

# Benjamin Yu

Computer Engineer

## about

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## programming

Java  
C, ObjC  
Python  
JS  
(backbone,node,coffee)  
Learning Scala & Clojure

## interests

machine learning, data science, gamedev, healthcare, startups

## education

### B.A.Sc. in Engineering Science

University of Toronto

Major in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Thesis: Mobile Hearing Diagnostics

09/2008 - 04/2013

## experience

### XTouch.io

Senior Mobile Engineer (Part-time)

- Makes any surface tap-sensitive by placing a mobile device on top
- iOS application development to demo XTouch engine

11/2013 - present

### PatientOrderSets

Junior Developer

- Developing features for customer PACS software in JEE/Struts
- Integrating disparate systems using standard protocols such as HL7 and DICOM

09/2013 - present

### AMD

SOC Verification Intern

- Verification infrastructure and flow development of random testing methodologies for various chip IP's using Perl, C/C++ and SystemVerilog

05/2011 - 08/2012

### Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center - Medical Imaging

Developer/Research Assistant

- Performed study comparing reperfusion vs. recanalization as an indicator of clinical outcome

05/2010 - 08/2010

## projects

### Space Bees

<https://github.com/ben-yu/Space-Bees>

- HTML5 multi-player arcade shooter using WebGL, Socket.io and node.js

07/2013 - present

### Forward

01/2013-04/2013

- Developed a web-based end-to-end email and project management suite for the SME market, with a paradigm focus on transparency and efficiency.

### Sones

<https://github.com/ben-yu/Sones>

- iOS hearing diagnostic game. Developed with Cocos2D-X, Box2D and Stanford STK

09/2012 - 04/2013

# coursework

## Speech Recognition

Natural Language Computing - CSC401

03/2013 - 04/2013

- Created a speaker identifier using Gaussian Mixture Models trained over the Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients from the speech waveforms and their phonetic and word transcriptions

## Facial Expression Recognition

Machine Learning and Data Mining - CSC411

11/2012 - 12/2012

- Achieved a 77% accuracy on a final dataset of 1000 facial expressions with a SVM with an RBF kernel, grid search and bagging

## Raytracer

Computer Graphics - CSC418

11/2012 - 12/2012

- Basic raytracer in C++ with anti-aliasing, glossy reflections, basic refraction, soft shadows, area light sources and texture mapping

## Systems Programming

Computer Systems Programming - ECE454

09/2012 - 12/2012

- Implemented a dynamic memory allocator with a segregated free list and best-fit search.
- Parallelized a command-line version of Conway's Game of Life, achieving a 10x speedup compared to the regular serial version

## Operating Systems

Systems Software - ECE353

01/2012 - 04/2012

- Developed features for OS/161, a simple operating system which includes a standalone kernel and simple user-land written in C
- Implemented process management, basic system calls, virtual memory, and a basic hierarchical file system

## Processor Optimization

Computer Organization - ECE352

09/2011 - 12/2011

- Converting a basic multi-cycle processor on an FPGA in Verilog into a pipeline processor to improve performance
- Implemented caching, speculatively executing instructions after a branch, forwarding, and additional pipeline stages

## Battery Sorting Robot

Engineering Design - AER201

01/2011 - 04/2011

- Designed a fully autonomous robot to sort batteries based on size and charge.
- Fabricated essential components including an H-Bridge motor driver, stepper motor driver, infrared sensors, and power supply