

# An Nguyen Tran

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## EDUCATION

### Bachelors of Science in Computer Science

California Institute of Technology (Caltech) • Pasadena, CA • 2023 • 4.15

## COURSEWORK

### Intro to Software Engineering

CS 3 • C, Teamwork

- Worked on long-term large software deliverable in C with a small team of 4 programmers.
- Created a rudimentary physics engine with collision detection resolution and an asteroid game from using C and SDL2.

### Decidability and Tractability

CS 21 • Complexity Theory, Proofs

- Analyzed the theoretical runtimes of basic algorithms, and proved NP/PSPACE completeness of computational with formalized proofs.

### Intro to Programming Methods

CS 2 • Java, Data Structures

- Implemented fundamental CS data structures (Lists, Maps, Heaps) and graph algorithms (BFS, DFS, Dijkstra, etc.).
- Worked on a game AI for Othello/Reversi using Java and algorithms such as Alpha-Beta searchers, Bitboards, and Evaluators.

## SKILLS

Python, C & C++, Rust, Node.js, Unix, Tensorflow, Java, Kotlin, JavaScript/TypeScript, WebPack, HTML, CSS/SCSS, ReactJS

## EXPERIENCE

### Undergraduate Research Fellow

Caltech: Powell-Booth Laboratory for Computational Science (OVRAS)

June 2020 – August 2020, Remote

- Employed as a software development intern for the research group and supervised by a research mentor.
- Developed a new full-stack WebSocket protocol to replace the group's prototype protocol, resulting in performance increases and a new well-documented backend for the group's prototype of a remote educational platform.
- Accomplished a multi-platform client by using Rust and Actix to create the socket back-end, and TypeScript, WebPack, and ReactJS to build web front-end.

## PROJECTS

### Celltomata

Hacktech • March 2020

- Implemented the backend for a multiplayer fusion of Conway's Game of Life and .io games.
- Programmed the WebSocket backend and game logic in Rust, and front-end interface with Node.JS and HTML/CSS/JS.

### Lovecraft-LSTM

github.com/Avarel/Lovecraft-LSTM • January 2020

- Used the Python TensorFlow machine learning library and an LSTM model to generate texts based on 18 famous Lovecraft works.
- Computed and trained online using 60 cloud TPU hours of Google Colaboratory.

### Octave (Formerly Gnar)

github.com/Stardust-Discord/Octave • September 2016 – August 2019

- Wrote an open-source Discord bot in Java and Kotlin, using JDA and Lavaplayer, serving over 100000 Discord servers.
- Handled and streamed OPUS sound packets from YouTube videos (and 5 other sources) to Discord voice channels to deliver a premium music experience.

## INVOLVEMENT

### Software Member

California Institute of Technology • Caltech Robotics Club • October 2019 – Present

- Used ROS Melodic and PyTorch to implement detectors for a robotic submarine.

### Competitor

Riverside Community College • ACM-ICPC Competition • November 2019

- Competed in the regionals ICPC programming competition. Placed 31 out of 88 on freshman year.