

# Forrest (Zifeng) Huang

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2017–present **Ph.D. Computer Science (In Progress)**, *University of California, Berkeley*,  
GPA: 4.00/4.00.  
Advisor: Prof. John F. Canny
- 2019 **M.S. Computer Science**, *University of California, Berkeley*,  
GPA: 4.00/4.00.
- 2013–2017 **B.S. Computer Science with Highest Honors**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*,  
GPA: 3.97/4.00.  
Bronze Tablet Scholar: Among the top 3 percent of students in their college graduating class.  
Bachelor Thesis Advisor: Prof. Ranjitha Kumar

### Publications<sup>#</sup>

#### Peer-reviewed Conference Publications

- 2021 **Multi-modal Search for Inspirational Examples in Design**,  
*Elisa Kwon, Forrest Huang and Kosa Goucher-Lambert*,  
To Appear at the International Design Engineering Technical Conferences & Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC '21).
- 2021 **UMLAUT: Debugging Deep Learning Programs using Program Structure and Model Behavior**,  
*Eldon Schoop, Forrest Huang and Björn Hartmann*,  
Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '21), <https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445538>.
- 2020 **Scones: Towards Conversational Authoring of Sketches**,  
*Forrest Huang, Eldon Schoop, David Ha and John F. Canny*,  
Proceedings (Long Paper) of the 25th ACM International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI '20), <https://doi.org/10.1145/3377325.3377485>.
- 2019 **Sketchforme: Composing Sketched Scenes from Text Descriptions for Interactive Applications**,  
*Forrest Huang and John F. Canny*,  
Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '19), <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3347878>.

<sup>#</sup> publications prior to 2018 published as Zifeng Huang

- 2019 **Swire: Sketch-based User Interface Retrieval**,  
*Forrest Huang, John F. Canny and Jeffrey Nichols*,  
Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '19), <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3300334>.
- 2018 **MakerLens: What Sign-In, Reservation and Training Data Can (and Cannot) Tell You About Your Makerspace**,  
*Eldon Schoop, Forrest Huang, Nathan Khuu and Björn Hartmann*,  
Proceedings of the 2018 International Symposium on Academic Makerspaces (ISAM '18).
- 2017 **ZIPT: Zero-Integration Performance Testing of Mobile App Design**,  
*Biplab Deka, Zifeng Huang, Chad Franzen, Jeffrey Nichols, Yang Li and Ranjitha Kumar*,  
Proceedings of the 30th Annual Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '17), <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3126647>.
- 2017 **Rico: A Mobile App Dataset for Building Data-Driven Design Applications**,  
*Biplab Deka, Zifeng Huang, Chad Franzen, Joshua Hirschman, Daniel Afargan, Yang Li, Jeffrey Nichols and Ranjitha Kumar*,  
Proceedings of the 30th Annual Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '17), <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3126594.3126651>.
- 2016 **ERICA: Interaction Mining Mobile Apps**,  
*Biplab Deka, Zifeng Huang and Ranjitha Kumar*,  
Proceedings of the 29th Annual Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '16), <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=2984581>.

#### Book Chapters

- 2021 **Sketch-based Creativity Support Tools using Deep Learning**,  
*Forrest Huang, Eldon Schoop, David Ha, Jeffrey Nichols and John Canny*,  
Artificial Intelligence for Human Computer Interaction: A Modern Approach (To Appear).
- 2021 **An Early Rico Retrospective: Three Years Of Uses For A Mobile App Dataset**,  
*Biplab Deka, Bardia Doosti, Forrest Huang, Chad Franzen, Joshua Hirschman, Daniel Afargan, Yang Li, Ranjitha Kumar, Tao Dong and Jeffrey Nichols*,  
Artificial Intelligence for Human Computer Interaction: A Modern Approach (To Appear).

#### Journal Publications

- 2019 **GPU accelerated t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding**,  
*David M. Chan\*, Roshan Rao\*, Forrest Huang\* and John F. Canny*,  
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpdc.2019.04.008>.

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\* equal contribution

## Workshop Publications / Posters

- 2020 **SCRAM: Simple Checks for Realtime Analysis of Model Training for Non-Expert ML Programmers**,  
*Eldon Schoop, **Forrest Huang** and Björn Hartmann*,  
Late-Breaking Works of CHI '20  
ICML 2020 Workshop on Human in the Loop Learning.
- 2018 **t-SNE-CUDA: GPU-Accelerated t-SNE and its Applications to Modern Data**,  
*David M. Chan\*, Roshan Rao\*, **Forrest Huang\*** and John F. Canny*,  
Proceedings of the 2018 High Performance Machine Learning Workshop (HPML '18) *Outstanding Paper Award* , <https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.11824>.
- 2015 **Ranking Designs and Users in Online Social Networks**,  
*Biplab Deka, Haizi Yu, Devin Ho, **Zifeng Huang**, Jerry O. Talton and Ranjitha Kumar*,  
Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '15), <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=2702613.2732760>.

## Demo

- 2016 **ERICA: Interaction Mining for Mobile Applications**,  
*Biplab Deka, **Zifeng Huang** and Ranjitha Kumar*,  
Demo at the 29th Annual Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '16).

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## Master's Thesis

- title *Deep-learning-based Machine Understanding of Sketches: Recognizing and Generating Sketches with Deep Neural Networks*
- advisor Prof. John Canny
- reference UC Berkeley Technical Report No. UCB/EECS-2020-13

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## Bachelor's Thesis

- title *Efficient Capturing of User-Interface Data on Android Apps*
- advisor Prof. Ranjitha Kumar

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## Professional Activities

- 2021 **Program Committee of ICCV Sketching for Human Expressivity Workshop**
- 2017-2020 **Reviewer for CHI, UIST, MobileHCI, TWEB, IEEE TIP**

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## Employment

- 2021 **Research Intern**, *Google LLC*,  
Mountain View, CA.  
Student Researcher under Research Scientist Yang Li

- 2018 **Student Researcher**, *Google LLC*,  
Mountain View, CA.  
Student Researcher under Research Scientist Jeffery Nichols
- 2018 **Software Engineering Intern**, *Google LLC*,  
Mountain View, CA.  
Software Engineering Intern under Research Scientist Jeffery Nichols
- 2017–present **Graduate Student Researcher**, *University of California, Berkeley*,  
Berkeley, CA.  
Graduate Student Researcher of Professor John Canny's Research Group
- 2015-2017 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*,  
Champaign, IL.  
Research Assistant of Professor Ranjitha Kumar's Data-driven Design Group
- 2015 **Software Engineering Intern**, *The Climate Corporation*,  
San Francisco, CA.

## Scholarships, Honors, Grants and Awards

- 2020 **Honorable Mention, Adobe Research Fellowship**
- 2019–present **Google Cloud Platform Credit Award** *on research with David Ha,*  
*Research Scientist at Google Brain*
- 2017 **C.W. Gear Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award**
- 2016-2017 **Maxine and Yunni Pao Memorial Scholarship**
- 2014-2015 **Dean's List, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

## Teaching

- 2019 **Graduate Student Instructor for CS160 User Interface Design and Development**, *University of California, Berkeley*.
- 2019 **Graduate Student Instructor for CS182/282A Designing, Visualizing and Understanding Deep Neural Networks**, *University of California, Berkeley*.
- 2017 **Grader for CS446 Machine Learning**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*.
- 2014-2015 **Course Assistant for CS125 Introduction to Computer Science**,  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*.

## Leadership

- 2015 **President** *Promoting Undergraduate Research in Engineering Committee at*  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*