

# Zhengqi (Drago) Dong

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## EDUCATION

**Boston University**, College of Engineering, Boston, MA (GPA: 3.9/4.0) Expected 12/22  
MS in Robotics & Autonomous Systems

**The Ohio State University**, College of Engineering, Columbus, OH (GPA: 3.67/4.0) 05/21

B.S Computer Science Engineering (Minor in Statistics)

Graduated with Honor in Engineering, and Honor Research Distinction in Agricultural Engineering

**Related Coursework:** Medical Robotic, Soft Robotic, Motion Planning, Machine Learning, High-performance Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Algorithm & Data structure, Interpreter & Compiler, Operation System, Networking, Information Security, Web Development, Database Systems, Probability & Statistic, Analog & Digital Circuits

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Software Engineer Intern**, Yrobot Inc, Boston, MA, United States 06/22 - 09/22

- Designed and developed a File Transferring Simulator for company's embedded system of wearable devices.
- Write C++ code for dev board and Python for client endpoint that can communicate via TCP and X/Y/ZMODEM protocol.

**Software Developer Intern**, BU Spark!, Boston, MA, United States 09/21 - 01/22

- Created a website that loads mutual aid resources from Postgres database, then displays all food resources and mutual aid locations around Greater Boston area in an interactive map by using mapbox API.
- Designed and developed the front-end in Gatsby to improve user experience by adding multi-language feature.
- Deployed frontend via GitHub Pages with https secure access, and utilized Docker Compose to containerize back-end application, then deployed on AWS EC2 instance, and secured the communication between front-end and backed with TLS/SSL certificate.

## PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

**Deep-Learning Based Plant Disease Detection** (Python, TensorFlow, Slurm/PBS scheduler): 06/19 - 12/20

- Awarded \$5500 scholarship by proposing an image-based deep learning approach and application framework design.
- Compared pros and cons of approaches between machine learning and deep learning-based detection.
- Conducted sequences of hyper-parameter tuning to improve the result, including train-validation split ratio, batch size, and complexity of pre-trained models, and resulted in 99.5% and 98.11% accuracy in training and validation respectively.
- Completed "Honors Research Distinction" thesis over 70+ pages and presented the result at two research forums.

**Filmpedia -- Movie Recommendation Website** (Python, Django, React.js, Docker, Heroku, Travis CI): 08/20 - 12/20

- Coordinated with three other senior students to develop a dynamic movie recommendation website by using Django as backend and React.js as frontend.
- Accomplished various useful features by leveraging IBM Cloud Platform and TMDB RESTful APIs, including user and movie database, routes configuration, multi-languages support, movie searching and recommendation.
- Achieved automated deployment by containerizing the application with Docker and launched the app via Heroku.

**Multi-threaded MapReduce Emulator** (Multithreaded programming, C, makefile, Valgrind): 01/21 - 05/21

- Created and implemented a multi-threaded version of MapReduce Emulator for counting the number of occurrences of words for a given file, which potentially can be used for search engines or web crawlers in text processing.

## SKILLS

**Programming languages:** Python (Django, Flask, PyTorch, and certified Google TensorFlow Developer), and C/C++ (GDB, Valgrind, Makefile, gprof), Ruby (Ruby on Rails), Java, R (tidyverse and shiny), X86 Assembly Language, HTML, CSS(Bootstrap), JavaScript (React.js, Gatsby, Prisma), MATLAB, SQLite, Bash Script, LaTeX

**High-Performance Computing Techniques:** Code Optimization (e.g., loop parallelism, reassociation, blocking), Multiprocessor Optimization (e.g., Pthread, OpenMP, SSE/AVX intrinsic SIMD vectorization), GPU Optimization (e.g., CUDA programming), Distributed System (e.g., Slurm/PBS scheduler, MPI), Deep Learning Optimization (e.g, model/data/hybrid parallelism, LBANN, Horovod, Dask)

**Software Techniques:** Linux, GitHub, AWS (Cloud 9, EC2), Docker, Heroku, Postman, CAD (SolidWorks)

## LEADERSHIP & EXPERIENCE

**Student Instructional Assistant**, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 08/20 - 05/21

**WebMaster**, IEEE at OSU Undergraduate chapter, Columbus, OH 01/18 - 05/21

**Vice-president**, OSU Table Tennis Club, Columbus, OH 05/19 - 05/20

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Dean's List (>3.5 GPA) over five semesters and graduated with Honor Research Distinction.
- Awarded 2020, 2021 IEEE Excellent Service Award, active IEEE members (Student Member, 2018–Present).
- Awarded Table Tennis Team Champion at 2018-19 NCTTA Midwest Tournament.

