

# Side Li

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2019–Present **University of California, San Diego**,  
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science.
- 2014–2018 **University of California, San Diego, Earl Warren College**,  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (highest distinction)  
Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

### Research Experience

- Sep., 2019 – **Arun's Data Analytics (ADA) Lab at UCSD**, *Research Assistant*.  
Present & Advisor: Prof. Arun Kumar
- Sep., 2017 – - *Morpheus*: a factorized learning framework that accelerates machine learning  
Aug., 2018 training on relational data through linear algebra.  
- *SpeakQL*: a speech-driven multi-modal querying system.
- Dec., 2015– **Spatial Information Systems Lab at SDSC**, *Research Programmer*.  
Jan., 2017 Advisor: Dr. Ilya Zaslavsky  
- *SuAVE*: a collaborative research data management and analysis platform

### Industry Experience

- Jul., 2018 – **A9.com (an Amazon company)**, *Software Development Engineer*.  
Apr., 2019 Team: Amazon Ad Exchange Platform, Amazon Owned and Operated Ads  
- Worked on ads auction and HTTP client optimization.
- Jun., 2017 – **Amazon**, *Software Development Engineer Intern*.  
Sep., 2017 Team: Digital Personalization (P13N)  
- Addressed an ebook series recommendations problem.
- Dec., 2016 – **Ai Master, Inc**, *Software Engineer/Cofounder*.  
Jun., 2017 Team: Ai-Master.com (an artificial intelligence service platform)  
- Implemented a robust and easy scalable cluster for serverless ML execution.
- Jun., 2016 – **Cheetah Mobile, Inc**, *Platform Testing Engineer Intern*.  
Sep., 2016 Team: Live.Me (Social live streaming app for teenagers)

### Publications

#### *Full Paper*

- Vraj Shah, **Side Li**, Arun Kumar, and Lawrence Saul. *SpeakQL: Towards Speech-driven Multimodal Querying of Structured Data*, *Under submission*
- **Side Li**, Lingjiao Chen, and Arun Kumar. *Enabling and Optimizing Non-linear Feature Interactions in Factorized Linear Algebra*, *SIGMOD 2019*

## *Demo & Short Paper*

- Vraj Shah, **Side Li**, Kevin Yang, Arun Kumar, and Lawrence Saul. [Demonstration of SpeakQL: Speech-driven Multimodal Querying of Structured Data](#), *SIGMOD 2019*
- Ilya Zaslavsky, **Side Li**, Stephan Lamont, David Valentine, and Thomas Whitenack. [Novel Gateway for Visual Exploratory Analysis and Sharing of Survey Data](#), *The 11th Gateway Computing Environments Conference (2016)*

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## Awards & Honors

- Halicioğlu Data Science Institute - Graduate Prize Fellowship, 2019-2023
- Jacobs School of Engineering Fellowship, 2019-2021
- Department Honors in Computer Science with Highest Distinction, 2018

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## Technical skills

Languages	C, C++, Go, Java, JavaScript, Python, SQL, Shell
Tools and Frameworks	Docker, Express, Flask (Python), Kubernetes, MongoDB, NodeJS, Redis, Spring (Java), VueJS, Webpack
Big Data	Hive, HDFS, Spark
Machine Learning	NumPy, PyTorch, SciKit Learn, Tensorflow

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## References

- Arun Kumar  
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- Ilya Zaslavsky  
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