

Daniel Liu

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EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Sept 2020 - June 2025

B.A.Sc in Computer Engineering

- **3.89/4.00** Cumulative GPA and **87%** Cumulative Average
- AI Minor
- NSERC Award Recipient

EXPERIENCE

Deep Learning Accelerator Engineering Intern

January 2024 - August 2024

Altera

- Implemented a centralized RTL configuration instruction modification system across hardware modules, increasing efficiency by **50%**, with contributions including updates to UVM test-benches and a Software C++ Model
- Productized FPGA AI Suite's software model, enabling hardware-free inference simulation and trained **500+** FAEs, saving costs and lab space for customers
- Automated model verification for customers, streamlining the process into a single script for running models through OpenVINO's model optimizer and the DLA compiler, while creating **15** new example models

Software Engineering Intern

May 2023 - December 2023

Intel

- Developed an automated testing framework to enable engineers to test changes to the *Open FPGA Stack Project*; reduced manual testing by **95%**
- Integrated and ensured compatibility of over **100+** regression tests from Intel's oneAPI and OPAE-SDK projects to run regression tests on nightly, weekly, and release builds of OFS
- Designed and enhanced Python-based tools, including a headcount tracker, PDL updates, GLAP integration, and an interview automation system, significantly improving efficiency for Intel's PSAS department (**700+ employees**)
- Managed end-to-end financial data workflows using Python, SQL, and Excel, enabling real-time data updates and insights, resulting in **2x** more accurate and efficient financial management

Teaching Assistant

January 2023 - January 2024

University of Toronto

- *Computer Fundamentals*: C language, data types, loops, data structures, algorithms, heuristics (**400** students)
- *Programming Fundamentals*: C++ language, Object Oriented Programming, complexity (**400** students)

Frontend Developer

September 2022 - December 2022

University of Toronto

- Developed and maintained the frontend of the hackathon's website for **1000+** yearly visitors

ML Researcher Intern

May 2022 - August 2022

iQua Research Group

- Extended federated learning framework *Plato* to support reinforcement learning algorithms for clients using PyTorch, applied to run over **100** experiments, resulting in the submission of a conference research paper

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages/Tools: C++, C, Python, Golang, SQL, Perl, Bash, Verilog, ARM v7 Assembly, Modelsim, Git, Excel

Software/Hardware Courses: Algorithms & Data Structures, Operating Systems, Compilers, Distributed Systems, Computer Networking, Computer Organization, Digital Systems, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Computational Intelligence, Computer Security, Databases

PUBLICATIONS

Cascade: Curriculum Federated Reinforcement Learning with Interference Avoidance

IEEE FOGML 2024

Salma Emara, **Daniel Liu**, Fei Wang, Baochun Li

Lethe: Interference-Based Forgetting for Continual Learning Agents in Reinforcement Learning

(Under Review)

Salma Emara, Baochun Li, Tim Zeyl, **Daniel Liu**