# Alan Zheng

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# **SUMMARY**

Undergraduate student at the University of Virginia with extensive experience in machine learning. Has a passion for algorithms and AI.

# **EDUCATION**

## **UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
BS: COMPUTER SCIENCE
MINOR: APPLIED MATHEMATICS
Expected May 2022
Cum. GPA: 3.966

## THOMAS JEFFERSON HSST

ALEXANDRIA, VA ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA Cum. GPA: 4.5 SAT: 1600/1600

# COURSEWORK

Data Structures • Discrete Mathematics Theory of Computation • Algorithms Artificial Intelligence • Machine Learning Vision and Language

Multivariable Calculus • Linear Algebra Probability • Differential Equations Stanford ML Certificate

# **SKILLS**

## **PROGRAMMING**

Over 5000 lines:

Python • Java • JavaScript/NodeJS • C++ Over 1000 lines:

Obj-C • HTML+CSS • MATLAB • Swift Familiar:

R • C# • SQL

## **TOOLS**

TensorFlow • Keras • OpenCV • ROS PyTorch • spaCy • NLTK • scikit-learn transformers (huggingface) • Pandas Docker • Git • Elastic Beanstalk

# **INTERESTS**

Alpine Skiing • Dance Piano • Guitar • Cello Poker • Lockpicking

# WORK AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

## **NOBLIS | DATA SCIENCE INTERN**

Jun 2020 - Present | Reston, VA

- Implemented context-based tagging and Word Sense Disambiguation the VÖR project using lightweight NLP techniques.
- Evaluated stay-at-home order effectiveness during the COVID-19 crisis through traffic data analysis on a capstone project.

## **GMU LEARNING AGENTS CENTER** | RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jun 2018 - Aug 2018 | Fairfax, VA

• Worked and improved on an artificial intelligence system for evidence-based detection of Advanced Persistent Threats.

## **PROJECTS**

## **CURRENT: ENSEMBLE | Social Media**

- Platform allowing users to organize, share, and stream media with friends in real-time from various entertainment platforms.
- Designing the backend using NodeJS, Docker, and AWS services.

#### **CURRENT: GOGH GET PAPER** | Personal Project

- Web application that generates wallpapers and landscapes based on user preference of artistic style and genre.
- Focusing on the data collection via web scraping and the backend, i.e. processing images, training the **generative models**.

## SHOP WITH SPACE | HOOHACKS 2020, BEST HEALTH HACK

- Web application that helps promote good social distancing by informing people about the business of nearby grocery and retail stores.
- Analyzes the satellite/streetlight data near a particular store.
- Built with Flask, Google APIs, Python, HTML+CSS, and React.

## DRONE SWARM RESEARCH | PARTNERED RESEARCH

- Year long research project developing **reinforcement learning** model to control a swarm of rescue drones to navigate buildings in real time.
- Ended with a research paper and live demonstration of drones swarming in a lab environment (both available on the 📽 link).

## MIT BATTLECODE 2019 | GROUP PROGRAMMING COMPETITION

- Created a **game agent** in JavaScript to play a real-time strategy game against other agents created by other competitors.
- Our team of 3 (plzgoeasy) was top 7 out of 600+ college teams in the Sprint Round and top 25 in the Qualifying Round.

## **MOOLAH** | HACKATHON PROJECT

• A smart messenger chatbot to help users manage budgets through more approachable and less rigid texting interactions using **NLP**.