

# David Ho

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## EDUCATION

### University of Southern California

Master of Science, Financial Engineering  
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

August 2022 - May 2026

GPA: 3.80

**Coursework** | Software Engineering | Artificial Intelligence | Operating Systems | Internetworking | Algorithms | Data Structures | Applied Python | Probability Theory | Multivariable Calculus

**Extracurriculars** | Business Technology Group | Asian Pacific Cinema Association | Student Symphony Orchestra

## PROJECTS

### Poker Bot

September 2024

- Designed **neural network** to predict optimal poker moves based on player hands, table cards, and opponent actions
- Preprocessed and encoded** poker data for model training, enabling effective representation of game states
- Trained model on 10,000 simulated hands, **boosting decision-making accuracy by 15%**
- Utilized: **Python, Numpy, PyTorch, Scikit-learn (supervised machine learning)**

### Options Trading Bot

July 2024

- Developed automated bot for trading options contracts through **Interactive Brokers Trader Workstation API**
- Calculated deviations from **real-time** moving average thresholds to buy and sell call options
- Added **multithreading** for reduced latency and **error handling** to ensure robust and reliable trading operations
- Validated bot through historical data, **increasing profitability by 8%** during backtesting
- Utilized: **C++, JSON for Modern C++, real-time data processing (algorithmic trading)**

### StoreIt

November 2023

- Led team to develop web app for students to rent storage spaces near USC campus
- Created **chat and file upload feature** between customers and sellers using React user interface, Node.js back end, Java servlets with AJAX, and MySQL database to store information
- Held weekly **scrum meetings** to coordinate strategy, ideate, debug, and run tests for quality assurance
- Utilized: **Java, MySQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Node.js, Git (full-stack development)**

### Custom Cache with Dynamic Memory Allocation

November 2023

- Replicated behavior of CPU cache, **handling memory traces** with FIFO and LRU eviction policies
- Implemented custom malloc, free and realloc functions, **reducing average memory modification time complexity by 15%**
- Utilized: **C, Linux, Docker (computer architecture)**

## EXPERIENCE

### Course Producer

August 2023 - Present

USC Viterbi School of Engineering - Los Angeles, CA

- Lead 7 hours of office hours weekly, teaching 300+ students to master **Java, C and x86 assembly programming**, resulting in **15-point increase** in median assignment grades after 10 weeks
- Analyze data and feedback from assignment and exam grades to **address shortcomings in class curriculum** by revising assignments and material to improve student performance and comprehension

### Data Engineering Intern

June 2023 - August 2023

Federal Reserve Bank - Chicago, IL

- Scanned and migrated thousands of physical document archives to Federal Reserve's **online file server with Python and MySQL**, making files searchable by keyword and **strengthening bank's security and backup systems**
- Utilized **Python libraries** to filter, edit, and send Excel data through Microsoft Exchange, **saving legal team over 2000 work-hours** in determining correct documents in archives to declassify or destroy
- Received recognition from Federal Reserve Board of Governors for completion of projects

## SKILLS

**Code** | C/C++ | x86 assembly | Python | Java | MySQL | HTML | CSS | JavaScript

**Technologies** | React | Node.js | Git | Pandas | Numpy | PyTorch | Scikit-learn | Unix | Linux | TCP/IP | Docker

**Project Management** | Agile | Scrum | Jira | Confluence | unit testing | UX design and best practices

**Certifications** | Akuna Capital University Options 101

**Languages** | English | Mandarin | Spanish