

# David Hua

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## Technical Skills

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- **Programming Languages:** Python (Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch, NumPy), Java (JavaFX), C, C++, JavaScript/TypeScript, SQL, R
  - **Databases & Data Management:** SQL (DDL/DML, joins, aggregation), Relational Database Design, Normalization, ER Modeling, ETL Pipelines, Data Cleaning
  - **Testing:** Test case design, Regression Testing, Bug Tracking, Defect Triage, JUnit, unittest, pytest, SuperTest, chai
  - **UI/UX Design:** Prototyping (Figma), Interview/Observation/Survey Design, Thematic Analysis, Usability Testing, Heuristic Evaluation, UI mockup adaptation, Client-driven Iteration
  - **Machine Learning & AI:** Classical ML models (KNN, Ridge, Random Forest, ensemble methods, etc), Recommendation System, Time Series, Model Evaluation & Deployment
  - **Web Development:** RESTful services, Node.js, Express, React, HTML, CSS, JavaScript/TypeScript
  - **Tools:** Docker, Git, GitHub, UML-based Architecture Design, Basic Linux Environments, CI/CD Pipelines
- Note on course status:** SQL fundamentals currently being strengthened through coursework.

## Education

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**University of British Columbia**, B.Sc in Computer Science August 2024 – Present

- GPA: 4.33/4.33 (91.5/100)
- Honors: Faculty of Science International Student Scholarship, UBC Dean's Scholar
- Course Work: Machine Learning, Human Computer Interaction, Full stack Development, Database system

**Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen**, B.Eng in Computer Engineering June 2023 – August 2024

- GPA: 3.7/4.0

## Experience

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**Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (CPSC 110)**, University of British Columbia Jan 2026 – April 2026

- Led weekly lab sessions for CPSC 110 (Computation, Programs, and Programming) with two other TAs, guiding 30+ students through programming exercises and conceptual challenges.
- Hosted office hours and actively supported students on Piazza, answering technical and conceptual questions to ensure timely learning support.
- Collaborated with instructors and TAs to align grading criteria and maintain consistent assessment standards across lab sections.

**QA Intern**, GHz Technology Ltd. May 2025 – June 2025

- Conducted independent end-to-end testing of a hospital mobile application, covering full UI functionality prior to internal release.
- Designed and maintained 100+ structured test cases; identified 21 bugs and 4 usability issues, including 4 missed by the internal QA engineer.
- Collaborated with QA Engineers and developers to triage, report, and verify fixes using internal tracking tools.
- Supported UI design iteration in early stage of internship by adapting layouts based on evolving client requirements using Figma.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, CUHK(SZ) January 2024 – July 2024

- Developed and implemented a web crawler to automatically retrieve ESG reports from corporate websites, enhancing data acquisition efficiency.
- Converted PDF documents into text, increasing data accuracy and reliability.
- Employed advanced large language models to extract critical information from text, streamlining the data

processing workflow.

- Created well-designed prompts, significantly reducing the incidence of hallucinated or inaccurate data by 4%, bolstering the integrity of research outcomes.

**Finance Officer**, CUHK(SZ) IEEE Student Branch

August 2023 – July 2024

- Established financial oversight system for a 200+ member IEEE branch, managing reimbursements, student funding requests, and compliance with university policies.
- Initiated and managed a reimbursement project for IEEE membership fees, funded by the School of Science and Engineering, to boost student membership in the global IEEE community.

## Projects

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**UBC Course Visual Planner**

[View on GitHub](#)

- Developed a course-visualizing and planning tool designed to assist students in planning their academic schedules and exploring future courses.
- Ensured accessibility by deploying the tool across multiple platforms, including a dedicated website and a PC application.
- Tools Used: React, TypeScript, Express, HTML/CSS, Figma

**Identifier System to Enhance ASCII Art Recognition in LLMs**

[View on GitHub](#)

- Designed a lightweight content-moderation tool integrating LLM and VLM models to detect offensive ASCII art.
- Improved recognition accuracy from 12% to 81% and reduced hallucination from 88% to 14% through image-based rerouting.
- Implemented reproducible experiments and statistical validation (t-test, bootstrap) in Python.
- Tools Used: Python, OpenRouter

**UBC Minecraft Player Engagement Analysis**

[View on GitHub](#)

- Analyzed player behavior on a UBC-hosted Minecraft server using player and session data to identify which types of players contribute the most data, aiding targeted recruitment for future research.
- Tools Used: Python (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, SciPy)

## Languages & Communication

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- English (Advanced)
- Mandarin (Proficient/Native)
- Shanghainese (Advanced)
- French (beginner)