

# Zhongcheng Xiao

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## EDUCATION

### Duke University

Master of Science in Computer Science

August 2017 - May 2019

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics, Second Major in Computer Science

August 2013 - May 2017

Relevant Coursework: Artificial Intelligence, Operating Systems, Computer Vision, Graphics, Security and Cryptography, Digital Logic and Computer Architecture, Quantum Error Correction

## EXPERIENCE

### Genesys

Software Engineer

Aug 2019 - Present

Durham, NC

- Designed and implemented APIs in micro-services that index and distribute digital resources for the IoT devices across the globe using AWS tools (S3, DynamoDB, ElastiCache, SQS etc) in Java, Kotlin, Clojure and Go; refactored endpoints to optimize query processing time
- Maintained the service stability and joined the on-call rotation for lower environments
- Refactored a lambda infrastructure that monitors the device status and expanded its ability to reset the inactive
- Inserted metric tracings throughout the code-base to facilitate the realtime diagnosis of services on the cloud
- Customized the build and deployment pipelines with Gradle, Docker, Jenkins and CloudFormation scripts

### Google

Software Engineer Intern

May 2018 - Aug 2018

Mountain View, CA

- Analyzed datasets of frequently asked question-answer pairs collected from over two million web domains using the internal Map-Reduce framework in C++, visualized the key insights
- Implemented and demo-ed a google assistant dialogue feature that helps clarify user intents of ambiguous queries in C++, including the designs and implementations of data schema

### The Fuqua School of Business

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2017 - May 2018

Durham, NC

- Web scraped annual reports for over 300 corporate firms in Python, maintained storage on a cloud file system
- Implemented algorithms to curate data, extract feature vectors and quantify corporate culture values for different orgs

### Carolina Center for Interdisciplinary Applied Mathematics

Undergrad Research Assistant

Dec 2014 - Aug 2016

Chapel Hill, NC

- Modeled biological networks of the plant RNA abundance data over 20,000 genes in R, detected communities in Matlab to identify functional groups that eventually match the gene-ontology database with high confidence
- Improved networks classification accuracy on benchmark datasets by training random forests and kNN classifiers

## SIDE PROJECTS

### Sealife Tracking in Poor Lighting Environments, Duke

Aug 2018 - Dec 2018

- Searched scuba diving videos and pre-processed into a sequential-frame based dataset in Python and Matlab, examined keypoint feature trackers invariant to the object deformability in C++
- Incorporated a rotation proof schema for a popular DCF-based tracker and improved the tracking precision and durability

### Is Capsule Better: Real Human Face Verification, Duke

Jan 2018 - May 2018

- Constructed an image dataset of 800 real and fake human faces by randomly swapping facial features using OpenCV
- Trained the CNN and Capsule-Net to authenticate real faces using Keras, both achieving competitive results

### Software Engineering on FPGA, UNC

Jan 2016 - Aug 2016

- Implemented a MIPS processor on FPGA in Verilog and C, developed a simplified Beethoven demo for this processor in assembly language x86
- Programmed a Zynq board to get real-time pixel stream from camera sensors residing on the board through an FMC card

### Supervised Hacking Projects, UNC

Jan 2016 - May 2016

- Generated hashed mnemonic credentials to crack offline accounts in C, extracted web directories with SQL injection
- Intercepted data by hacking into the Bluetooth communication protocol, reverse engineered the Minesweeper game to secure a winning strategy in x86

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Skills** Python, Java, C++, AWS, Redis, SQL/NoSQL, Kafka, MVC, Kotlin, Docker, git, Matlab

**Interests** Automation, Vision, Dialogues, Storytelling, Privacy, Fairness, Performing Arts, VR, Cooking