

If I must use one sentence to summarize my life so far, I will say “Interests can be cultivated and potentialities can be explored”.

Though my parents both graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in computer science, never had I imagined being one of them. Majoring in software engineering at Tongji University is a kind of serendipity. My first year was a rough period facing pressures from totally unfamiliar territory and experienced classmates who started coding much earlier. I can't remember how many nights I lost sleep worrying about the future. However, diligence is the cure for loss. The more I feared, the harder I worked. Gradually, confidence began to build on every accepted solution to online exercises and every successful presentation for my project.

Finally, the turning point appeared. I attended Women Techmakers Shanghai hosted by Google Developed Group on March 26 in 2017 and was deeply touched by a speech given by Sophia Song. The intelligence, self-confidence, achievements and the power of big data just like the light showed me another way out – digging and exploring with devotion. From then on, I was no longer learning in a passive way but trying to improve vigorously. Six months later, I contacted Gao, an associated professor, and started my first research.

Looking back on my first research experience, even though my paper has already been accepted there were still a lot of deficiencies in it, and I realized the most important thing is not the result, instead it is how to think and cooperate correctly. When you need to start from scratch, there are essential questions that you can only figure out during a true project like how to plan, how to understand your data, how to utilized resources around you to become more efficient. Moreover, Ms. Gao, my mentor is a really hands-on person. No matter how busy she is, she will always do experiments in person whenever a new idea comes up which influences me a lot.

This August, I went on to intern at Fudan University & Qiniu Information Technologies Joint Laboratory. The 4-month work is extremely precious to me and is something of a qualitative leap. My leader, an excellent young person, opened my eye and made me have direct access to the state-of-the-art technologies and theories. He also guided me to develop my creative thinking. I not only took part in many practical engineering tasks, but also engaged in an academic research. It's worthwhile to balance and find connection between the two because the requirements of industry provide new research direction while academic achievements can be applied to robust products.

Through my past experiences, I began to understand that the more you know, the less you understand. My work place is on the fifth floor, right in front of the elevator is a big slogan on the wall -- “Achievements”. To achieve self-realization, I am eager to knowledge and keep pursuing my opportunity for further education.