

# Alan Xue

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## EDUCATION

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**Northwestern University, Evanston, IL**

**GPA: 3.64/4.00**

**Bachelor of Science** - Mechanical Engineering

Expected: June 2021

## SKILLS

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**Applications/Frameworks:** NX, Solidworks, Ansys, MATLAB, Octave, Express.js, Node.js, Git,

**Languages:** Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, C/C++

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer**, Evanston IL

December 2020 - Present

*Machine Learning Team Member*

- Developed an active learning algorithm that outputs optimal experimental parameters for material scientists at Argonne National Lab
- Implemented functions using Flask to upload, and download files to and from Polybot, an open-source library for controlling robotic synthesis of materials

**Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Lab**, Evanston IL

May 2019 – September 2020

*Research Engineer Assistant*

- Independently led the lab work and co-authored a manuscript for a new composition of fuel cells
- Analyzed the conductivity of fuel cells under different operating temperatures (300 °C - 900 °C) through the collection of impedance data
- Fabricated fuel cells through ink preparation, pellet polishing, screen printing, and sintering

## PROJECTS

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### Human-Centered Product Design

- Conducted outdoor surveys and patent research to identify unmet needs and discover innovation opportunities
- Prototyped and modeled the new design of a can opener on Solidworks

### Glass Bridge Model

- Collaboratively designed a scaled model of the Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge using Solidworks and conducted stress analysis to estimate maximum occupancy using Ansys

### MobileNet/VGG16

- Fine-Tuned the MobileNet model to perform classification on a custom image data set of sign language digits
- Built a fine-tuned neural network to classify images of cats and dogs using VGG16 as the pre-trained model
- Built using Python and importing the TensorFlow/Keras and scikit-learn library

### Discord Bot

- Implemented and hosted a Discord bot on a local computer to handle various requests from users using JavaScript and Node.js as the back end

### GoLocal

- Designed a prototype web application that aims to share and spread information about local communities to travelers and tourists using HTML, CSS, JavaScript

### Robotics

- Programmed a 32-bit microcontroller using C++ to drive a brushed DC motor that can move to a desired reference angle using a PID controller, and output a desired PWM duty cycle prompt from the user

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**White Space Development Challenge**

December 2019 – April 2020

*Team Member*

- Committed over 20+ hours of research and analysis toward addressing the problem of air quality in East Asia
- Interviewed 5 experts on air quality to determine a solution and created a 3D prototype using Solidworks

**Academic Support and Learning Advancement**

September 2018 – September 2019

*Peer Tutor*

- Developed mentoring skills through leading student study groups and reinforcing concepts from lecture
- Met with supervisor and other peer tutors to refine mentoring techniques and provided insight toward achieving a high-quality experience for students