

# Nicholas Chaloult

## Education

- August 2017 – December 2021 **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, Atlanta, GA
- GPA: 3.88/4.00
  - Threads: Intelligence, Info & Internetworks
  - Selected Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Database Technologies, Machine Learning, Computer Networking, Systems and Networks, Intro to Artificial Intelligence, Intro to Info Security, Computer Organization

## Experience

- October 2022 – April 2023 **Software Development Engineer**, *Amazon Web Services*, Remote
- Impacted by layoffs. Performance was not a contributing factor
  - Reduced time to detect failed **Amazon SWF** workflow executions that perform long-running, bulk indexing operations on **Elasticsearch** clusters **from 75 hours to 1 minute**, dramatically improving the user experience for larger customers
  - Identified an opportunity to scale down our **Elasticsearch** cluster configuration in a region with an unusual traffic pattern. Verified it would not introduce an operational risk, presented a plan of action, and executed, **saving ~\$14,000 per year**
  - Served as the primary oncall for the AWS IoT Fleet Indexing service for multiple rotations. Promptly mitigated operational events of all shapes and sizes, performed root cause analysis, and collaborated with other teams to conduct corrective action
- February 2022 – September 2022 **Software Engineer**, *NCR Innovation Lab*, Atlanta, GA
- Designed and implemented an internal HTTP API that serves as an abstraction layer on top of a collection of retail product advertisement engines. Allows clients to specify which engine they'd like to invoke in each request without needing to know where instances of that engine are deployed. Built with **Node.js** and **TypeScript**, and deployed to **Google Kubernetes Engine**
  - Used **OpenCV**, **OpenPose**, **Python**, and **InfluxDB** to build a vision-based inference application that powers a real-time "heatmap" visualization of foot traffic on a retail store's floor plan
  - Conducted technical and behavioral interviews for intern and full-time candidates
- May 2021 – December 2021 **Software Engineer Intern**, *NCR Innovation Lab*, Atlanta, GA
- Architected and developed a full stack application that collects insights and displays analytics about the behavior of a retail store's customers. Consumes real-time data streams from proprietary edge compute devices. Identifies over 3,000 unique customers per week in a production environment. Built with **WebSockets**, **React**, **BigQuery**, **Google Cloud Pub/Sub**, and **Google Cloud Functions**
  - Onboarded 3 new developers to the project via remote and in-person pair programming sessions, and by creating video tutorials
- June 2020 – August 2020 **MLH Fellow**, *Major League Hacking*, Remote
- Selected as **one of 150 Fellows from a pool of 20,000 applicants** to be a member of the Fellowship's inaugural class
  - Used **TypeScript** and a **cross-compilation toolchain** to implement functionality in the **AWS Amplify CLI** that allows users to write, test, and deploy **AWS Lambda functions** with the **Swift** programming language and runtime
  - Wrote user-facing documentation and guides, as well as developer-facing design documents, with the AWS Amplify team

## Involvements

- August 2019 – May 2021 **GT Solar Racing**, *Telemetry Team Member*
- Redesigned a byte-oriented telemetry message protocol to support 4x more message types to and from the vehicle
  - Maintained a server written in **Go** that listens for and processes the vehicle's vitals in real time via a **TCP connection**
  - Integrated **Grafana** with **InfluxDB** to build a real-time dashboard for monitoring the state of the vehicle as it races

## Personal Projects

- **lancp**, a command-line interface written in **Go** for easily transferring files between two machines on the same network. Similar to **scp** and **rsync**, but more convenient to use. Allows two devices to trustlessly discover each other via plaintext passphrases in **UDP broadcast messages**. Sends file contents over a secure **TLS connection** after generating and exchanging a **self-signed X.509 certificate**
- **mc-server-wrapper**, a small utility written in **Rust** that wraps a Java Minecraft server process, and exposes HTTP APIs that let users interact with that process remotely. **Captures stdin and stdout** of the process, which exposes a command-line interface. Writes to stdin to mimic human interaction, and reads stdout to build responses

## Skills and Attributes

- Languages    Java, TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, Go, Bash
- Technologies    git, Linux, Docker, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Elasticsearch, DynamoDB, PostgreSQL, InfluxDB, React, Node.js, Express, ~~LaTeX~~
- Interests    Rust, distributed systems, maintainable and testable software, free and open-source software