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## Research Interests

I am interested in *large language models (LLMs) for code*.

As a member of the **StarCoder2** [1] team, I contributed to its evaluation and release. I am also a core member of the upcoming **StarCoder2-Instruct** project.

My recent project 📦 **Magocoder** [3] [GitHub] [Preprint] has obtained **1800+ stars** ★ **on GitHub**. Magocoder is powered by *OSS-Instruct* that generates code instructions from open source inspirations. It surpasses ChatGPT on HumanEval+ with  $\leq 7B$  parameters.

My past project **Repilot** [4] [GitHub] [Preprint] [Slides] has **100+ stars** ★ **on GitHub**. Repilot effectively improves the validity of LLMs generated code by fusing its token-by-token generation with a semantics-based completion engine.

## Education

Since 2022 **PhD student in Computer Science**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, Urbana, Illinois, USA, *GPA: 4.0/4.0*

Advisor: [Prof. Lingming Zhang](#). *Anticipated graduation date: May, 2027*

2017–2022 **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**, *Tongji University*, Shanghai, China, *GPA: 91.06/100*

## Publications

- [1] Anton Lozhkov, Raymond Li, Loubna Ben Allal, Federico Cassano, Joel Lamy-Poirier, Nouamane Tazi, Ao Tang, Dmytro Pykhtar, Jiawei Liu, **Yuxiang Wei**, et al. “StarCoder 2 and The Stack v2: The Next Generation”. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.19173* (2024).
- [2] Yifeng Ding, Jiawei Liu, **Yuxiang Wei**, and Lingming Zhang. “XFT: Unlocking the Power of Code Instruction Tuning by Simply Merging Upcycled Mixture-of-Experts”. In: *Preprint* (2024).
- [3] **Yuxiang Wei**, Zhe Wang, Jiawei Liu, Yifeng Ding, and Lingming Zhang. “Magocoder: Source Code Is All You Need”. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.02120* (2023).
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- [7] Haolong Li, Zizheng Zhong, Wei Guan, Chenghao Du, Yu Yang, **Yuxiang Wei**, and Chen Ye. “Generative character inpainting guided by structural information”. In: *The Visual Computer* 37.9 (2021), pp. 2895–2906. DOI: [10.1007/s00371-021-02218-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00371-021-02218-y). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00371-021-02218-y>.

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## Academic Services

(AEC stands for Artifact Evaluation Committee)

Organizing committee The First International Workshop on Large Language Models for Code (LLM4Code 2024), co-located with ICSE 2024

Reviewer ICLR 2024 Workshop on Reliable and Responsible Foundation Models (R2-FM@ICLR 2024)

AEC The ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS 2023)

AEC Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI 2024)

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## Talks

Dec 2023 Conference talk for Repilot [4] at ESEC/FSE 2023

Oct 2023 Kwai Inc.: Fusing Language Models with Completion Engines for Code Generation

Apr 2023 Uber Programming Systems Lab: Fusing Language Models with Completion Engines for Program Repair

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## Selected Awards

Oct 2023 NSF Student Travel Award (\$1800)

Oct 2023 ACM SIGSOFT CAPS Award (\$400)

Mar 2021 1st Prize of “Challenge Cup” Academic Works Competition, Tongji University

Nov 2019 National 2nd Prize (3.84%) of Chinese Mathematical Contest in Modeling

Nov 2019 Province-Level 1st Prize (Shanghai) of Chinese Mathematical Contest in Modeling

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## Open Source Contributions

I am dedicated to making practical and easy-to-use tools for everyone!

- 🤖 **MagiCoder** [3] [GitHub] (**1.8K stars**): enhancing code generation with *OSS-Instruct*. MagiCoder surpasses ChatGPT on HumanEval+ with  $\leq 7B$  parameters.
- **Repilot** [4] [GitHub] (**100+ stars**): patch/code generation by combining large language models and semantics-based completion engines.
- **TZER** [6] [GitHub] (**60+ stars**): fuzzer for the low-level IR (Intermediate Representation) of the **TVM** machine learning compiler.

## Programming Skills

I enjoy learning new programming language features all the time!

- Python I am proficient in coding **well-typed Python** programs using *type hints*.
- C++ In the past, I programmed in **modern C++** a lot, where I learned *templates*, *type inference*, *lambda expressions*, and so on.
- Swift Writing Apps in **Swift** helped me learn many advanced language features, including the *declarative paradigms of SwiftUI* for user interface creation.
- Rust **Rust** navigates me through its unique *ownership model* and *lifetime system*.
- Haskell/Scala I embrace *functional programming*, benefiting greatly from **Haskell** and **Scala 3**.
- Others Beyond these, my coding experiences extend to **Java**, **Javascript**, **C**, and **Verilog**.