# Colby Duke

Engineering @ Applied Intuition https://colby.codes

#### Education

**Georgia Institute of Technology** – Atlanta, GA Bachelor of Science in Computer Science August 2019 – May 2023 Faculty Honors, Dean's List, Zell Miller Scholar

### Work Experience

### Software Engineer

# **Applied Intuition**

June 2023 - Present

- Building a cloud-native autonomous vehicle development toolchain centered on simulation-based V&V.
- Developing full stack features across products using Python, Go, Typescript + React, Postgres, and Bazel.
- Aided in doubling the TCV of one product, personally managing the eng-side of 5 accounts totaling \$XXm.
- Meeting directly with customers on a weekly basis, gathering feedback and quickly implementing requests.
- Writing product and eng roadmaps, demoing features to C-suite customer execs, and engaging in pre-sales.

### Software Engineer Intern

# Snap Inc.

May – August 2022

- Researched in Snap's R&D division, SnapLab, on Spectacles Snap's next generation wearable smartglasses.
- Improved computer vision models for hand tracking and pose estimation using Spectacles' camera system.
- Generated over three million frames of fully synthetic training data which reduced CV model error by 20%.
- Built and deployed load distributed Kubernetes machine learning pipelines for CV training and validation.

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#### Uber

May – August 2021

- Worked on algorithmically modelling order costs (Core Pricing team) for Uber Eats' 80 million monthly users.
- Developed a pricing microservice which calculates delivery fees based on restaurant and customer location.
- Coded the back-end for the service with Go, Python, Hive, and Docstore (Uber's distributed SQL database).

### Software Engineer Intern

### The Home Depot

January – May 2021

- Designed and programmed an ARKit-based iOS app to scan 3D models of customers' furniture with LiDAR.
- Enabled the app to generate and save high fidelity meshes from the scans with ~2cm-wide polygon faces.
- Merged the meshes with AR to create real-time virtual visualizations of the customers' furniture and rooms.

## University Projects & Organizations

**CopyCat** – Computer Vision and HCI research project which utilizes pose-estimators paired with Hidden Markov Models to translate American Sign Language (ASL) signs to aid deaf children learning ASL.

**PopSign** – Primary project manager of PopSign, a published iOS and Android mobile game which teaches adults ASL on their phones. PopSign is backed by Google's Accessibility Research Team and was presented at Google I/O 2023. Visit PopSign.org for links to the app store pages and recent news about the project.

GT CS Careers Club – Founder and President of the Georgia Tech Computer Science Careers Club, a registered student organization and online community of over 2,500 GT CS students. The club offers mentorship, resume workshops, mock interviews, technical interview prep, and other career-related services.

#### **Awards**

1st Place Paper – ACM CHI Conference 2021, Undergraduate Student Research Competition – May 2021. Best Overall Presentation – Georgia Tech CoC, Undergraduate Research Symposium – April 2021.

#### Skills

Languages – Python, Go, Typescript, Java, C++, C, C#, Swift, Bash, x86 Assembly

**Technologies** – React, Docker, Kubernetes, Terraform, TensorFlow, OpenCV, SQLAlchemy, Bazel, GraphQL **Concepts** – Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Pose Estimation, Microservice Architecture, Distributed

Systems, Scalable Containerization, Cloud Computing, Human Computer Interaction, Augmented Reality, Git

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# JANUS Research Group

June – August 2019

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- Developed the drivers necessary to integrate IR cameras into a Variscite IMX6 board.
- Utilized Yocto to create a custom Linux-based OS for the board so it could load the camera drivers.

#### Data Science Intern

# JANUS Research Group

June – August 2020

- Constructed a line of computer vision sensors to monitor meters on water pumps at local farms.
- Integrated the sensors into the Google Cloud Platform, connected via LoRaWAN and cellular data.
- Created a monitoring UI with Django, InfluxDB, and Grafana for the Georgia counties managing the sensors.

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- Programmed the back-end functionality for future teams to implement these features into THD's mobile app.
- Current stack includes Python (SQLAlchemy, GraphQL, Postgres), React, Kubernetes, and Terraform.

#### **Publications**

D Bansal, P Ravi, M So, P Agrawal, I Chadha, G Murugappan, and C Duke.

2021. CopyCat: Using Sign Language Recognition to Help Deaf Children Acquire Language Skills. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (*CHI EA '21*). ACM, Article 481, 1–10. https://doi.org/10.1145/3411763.3451523

**RoboJackets** – Programmer for my team's collegiate-level 3 lb. Battle Bot, Varsiti. Awards and placements will go here after we actually attend some competitions later this year.

**Penny.ds** – Python-based Discord bot which utilizes Natural Language Processing to translate English sentences into Bash commands. Integrated with a wide variety of public API's to pull various data from webservers.

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# Co-authored Publication at 2021 ACM CHI: https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3411763.3451523

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