- F22, F24 17-445/645 Machine Learning in Production
- S21, S22, S23, S24 17-445/645 Machine Learning in Production / 11-695 AI Engineering
- F21, F23 17-214 Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concur-
rency
- F19, S20, F20 17-445/645 Software Engineering for AI-Enabled Systems
- S18, S19, S20 17-654 Analysis of Software Artifacts
- F18 17-313 Foundations of Software Engineering
- F13, F14, F15, F16, F17 15-313 Foundations of Software Engineering
- S13, S14, S15, S17 15-214 Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concur-
rency
- F15 17-708 Software Product Lines: Concepts and Implementation
- S12 Empirical Methods for Computer Scientists (in German)
- S11 Software Product Lines: Concepts and Implementation (in German)
- F10 Software Engineering (in German)
- S08, S09, S10 Student Conference on Software Engineering and Database Systems
- F08, F09 Product-Line Implementation for Tailor-Made Data Management (in Ger-
man)

Exercise Classes, Seminars, and Others

- PRG Paper Reading Group
- S12 Empirical Methods for Computer Scientists (in German)
- S11 Software Product Lines: Concepts and Implementation (in German)
- F10 Software Product Lines (in German)
- S07, S08, S09, S10 Concepts of Database Implementation (in German)
- F07, F08, F09 Product-Line Implementation for Tailor-Made Data Management (in German)
- S09 Specification Technologies (in German)
- S07 Advanced Database Models
- F04, F05 Cost Accounting (in German)
- S04 Algorithms and Data Structures (in German)

Memberships

- IFIP Working Group 2.11 (Program Generation)
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Deutscher Hochschulverband

Professional Service

Editorships

- TOSEM Associate Editor, ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (2019–2022)

Organization Committees

- ICSE-SEET 2027 ICSE Software Engineering Education and Training Track – Program-Committee Co-Chair
- ICSE 2022 44th International Conference on Software Engineering – Conference Chair
- ASE 2018 33rd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering – Program-Committee Co-Chair
- ASE 2017 32nd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering – Doctoral Symposium Co-Chair
- GPCE 2015 14th ACM International Conference on Generative Programming and Component Engineering – General Chair
- FOSD 2014 6th International Workshop on Feature-Oriented Software Development – Organization-Committee Member
- GPCE 2014 13rd ACM International Conference on Generative Programming and Component Engineering – Steering-Committee Member
- GPCE 2013 12nd ACM International Conference on Generative Programming and Component Engineering – Program-Committee Chair
- FOSD 2013 5th International Workshop on Feature-Oriented Software Development – Organization-Committee Member

- FOSD 2012 4th International Workshop on Feature-Oriented Software Development – Organization-Committee Member
- ESCOT 2012 3rd International Workshop on Empirical Evaluation of Software Composition Techniques – Organization-Committee Member
- FOSD 2011 3rd International Workshop on Feature-Oriented Software Development – Organization-Committee Member
- FOSD 2010 2nd International Workshop on Feature-Oriented Software Development – Organization-Committee Member
- FOSD 2009 1st International Workshop on Feature-Oriented Software Development – Organization-Committee Member
- FOSD-Me. 2009-21 Annual Meeting on Feature-Oriented Software Development (2009 Passau, 2010 Magdeburg, 2011 Dresden, 2012 Braunschweig, 2013 and 2014 Dagstuhl, 2015 Traunkirchen, 2016 Copenhagen, 2017 Darmstadt, 2018 Gothenburg, 2019 Weimar, 2021 Vienna)

Program Committees (Conferences)

- CAIN 2025 4th International Conference on AI Engineering - Software Engineering for AI
- OOPSLA 2025 40th Annual ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications
- FSE 2025 ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering
- CAIN 2024 3rd International Conference on AI Engineering - Software Engineering for AI
- FSE 2024 ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering
- ICSE 2024 46th International Conference on Software Engineering
- CAIN 2023 2nd International Conference on AI Engineering - Software Engineering for AI
- ICSE 2022 44th International Conference on Software Engineering – Conference Chair, Program-Committee Member
- ASE 2021 36th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering
- ESEC/FSE 2021 European Software Engineering Conference and ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering
- ASE 2020 35th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering
- SPLC 2020 24th International Software Product Line Conference
- ICSE 2020 42nd International Conference on Software Engineering – Program-Committee Member, Student Mentoring Program Co-Chair
- ESEC/FSE 2019 European Software Engineering Conference and ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering – Program-Committee Member, Journal First Co-Chair
- ASE 2019 34th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering
- SPLC 2019 23rd International Software Product Line Conference
- OOPSLA 2019 34th Annual ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications – External-Review-Committee Member

ICSE-NIER 2019 ICSE New Ideas and Emerging Results (NIER)

ICSE 2018 40th International Conference on Software Engineering

SE 2018 Software Engineering Conference of the Gesellschaft für Informatik (GI)

ECOOP 2017 31st European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming

ASE 2017 32nd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering – Program-Committee Member, Doctoral Symposium Co-Chair

ICSE 2017 39th International Conference on Software Engineering

ESEC/FSE 2017 European Software Engineering Conference and ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering

ASE 2016 31st IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering – External-Review-Committee Member

ECOOP 2016 30th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming – External-Review-Committee Member

SPLC 2016 20th International Software Product Line Conference

MV 2016 MODULARITY 2016 - Modularity Visions Track

ASE 2015 30th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering

SBCARS 2015 Brazilian Symposium on Software Components, Architectures and Reuse

SPLC 2015 19th International Software Product Line Conference

SPLC 2014 18th International Software Product Line Conference

ASE 2014 29th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering

ECOOP 2014 28th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming – External-Review-Committee Member

MV 2014 MODULARITY 2014 - Modularity Visions Track

OOPSLA 2013 28th Annual ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications

SE 2013 SE 13 – GI Konferenz Software Engineering

GPCE 2012 11st ACM International Conference on Generative Programming and Component Engineering

SC 2011 10th International Conference on Software Composition

GPCE 2011 10th ACM International Conference on Generative Programming and Component Engineering

Program Committees (Workshops and Other)

SQA4AI 2025 Workshop on Software Quality Assurance for Artificial Intelligence

VaMoS 2023 17th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems

VaMoS 2021 15th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems

VaMoS 2020 14th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems

VaMoS 2019 13rd Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems

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| SPLTea 2018 | Third International Workshop on Software Product Line Teaching |
| VaMoS 2018 | 12nd Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems |
| WAPI 2017 | ICSE Workshop on API Usage and Evolution |
| VaMoS 2017 | 11st Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems |
| RELENG 2016 | 4th International Workshop on Release Engineering |
| VaMoS 2016 | 10th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems |
| VaMoS 2015 | 9th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems |
| SPLTea 2015 | Second International Workshop on Software Product Line Teaching |
| ICSE-D 2015 | International Conference on Software Engineering – Demonstrations Committee |
| MultiPLE 2014 | SPLC Workshop on Multi Product Line Engineering |
| SPLat 2014 | Software Product Line Analysis Tools 2014 |
| SPLTea 2014 | First International Workshop on Software Product Line Teaching |
| REVE 2014 | 2nd Workshop on Reverse Variability Engineering |
| ICSE-TB 2014 | ICSE 2014 - Tutorial and Technical Briefings Track |
| VaMoS 2014 | 8th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems |
| SCORE 2013 | Student Contest on Software Engineering at ICSE |
| MPLE 2013 | SPLC Workshop on Multi Product Line Engineering |
| VaMoS 2013 | 7th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems |
| REVE 2013 | 1st Workshop on Reverse Variability Engineering |
| SLE-DS 2012 | International Conference on Software Language Engineering - Doctoral Symposium |
| SPLC-TD 2012 | 16th International Software Product Line Conference - Tools and Demonstrations Track |
| NFPinDSML 2012 | 4th Workshop on Non-functional System Properties and Domain Specific Modeling Languages |
| RAM-SE 2012 | 10th Workshop on Reflection, AOP and Meta-Data for Software Evolution |
| MISS 2012 | 2nd Workshop on Modularity in Systems Software |
| PEPM 2012 | 21st ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Partial Evaluation and Program Manipulation |
| VaMoS 2012 | 6th Int'l Workshop on Variability Modelling of Software-Intensive Systems |
| FREECO 2011 | ECOOP Workshop on Free Composition |
| ASE-TD 2010 | 25th International Conference on Automated Software Engineering – Tool Demonstration Committee |
| PLEERPS 2010 | Workshop on Product-Line Engineering for Enterprise Resource Planning Systems |

Reviewing

TSE 2024 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
IEEE S&P 2024 IEEE Security & Privacy
TSE 2023 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
JSS 2023 Journal of Systems and Software
ESEM 2023 17th International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement
ESEM 2022 16th International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement
TSE 2021 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
TOSEM 2021 ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology
SCP 2021 Science of Computer Programming
TSE 2020 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
AUSE 2020 Automated Software Engineering – An International Journal
EMSE 2020 Empirical Software Engineering
TOSEM 2019 ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology
TSE 2019 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
TOSEM 2018 ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology
IST 2018 Information and Software Technology
AUSE 2018 Automated Software Engineering – An International Journal
TSE 2018 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
EMSE 2017 Empirical Software Engineering
TSE 2017 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
TSE 2016 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
SOSYM 2016 International Journal on Software and Systems Modeling
COMLAN 2016 Journal of Computer Languages, Systems & Structures
TSE 2015 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
SPE 2015 Software: Practice and Experience
SCP 2014 Science of Computer Programming
JOSER 2014 Journal of Software Engineering in Robotics
TSE 2014 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering
TOPLAS 2012 ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems
EMSE 2012 Empirical Software Engineering
JSEP 2012 Journal of Software: Evolution and Process
HOSC 2012 Higher-Order and Symbolic Computation
AI 2012 Acta Informatica
SPE 2012 Software: Practice and Experience
SCP 2012 Science of Computer Programming

TOSEM 2011 ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology

JSS 2012 Journal of Systems and Software

IST 2011 Information and Software Technology

STTT 2011 Software Tools for Technology Transfer

SCP 2011 Science of Computer Programming

IST 2010 Information and Software Technology

TSE 2010 IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering

SCP 2010 Science of Computer Programming

IS 2009 IEEE Software

Blog posts, video, and other media

Jan. 2025 From Models to Products: On the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning | CAIN'24 Keynote, Talk, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-N1iBYYXVo>

Aug. 2023 Secure Software Supply Chain Center, Website, <https://s3c2.org/>

May. 2022 From Models to Systems: Rethinking the Role of Software Engineering for Machine Learning | MSR'22 Keynote, Talk, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_m-m90S_4Gg

Mar. 2021 Toward a System-Wide and Interdisciplinary Perspective on ML System Performance | FastPath'21 Workshop Keynote, Talk, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGJogMiRkWU>

Mar. 2021 Rediscovering Unit Testing: Testing Capabilities of ML Models, Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/rediscovering-unit-testing-testing-capabilities-of->

Jan. 2021 Why Robustness is not Enough for Safety and Security in Machine Learning, Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/why-robustness-is-not-enough-for-safety>

Nov. 2020 On the Process for Building Software with ML Components, Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/on-the-process-for-building-software-with-ml-components>

Oct. 2020 The World and the Machine and Responsible Machine Learning, Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/the-world-and-the-machine-and-responsible-machine-learning>

Sep. 2020 State of the Source 2020: Analyzing Tens of Terabytes of Public Trace Data & Open Source Sustainability, Talk with B. Vasilescu, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4cpIaN3tFc>

Sep. 2020 What the Fork? Shurui Zhou on Forking in Open Source | Sustain Podcast, Podcast by S. Zhou, <https://podcast.sustainoss.org/53>

Aug. 2020 Complete Lecture Recordings: Software Engineering for AI-Enabled Systems, Lecture, <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDS2JMjJzdkQPdkhcuwcbJpJB84>

Jun. 2020 Infographic: Donations in Open Source, Infographic by C. Overney, <https://cmustrudel.github.io/announcement/donations>

Jun. 2020 Engineering AI-Enabled Systems with Interdisciplinary Teams | SEMLA'20, Talk, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHMJBLJyfZk>

Jun. 2020 A Software Testing View on Machine Learning Model Quality, Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/a-software-testing-view-on-machine-learning-model-quality>

Jun. 2020 Teaching Software Engineering for AI-Enabled Systems | ICSE SEET'20, Talk, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk0Sy6Sx3IY>

Apr. 2020 Software Engineering for ML-Enabled Systems | Code & Supply, Talk, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_xeTHaTcCQ

- Mar. 2020 Machine Learning is Requirements Engineering, Blog post, <https://medium.com/ckaestne/machine-learning-is-requirements-engineering-8957aee55ef4>
- Jan. 2020 Software Engineering for AI/ML – An Annotated Bibliography, Website, <https://github.com/ckaestne/seaibib>
- May. 2019 Feature Flags vs Configuration Options — Same Difference?, Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/feature-flags-vs-configuration-options-same-difference-1234567890>
- Mar. 2018 Infographic: npm badges, Infographic with A. Trockman, B. Vasilescu, <https://cmustrudel.github.io/announcement/badges>
- May. 2017 How to Break an API: How Community Values Influence Practices | JS-Conf EU 2017, Talk, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJHeHCZtmAU>
- May. 2017 How to break an API?, Website with C. Bogart, <http://breakingapis.org/>
- Mar. 2015 On Paper Titles (Bad Ideas, Rejected Ideas, and Final Titles), Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/on-paper-titles-bad-ideas-rejected-ideas-and-final-1234567890>
- Jul. 2014 Teaching Software Construction with Travis CI, Blog post, <https://ckaestne.medium.com/teaching-software-construction-with-travis-ci-3d3d5428d10a>

Publications

total: 263; h-index: 61

Key publications are highlighted with ★. PDF versions available online: <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~ckaestne/>.

Books

- ★ 1. Christian Kästner. Machine Learning in Production: From Models to Products. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, April 2025.
- ★ 2. Sven Apel, Don Batory, Christian Kästner, and Gunter Saake. Feature-Oriented Software Product Lines: Concepts and Implementation. Berlin/Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag, 2013. 308 pages, ISBN 978-3-642-37520-0.

Refereed Journal Articles

- ★ 3. Hao He, Bogdan Vasilescu, and Christian Kästner. Pinning Is Futile: You Need More Than Local Dependency Versioning to Defend Against Supply Chain Attacks. *Proceedings of the ACM on Software Engineering (FSE)*, 2(FSE):266–289, June 2025. **Distinguished Paper Award.**
- ★ 4. Christian Kästner, Eunsuk Kang, and Sven Apel. Feature Interactions on Steroids: On the Composition of ML Models. *IEEE Software (IEEE-Sw)*, 39(3):120–124, May 2022.
- ★ 5. Christopher Bogart, Christian Kästner, James Herbsleb, and Ferdian Thung. When and how to make breaking changes: Policies and practices in 18 open source software ecosystems. *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*, 30(4):Article No.: 42, pp 1–56, October 2021.
- 6. Miguel Velez, Pooyan Jamshidi, Florian Sattler, Norbert Siegmund, Sven Apel, and Christian Kästner. ConfigCrusher: Towards White-Box Performance Analysis for Configurable Systems. *Automated Software Engineering – An International Journal (AUSE)*, 27:265–300, 2020.
- 7. Sergiy S. Kolesnikov, Norbert Siegmund, Christian Kästner, and Sven Apel. On the Relation of Control-flow and Performance Feature Interactions: A Case Study. *Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)*, (24):2410–2437, 2019.

8. Jonathan Aldrich, Joydeep Biswas, Javier Cámara, David Garlan, Arjun Guha, Jarrett Holtz, Pooyan Jamshidi, Christian Kästner, Claire Le Goues, Anahita Mohseni-Kabir, Ivan Ruchkin, Selva Samuel, Bradley Schmerl, Christopher Timperley, Manuela Veloso, and Ian Voysey. Model-based Adaptation for Robotics Software. *IEEE Software (IEEE-Sw)*, 36(2):83–90, 2019.
9. Flávio Medeiros, Gabriel Lima, Guilherme Amaral, Sven Apel, Christian Kästner, Márcio Ribeiro, and Rohit Gheyi. An Investigation of Misunderstanding Code Patterns in C Open-Source Software Projects. *Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)*, 24(4):1693–1726, August 2019.
10. Hung Viet Nguyen, Hung Dang Phan, Christian Kästner, and Tien N. Nguyen. Exploring Output-Based Coverage for Testing PHP Web Applications. *Automated Software Engineering – An International Journal (AUSE)*, 26(1):59–85, March 2019.
- ★ 11. Alexander von Rhein, Jörg Liebig, Andreas Janker, Christian Kästner, and Sven Apel. Variability-Aware Static Analysis at Scale: An Empirical Study. *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*, 27(4):Article No. 18, 2018.
- ★ 12. Chu-Pan Wong, Jens Meinicke, Lukas Lazarek, and Christian Kästner. Faster Variational Execution with Transparent Bytecode Transformation. *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages, Issue OOPSLA (OOPSLA)*, 2:117:1–117:30, 2018.
13. Norman Peitek, Janet Siegmund, Sven Apel, Christian Kästner, Chris Parnin, Anja Bethmann, Thomas Leich, Gunter Saake, and André Brechmann. A Look into Programmers’ Heads. *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, 46(4):442–462, April 2018.
14. Sergiy S. Kolesnikov, Norbert Siegmund, Christian Kästner, Alexander Grebhahn, and Sven Apel. Tradeoffs in Modeling Performance of Highly-Configurable Software Systems. *International Journal on Software and Systems Modeling (SOSYM)*, 18(3):2265–2283, 2019.
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Refereed Workshop Papers, Posters, and Tool Demos

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175. Haesue Baik, Chenyang Yang, Vasudev Vikram, Pooyan Jamshidi, Rohan Padhye, and Christian Kästner. Differential Performance Fuzzing of Configuration Options. In *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Search-Based and Fuzz Testing (SBFT)*, April 2025.
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