

# XIAXIN SHEN

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## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Princeton University** 2027 (Expected)  
Second year PhD student Princeton, NJ 08544
- **B.S. in Computer Information Technology, Purdue University** May 2022  
Graduated with highest distinction (GPA: 3.96 / 4.0) West Lafayette, IN 47906

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Conference Publication

- David J. Richter, Lance Natonski, **Xiaxin Shen**, and Ricardo A. Calix. Attitude control for fixed-wing aircraft using q-learning. In *International Conference on Intelligent Human Computer Interaction (IHCI)*. Springer, 2021
- Upinder Kaur, Haozhe Zhou, **Xiaxin Shen**, Byung-Cheol Min, and Richard M. Voyles. Robomal: Malware detection for robot network systems. In *2021 IEEE International Conference on Robotic Computing (IRC)*. IEEE, 2021

## AWARDS

- Gordon Y.S. Wu Fellowship in Engineering 2022
- Best Session Paper Award in 2021 Springer IHCI (Session Name: Machine Learning for HCI) 2021
- 3rd Place in the SAE Mobility Forward Challenge: AI Mini-Challenge Competition 2021
- Award for Best Visualization in Purdue's 7th Annual ASA DataFest Competition 2021
- Purdue University Dean's List and Academic Honors Certificate 2018 - 2020
- National-wide: Top 40 and Finalist in the ITA Tech Challenge Programming Competition 2019

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### RoboMal: Malware Detection for Robot Network Systems

Mar 2021 - Aug 2021

- Developed the RoboMal dataset using the controller files of the publicly available autonomous car with Gazebo-based simulation available at GitHub
- Created a total of 450 binary executable and linkable format (ELF) files with 232 malware files and 218 good software files by modifying gains and scalars and manipulating the proportional-derivative (PD) control structure by person
- Identifying the maliciousness of the code with an accuracy of 85% and precision of 87%

### Attitude Control for Fixed-Wing Aircraft using Q-Learning

Jan 2020 - Nov 2020

- Applied algorithms Q-Learning proposed in 1989 to airplane simulator which is available at GitHub
- Utilized Python to work with high dimensional, non-linear and complex tasks with a simulated aircraft Cessna 172 in JSBSim
- Implemented the algorithm for airplane flight based on Q-Learning to make the airplane fly with the goal of maintaining a constant altitude
- Defined a Q-table with the size (states(168), actions(4)) by creating an encoding system by converting discrete action values to continuous values

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### ECE 115 Introduction to Computing: Programming Autonomous Vehicles

2023 Fall

Graduate assistant in instruction

Princeton University

## COURSE PROJECTS

### Eigenface++: Face Recognition with Deep PCA

2023 Spring

- Revolutionized PCA into deep PCA by enhancing input matrix diversity through convolution
- Achieved comparable recognition correctness with just 25% of original image data

### ControlLoRA++

2023 Spring

- Extended ControlLoRA by adding two tasks: scribble and HED with additional datasets: COCO and Waymo

### Bitcoin Implementation

2022 Fall

- Built a simplified Bitcoin client using Rust programming language

## SKILLS

- **Python:** Implemented data scraping, XML files parsing, data cleaning, data analytics and model building with TensorFlow and PyTorch
- **C/C++:** Implemented data structure and algorithms by finishing about 150 problems at online judge system
- **Java:** Maintained a Java-based system using the technique of Mybatis, Maven, Spring MVC for knowledge mapping. Implemented parallel programming for operating system. Developed Android App: RLEAM Reader
- **Latex:** Edited paper with IEEE/ ACM/ Springer formats
- **Git:** Version control especially for group projects
- **Tableau:** Visualized and analyzed data in Purdue's 7th Annual ASA DataFest Competition