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Research Interests

- ✓ Mining Software Repository
- Program Comprehension and Analysis
- ★ Empirical Software Engineering

Research Works

Google Scholar: [shorturl.at/hzBC5](https://scholar.google.com/shorturl.at/hzBC5)

⇒ Conference Papers

- SANER'22 (CCF-B)** [C11] ■ Jieke Shi, Zhou Yang, Junda He, **Bowen Xu (Corresponding Author)** and David Lo. "Can Identifier Splitting Improve Open-Vocabulary Language Model of Code?". *29th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2022)*. Accepted as a ERA track Paper.
- SANER'22 (CCF-B)** [C10] ✓ Chengran Yang, **Bowen Xu (Corresponding Author)**, Junaed Younus Khan, Gias Uddin, Donggyun Han, Zhou Yang and David Lo. "Aspect-Based API Review Classification: How Far Can Pre-Trained Transformer Model Go?". *29th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER 2022)*.
- IC-SME'20 (CCF-B)** [C9] ✓ Ting Zhang, **Bowen Xu (Corresponding Author)**, Ferdian Thung, Stefanus Agus Haryono, David Lo, Lingxiao Jiang. "Sentiment Analysis for Software Engineering: How Far Can Pre-trained Transformer Models Go?". *36th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME 2020)*.
- PAKDD'19 (CCF-C)** [C8] ■ Heng-Yi Li, Shu-Ting Shi, Ferdian Thung, Xuan Huo, **Bowen Xu**, Ming Li, and David Lo. "DeepReview: Automatic Code Review using Deep Multi-Instance Learning". *The 23rd Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD 2019)*.
- ESEM'18 (CCF-B)** [C7] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, Amirreza Shirani, David Lo and Mohammad Amin Alipour. "Prediction of Relatedness in Stack Overflow: Deep Learning vs. SVM - A Reproducibility Study". *12th International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement (ESEM 2018)*. **Highly Commended Full Paper Award**
- ASE'17 (CCF-A)** [C6] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo. "AnswerBot - Automated Generation of Answer Summary to Developers' Technical Questions". *32nd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2017)*.
- ASE'16 (CCF-A)** [C5] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, Deheng Ye, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, Guibin Chen, Shanping Li. "Predicting Semantically Linkable Knowledge in Developer Online Forums via Convolutional Neural Network". *31st IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2016)*.

ASE'16 [C4] ✓ Guibin Chen, Chunyang Chen, Zhenchang Xing, **Bowen Xu**. "Learning Dual-Language
(CCF-A) Vector Space for Domain-specific Cross-Lingual Question Retrieval". *31st IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2016)*.

MSR'16 [C3] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo, Qingye Wang, Shanping Li. "Domain-
(CCF-C) Specific Cross-Language Relevant Question Retrieval". 13th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR 2016). *Invited to Empirical Software Engineering Journal*

ICECCS'15 [C2] ✓ Yun Zhang, David Lo, Xin Xia, **Bowen Xu**, Jianling Sun, Shanping Li. "Combining Soft-
(CCF-C) ware Metrics and Text Features for Vulnerable File Prediction". 20th International Conference on Engineering of Complex Computer Systems (ICECCS 2015).

APSEC'15 [C1] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, David Lo, Xin Xia, Ashish Sureka, Shanping Li. "EFSPredictor: Predicting
(CCF-C) Configuration Bugs With Ensemble Feature Selection". 22th Asia-Pacific Software Engineering Conference (APSEC 2015).

⇒ **Journal Papers**

TSE'21 [J3] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, HOANG Van Duc Thong, Abhishek SHARMA, Xin Xia, and David Lo. "Post2Vec:
(CCF-A) Learning Distributed Representations of Stack Overflow Posts". IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE).

EMSE'20 [J2] ★ ■ **Bowen Xu**, Le An, Ferdian Thung, Foutse Khomh, David Lo. "Why Reinventing the
(CCF-B) Wheels? An Empirical Study on Library Reuse and Re-implementation". Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE). *Presented during ICSE 2020 as part of the Journal First Paper Track*

EMSE'17 [J1] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo, Shanping Li. "Domain-Specific Cross-
(CCF-B) Language Relevant Question Retrieval". Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE).

⇒ **Tool Demo Papers**

ESEC/FSE'19 [T2] ✓ Liang Cai, Haoye Wang, **Bowen Xu**, Qiao Huang, Xin Xia, David Lo, Zhenchang Xing.
(CCF-A) "AnswerBot: An Answer Summary Generation Tool Based on Stack Overflow". The 27th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE 2019).

ESEC/FSE'17 [T1] ✓ **Bowen Xu**, Zhenchang Xing, Xin Xia, David Lo. "XSearch: A DomainSpecific Cross-
(CCF-A) Language Relevant Question Retrieval Tool". 11th joint meeting of the European Software Engineering Conference and the ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering.

⇒ **Workshop Paper**

AAAI'19 [W1] ✓ ★ Amirreza Shirani, **Bowen Xu**, David Lo, Thamar Solorio and Mohammad Amin Alipour.
RCQA "Question Relatedness on Stack Overflow: The Task, Dataset, and Corpus-inspired Model". AAAI 2019 Reasoning and Complex QA Workshop.

⇒ **Under Review Work**

TSE'22 [U1] ★ ■ **Bowen Xu**, Hongjin Kang, Jiajun Jiang, David Lo. "Example-Based Program Transform-
(CCF-A) ation For Bug Fixing: How Far Are We?". IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE).

Education

- 2017-2021** **Ph.D Candidate** in School of Computing and Information Systems, Singapore Management University, Singapore
Supervised by Prof. David Lo (IEEE Fellow, ACM Distinguished Member (Scientist))
- 2014-2017** **Master Degree** in School of Software Technology, Zhejiang University, China
Supervised by Prof. Shanping Li and Prof. Xin Xia (Top 40 Young Researchers in Australia)
- 2010-2014** **Bachelor Degree** in College of Computer Science and Technology, Hunan City University, China

Working Experience

- August - Present** **Research Scientist (Post-Doc)** in Software Analytics Research Group, Singapore Management University, Singapore
Work with Prof. David Lo
- May - July, 2017** **Research Associate** in Software Analytics Research Group, Singapore Management University, Singapore
Work with Prof. David Lo
- Feb - July, 2016** **Research Assistant** in Software Engineering Lab, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Work with Prof. Zhenchang Xing

Professional Services

- MSR'22** **Program Committee** for Data and Tool Showcase Track, The 2022 Mining Software Repositories Conference (CCF-C).
- TOIS'20** **Journal Referee** for ACM Transactions on Information Systems (CCF-A).
- JSS'20** **Journal Referee** for Journal of Systems and Software (CCF-C).

Teaching

- 2020** Teaching Assistant, Singapore Management University, IS706 - Software Mining and Analysis
Students' Feedback: <https://tinyurl.com/1t9xklsh>
- 2019** Graduate Instructor Certification, Singapore Management University, Singapore.

Certifications, honors & awards

- 2020** Dean's List (top3%), Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- 2020** Presidential Doctoral Fellowship (top3%), Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- 2017** Excellent Graduate of Zhejiang Province, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of Zhejiang Province (top3%), China.
- 2014** Scholarship of State Street (top5%), State Street Corp, U.S.A.
- 2012** National Scholarship (top3%), Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, China.