## Evan Z. Liu

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#### **Education**

# Stanford University, Stanford, CA

2013-2018, 2019-2024

- Ph.D. student in Computer Science, focusing on Machine Learning
- M.S. '18, Computer Science specializing in Artificial Intelligence and Security (GPA: 3.93)
- B.S. with Honors '18, Computer Science, Mathematics secondary major
- Skills: Machine Learning, Security, Networking, Python, C/C++, Java, Javascript, SQL

# Work and Research Experience

Google, Sunnyvale, CA

Jun. 2019–present

Research Intern

Created novel machine-learning models that outperform existing approaches on cache eviction

## Google Brain, Mountain View, CA

Jun. 2018-Jun. 2019

Reinforcement Learning Researcher (AI Resident)

• Designed and implemented a hierarchical reinforcement learning algorithms for systematic exploration and fast transfer, which empirically achieve state-of-the-art results

#### NLP/RL Research, Stanford University

Mar. 2016–Jun. 2018

Researcher advised by Professor Percy Liang

- Designed and implemented a novel reinforcement learning exploration algorithm that outperforms prior algorithms with 100x fewer demonstrations on web-based tasks
- Implemented state-of-the-art systems for executing natural language commands

# Bloomberg, New York City, NY

Jun. 2015–Sept. 2015

Software Intern

• Created arbitrary keyword searching, filtering, and sorting on ticketing system, which affects all Bloomberg clients, as well as internals

# CS 106 Section Leading, Stanford University

Jan. 2015–Sept. 2017

Teaching Assistant (3 Quarters)

- Led weekly one-hour session to teach Computer Science topics to Stanford students
- Graded assignments and exams, and gave feedback to students one-on-one

# Openproof Logic Project, Stanford University

Jan. 2014–Jun. 2015

Teaching Assistant and Software Developer

- Developed and maintained automatic proof-writing software
- Collaborated on designing and launching a formal logic online course (average review 5/5, enrollment over 100), leading weekly office hours to present formal logic topics

#### **Selected Publications and Awards**

Reinforcement Learning on Web Interfaces using Workflow-Guided Exploration **Evan Zheran Liu\***, Kelvin Guu\*, Panupong Pasupat\*, Tianlin Shi, Percy Liang International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2018 (\* equal contribution)

From Language to Programs: Bridging Reinforcement Learning and Maximum Marginal Likelihood

Kelvin Guu, Panupong Pasupat, **Evan Zheran Liu**, Percy Liang Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2017

Co-authored proposal for Stanford AI Lab seed funding (PIs: Percy Liang and Emma Brunskill) [funded for \$120K]

Co-authored proposal for Amazon Research Awards (PI: Percy Liang) [funded for \$100K] Co-authored proposal for Google Research Awards (PI: Percy Liang) [funded for ~\$100K]

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Recipient, 2018 Reviewer for ACL 2020, ICML 2020