# Gao Xian Peh

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**ABOUT** 

I analyze data and build things in Health and Education.

**EDUCATION** 

#### University of California, Berkeley, CA

2015 - Present

B.A. Economics with Honors, Minor in Computer Science | GPA: 3.99/4.0 Awarded Full-Ride Singapore Government Scholarship (Social Policy)

**EMPLOYMENT** 

#### United Nations ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

2017

Software Engineering Intern / GIS Consultant (D3.js, ¡Query, QGIS, Python, R)

- Created Interactive Data Visualizations with the UN Statistics team.
- Developed a method using Gaussian smoothing in QGIS and R to generate population density maps for detailed geographic representations of hazard exposure. The method is now piloted in 6 countries in Asia and the Pacific. Promoted to GIS Consultant.

#### Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore

2016

Social Data and Policy Research Intern (R)

Worked at the Economist Unit to develop R scripts that extracts textual data from casework memos and applies hierarchical clustering to sieve out various characteristics of welfare benefits recipients. Solution enabled better targeting of services and sped up research processes.

### Project Ubuntu, Singapore

2014 - 2015

Co-Founder

Founded a social enterprise hiring artists with special needs. Collaborated with Timbuk2. Earned over \$10,000 over 8 months but failed due to poor fit between our artists and the design industry.

RESEARCH

## UC Berkeley Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences Department, CA

2016 - Present

Tele-monitoring Lab Research Assistant (D3.js, Leaflet, PHP, MySQL, Android)

Designed and built web and mobile applications to store, query and visualize vital signs and geospatial data under Dr. Daniel Aranki and Prof. Ruzena Bajcsy.

#### UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, CA

2015 - Present

Urban and Labor Economics Research Assistant (Python, ArcGIS, R Server, STATA)

- Scraped and analyzed ~1.9 million Crunchbase, AngelList and LinkedIn public profiles along with stock prices using Beautiful Soup in Python and R.
- Extended the functionality of OSMnx library and utilized Google Maps Elevation and Overpass APIs, OpenSteetMaps and to compute geospatial statistics of road networks.

**PUBLICATIONS** 

Daniel Aranki, Uma Balakrishnan, Hannah Sarver, Lucas Serven, Carlos Asuncion, Kaidi Du, Caitlin Gruis, Gao Xian Peh, Yu Xiao and Ruzena Bajcsy. Running Coach – Cadence Training System for Long-Distance Runners. Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Pervasive Computing Technologies for Healthcare 2017

Daniel Aranki, Gao Xian Peh, Gregorij Kurillo and Ruzena Bajcsy

The Feasibility and Usability of RunningCoach: A Remote Coaching System for Long-Distance Runners. Sensors Journal Special Issue: Smart Sensing Technologies for Personalized Coaching

Zachary A. Pardos, Scott Farrar, John Kolb, Gao Xian Peh, Jong Ha Lee, Distributed Representation of Misconceptions. Under Review at the 13th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS 2018)

**PROJECTS** 

Analyzing Student Misconceptions on Khan Academy (Python, Word2Vec) - Applied NLP techniques to cluster student misconceptions on Khan Academy

Text Analysis of Hilary Clinton's Emails (Python, Word2Vec) – Exploring email threads using NLP.

**Interactive Scatterplot Visualizer** (D3.js) – A tool built for easy analysis of TSNE output.

**SKILLS** 

Programming Languages and Frameworks: Python, Java, PHP, Node.js, JavaScript, HTML, CSS | Data Analysis: R, STATA, Matlab, QGIS, ArcGIS | Version Control: Git