

# Bill Pung Tuck Weng

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Passionate about using technology and entrepreneurship to build meaningful products for society. A curious learner and tinkerer who thrives in collaborative teams. I am seeking opportunities to apply AI and ML techniques to build deep tech products, with an interest in NLP, CV and other machine learning applications.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Student Researcher**, Alibaba Talent Programme, Singapore Jan 2019 – Present  
*PhD student in NTU specializing in Natural Language Processing, while conducting research for Alibaba under the EDB-Industrial Postgraduate Programme. Supervised by Prof Ong Yew Soon.*

- Designed latent tree induction module for Transformer & LSTM models for 30-40% faster tree encoding across seven tasks, surpassing state-of-the-art accuracy by 4-8% in two of them. Paper under review in EMNLP 2020.
- Discovered failure of state-of-the-art Transformer & LSTM models in systematic generalization of multi-hierarchical relational reasoning in NLP using proposed novel dataset. Paper under review in EMNLP 2020.
- Top 8 Finalist in the Singapore-India Hackathon 2019: Led team of 6 Indians and Singaporeans to build neural network and data reporting platform for epidemiology prediction, presenting to Indian Ministers in Chennai.
- Relevant Coursework (NTU): Deep Learning, Data Science, Natural Language Processing, Optimization, Mathematical Statistics, Numerical Algorithms, Information Retrieval, Operations Research, Robotics.

**CEO & Co-Founder**, Co.kun, Singapore (Demo: [tinyurl.com/cokun-demo](http://tinyurl.com/cokun-demo)) Mar 2018 – Dec 2018  
*Launched a Sleep-as-a-Service start-up providing a sleeping pod on demand, in collaboration with NTU.*

- Featured and interviewed in national media: The Straits Times, Business Insider, New Paper, Capital 95.8 FM.
- Served over 400 NTU students and staff, with 95% of users reporting interest to use service again.
- Awarded \$15k funding over business pitches to Boards of Directors from NTUitive & Garage@EEE Accelerator.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up at the Nexia TS Business Plan Challenge 2018, presenting business plan to Nexia TS CEO.

**Software Engineering Intern**, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Singapore May 2018 – Jul 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Singapore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up in APAC for the firm-wide Global Hackathon 2018, prototyped a voice-based authentication and chatbot system, obtaining buy-in from APAC leaders to embark on development.
- Collaborated with engineers from UK and India through daily Scrum stand-ups. Implemented new features in firm's global platform with Angular, and merged features into codebase with Git after successful code reviews.

## EDUCATION

**Nanyang Technological University**, Singapore Aug 2014 – Nov 2018  
*Masters in Technology Management, Bachelors in Engineering Science (Mechanical), Minor in Entrepreneurship.*  
*GPA: 4.58 / 5.00 (First Class Honours). Renaissance Engineering Programme with full-ride Nanyang Scholarship.*

- Final Year Project (A+): Designed & developed wearable rehabilitative device for medtech start-up, SynPhNe.
- President of International Consultancy Network (Singapore): Led team of 5 to boost recruitment from 20 to 80 applicants, presented go-to-market strategy to robotics start-up CEO in Sweden as a student consultant.
- Co-Chairman of NTU Toastmasters: Organised nation-wide public speaking conference for 250 delegates.

**University of California Berkeley**, Student Exchange, USA Aug 2016 – May 2017

- Mechatronics Capstone Projects (Distinctions for both): Designed an autonomous smart-home system with Arduino and a line detection-based self-driving car using LabVIEW, working in multi-cultural teams.
- Part-time internship with 3D printing start-up SE3D Inc, Oct'16 – Apr'17: Designed interchange-able extruder system using SolidWorks and produced engineering drawings for CNC machining to manufacture printers.

## OTHERS

**Technical Skills:** Python, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Java, C, Git, CUDA, Shell, Pandas, Latex, SQL.

**Soft Skills:** Public Speaking (Toastmasters CC, CL), Strategy Consulting (consulted for tech start-ups & MNC).

**Hobbies:** Taekwondo (Black Tip Belt), Certified Windsurfer, Kayaker, Scuba Diver, Climber.