

# Yichen (Eason) PAN

## Education

- 2013 – 2017 **The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China.**  
BSc Hons Computer Science
- Average mark 85 (British education system, 1%, 1/46, GPA: 4.0)
- Thesis *A Deep Learning Approach to Image-based Group-level Emotion Analysis*

## Honors and Awards

- 12/2016 **Best Student of the Year Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham.*  
For the best student in each department
- 12/2016 **President's Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham.*  
For excellent academic performance, 30000RMB, 1%
- 11/2016 **China National Scholarship**, *Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China.*  
Highest scholarship in China; top 1% of all university students
- 11/2016 **The 2016 ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Contest Bronze Award.**
- 11/2016 **Dream Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham.*  
For innovative science and technology achievements, 1%
- 08/2016 **Best Project in Seals Competition**, *Alibaba Group.*  
For the best project out of 12 projects
- 05/2016 **Best Group Project and Group Leader**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.*  
For the best year 3 group project in School of Computer Science and the best group leader
- 03/2016 **UI Design Competition**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.*  
Second award, 1%, Demo link
- 03/2016 **Outstanding Student**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.*  
For innovative and excellent academic contribution, 1%
- 12/2015 **Provost's Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham.*  
For excellent academic performance, 15000RMB, 1.5%
- 12/2015 **2015 Ningbo Collegiate Programming Contest**, *The Education Committee of Ningbo.*  
Third award
- 05/2015 **Outstanding Director of Organization**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.*  
For outstanding leadership in social activities, 1%
- 12/2014 **Dean's Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham.*  
For good academic performance, 6000RMB, 10%

## Publications

- Fu X., Pan Y., Ch'ng, E., & Aickelin, Uwe., (under review). *Learning to detect redundancies with word mover's distance based on distributed representations.*
- Towey D., Pan Y., Qu Y., (under review). *Reflections from Student-staff Collaboration to Develop an Open Educational Resource.*

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## Internship

05/2016 – **Taobao Team**, Alibaba Group, Algorithm Engineer.

- 09/2016
- Automatic mobile-based speaker verification system development.
    - Implemented and compared several state-of-art approaches and models, such as GMM-UBM, I-vector and JFA to realize speaker verification tasks in practice.
    - Optimized and came up with original algorithms to improve the performance, including variant weighting scheme in models.
    - Set up a deep learning based speaker verification system.
  - Security Robot design and development under the funding from GNome Magic Lab.
    - Set up a face detection and verification system.
    - Applied for the National Utility Model Patent.

05/2015 – **Big Data and Visual Analytics Lab Internship**, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China,  
09/2015 Research assistant.

- Configured and practiced a big data architecture (Hadoop and MPI) for social media data mining and novelty event detection.
- Collected health-related data from social media websites (Twitter, Weibo).
- Conducted data pre-processing and cleaning work.
- Conducted data analysis, including keywords, sentiments, numerical analysis using machine learning technology.

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## Skills

Basic Image Processing, HCI, Data Visualization, Python, Weka

Intermediate Web technique, MEAN stack, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Data Mining, R, Matlab, Database Management, C/C++, Java, Design Pattern, Software Engineering, Agile Development

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## Research

09/2016 – **A Deep Learning Approach to Image-based Group-level Emotion Analysis.**

- Present
- Undergraduate thesis
  - Adopted Deep Learning techniques to realize effective image-based group-level emotion analysis.

09/2015 – **Redundancy Detection Based on Word Embeddings**, *Undergraduate researcher.*

- Present
- Based on the statistics language model, applied LSI and incremental TF-IDF to realize real-time FSD.
  - Optimized FSD by applying SVD to solve polysemy and synonymy problems and reduce noise.
  - Proposed a novel redundant event filtering system based on the dense word embedding scheme (word2vec) incorporated with the distributed word mover's distance metric.
    - Optimized the process of calculating EMD.
    - Applied EMD in clustering (including K-means, hierarchical clustering and etc.) to realize highly accurate FSD.
  - Submitted for a research paper.

05/2015 – **Twitter Sentiment Analysis**, Big Data and Visual Analytics Lab.

- 09/2015
- Compared the difference in feature selection methods (Information gain, CHI and Document frequency).
  - Optimized the lexicon based sentiment analysis:
    - Optimized the algorithm by considering intensifying words, negation words, position and punctuations.
  - Compared and optimized the supervised approach using machine learning classification algorithms.
    - Compared the difference in feature weight algorithms (Presence, TF and TF-IDF).
    - Compared the difference in classification by using different supervised algorithms (including Multinomial Naive Bayes, KNN, C4.5, SVM and etc.) under different feature selection methods and feature weight algorithms.
  - Classified sentiment using lexicon-based ensemble learning methods.
    - Generated features based on various lexicons.
    - Enhanced classification by using ensemble classifiers (including Boosting, Bagging and etc.).
  - Proposed a multinomial Naïve Bayes classifier with several emoji-related features, which outperforms the top system in the task of Sentiment Analysis in Twitter in SemEval-2013 in terms of averaged F scores.

02/2016 – **Data mining and visual analytics.**

05/2016 ○ Data visualization using Gephi to explore small-world network.

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## Open-source Projects

01/2016 – **QuickNote (a scientific note-taking app)**, *team leader, scrum master, full-stack developer*,  
Present <http://quicknote.cc>.

- Application description:
  - Based on MEAN stack and node-webkit technique.
  - Monitored and recorded users' activity data for data analysis and mining to find a scientific way of taking notes.
  - Based on machine learning and NLP algorithms to classify notes to build a university ranged but major or topic specific knowledge database.
  - Built a user-friendly notes and knowledge sharing environment to facilitate and manage innovation and organisational learning.
  - Supported a number of distinct features including powerful multimedia, drag and drop, cloud storage and sharing mechanism.
- Embraced and promoted the spirit of open-source.
- Efficiently led the development team to complete a full cycle of the software engineering process.
- Recognized at the provincial level as a Zhejiang Provincial Higher Education T&L Development Scheme Project.
- Received a UNNC Teaching and Learning grant two years in a row in recognition of its importance in the development of pedagogy at UNNC.

05/2016 – **Yigong She (a voluntary worker platform)**, *team leader, full-stack developer*.

- Present ○ Product description:
- Based on LAMP stack technique
  - Offered two systems, one is for voluntary workers to register and arrange work and the other is for managers to manage the whole team.
- Promoted charity to students in the university.

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## Portfolio

**QuickNote**, <http://quicknote.org>.

- Open-sourced project, under license CC BY-SA.

**Super Delivery (UI design)**, <http://panatopos.com/SuperDelivery>.

- Won the second award in the university UI competition and highest mark in the HCI module.

**AngryBirds & Plants VS Zombies**, <https://github.com/PAN001/AngryBirds-PlantsVSZombies>.

- A desktop game based on Cpp programming.

**Interactive games developed with Python**, <https://github.com/PAN001/Interactive-Game-using-Python>.

- Integrated the learning process into designing Python-based games.

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## Scores

GRE 326 (Verbal: 159, Quantitative: 167)

TOEFL 105 (Reading: 29, Listening: 26, Speaking: 23, Writing: 27)

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## Selected Courses at university

AE1DBS **Database Systems**, first class.

- In-depth knowledge of the relational models of database systems.
- Able to effectively use MySQL and MongoDB for practical usage.

AE1WPS **Web Programming and Scripting**, first class.

- In-depth knowledge of the network protocols, layers and models.
- Adept at designing static and dynamic websites and complete web applications using MEAN stack.
- Skilled in using scripts to conduct web crawler and information retrieval.

- AE2ADS **Algorithms and Data Structures**, first class.
- In-depth knowledge of common data structures and algorithms.
  - Adept at applying knowledge into practical usage.
- AE2SAD **Software Application Development**, first class.
- In-depth knowledge of modern interface paradigms and design patterns.
  - Adept at designing and writing object-oriented programs and GUIs.
- AE2SEM **Software Engineering Methodologies**, first class.
- In-depth knowledge of modern software development strategy, change and conflict management.
  - Skilled in agile development and productive teamwork.
  - Skilled in software testing and quality assurance.

## Selected Completed online Courses

Johns Hopkins	<b>Exploratory Data Analysis</b>	<i>Verified certification URL</i>
Duke	<b>Data Analysis and Statistical Inference</b>	<i>Verified certification URL</i>
Stanford	<b>Mining Massive Datasets</b>	<i>Certification URL</i>
Stanford	<b>Cryptography</b>	<i>Certification URL</i>

## Presentation

- 09/2016 **UNNC Teaching & Learning Conference**, *speaker*, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.
- Give a presentation on introduction to QuickNote and how it will be integrated into daily teaching and learning at the university.

## Organization

- 05/2014 – 05/2015 **Student Society Center (SSC)**, *The director of the secretariat department*, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.
- Organized and managed the secretariat department.
  - Handled the public relations among the organization.
  - Regulated and supervised more than 80 societies and organizations at campus.
  - Organized and directed several university level activities, including UNNC Open Day, Sports Festival, Art Month and etc.
  - Took charge of editing and designing UNNC society books.
  - Highly developed the capability of the operation and coordination.
- 09/2014 – Present **Learning Community Fora (LCF)**, *LCF for Computer Science*, The University of Nottingham.
- Liaised with all students and represented as students to raise their issues and requests to the academic faculty.
  - Supported the improvement of academic teaching and learning.
  - Obtained the ability of communication and negotiation.
  - Highly developed the sense of responsibility and integrity.