

# Allen Liu

Greater New York Area

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## EDUCATION

**Carnegie Mellon University** | Pittsburgh, PA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science • Minor in Robotics • GPA 3.5 • Expected Graduation: May 2022

**Relevant Courses:** Principles of Software Construction, Robot Kinematics and Dynamics, Software Foundations of Security and Privacy, Introduction to Machine Learning, Parallel and Sequential Data Structures

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## EXPERIENCE

**Amazon Web Services** | Seattle, WA (Remote)

**Software Development Engineer Intern (CloudFormation Team)** • June 2020 - August 2020

- Developing a query engine for customers to build complex queries using GraphQL against their CloudFormation data in order to reduce the number of API calls and client-side computation currently required for queries.
- Responsible for the project design, database and GraphQL schemas, and end to end implementation.
- Written in Java and built with various AWS services including AppSync, Lambda, DynamoDB, and DocumentDB.

**Eberly Center** | Pittsburgh, PA

**Research Assistant** • November 2019 - April 2020

- Applied machine learning and computer vision to analyze classroom data and generate useful metrics for professors to better understand their class dynamic and facilitate learning.
- Extracted and analyzed various audio metrics (RMS, peak levels, zero-crossing rate, SNR, etc.) via Librosa to determine a set of viable features to discriminate between human speech, background noise, and silence.
- Utilized scikit-learn to produce a voice activity detector that achieved 86% accuracy on our classroom test set.

**CyLab** (Visual Intel Studio) | Pittsburgh, PA

**Research Assistant** • August 2019 - October 2019

- Lead developer for an indoor navigation project - an Android app that utilizes the Google Maps API in combination with onboard sensors and existing building floor plans to track location indoors even when GPS is unavailable.
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## SKILLS

**Comfortable** developing applications and algorithms in Java (including some Android development), Python, and C.

**Experienced** with GraphQL, AWS Java SDK, git, mockito, scikit-learn, PyTorch, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, and CAD

**Familiar** with developing web applications and sites using Javascript (React, Node.js), HTML, and CSS (Bootstrap)

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## PROJECTS

**News Cloud (PennApps 2019 Submission)** - Chrome extension that overrides the new tab page with a word cloud automatically generated with trending phrases scrapped from various news sites. A Flask app written in Python (for web scraping and natural language processing) and Javascript (site and word cloud generation).

- Developed the front end and word cloud generation script (in pure JS) to generate the cloud on the fly while considering a variety of criteria such as adaptability for various aspect ratios and overlap prevention.

**The Artist (2017 NJ TSA Animatronics - 1st Place)** - A voice-controlled animatronic that mimics human behavior (eye gaze, speech, etc.) that draws various objects and text-based on specified voice commands.

- Served as Team Manager and Lead Programmer from 2014 to 2017.

**for more details and other projects, please check out aliuliu121.github.io**

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## EXTRACURRICULARS

**CMU Fencing Club** | Sabre • September 2018 - Current