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## EDUCATION

### University of Science, VNU-HCM, HCMC, Vietnam

Sep. 2017 - Nov. 2021 (Expected)

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - Advanced Program in Computer Science
- The “Advanced Program in Computer Science” is highly selective in the degree, similar to a Bachelor with Honours program.
- **GPA: 3.97/4.00** (Top 5 out of 92 students in the program)
- Thesis topic: “*Body-part Aware Network and Object Affordance Masking mechanism for Human-Object Interaction Detection.*” Supervised by Associate Professor Minh-Triet Tran.

## EXPERIENCE

### VinBrain

HCMC, Vietnam

Applied Scientist Intern

Apr. 2021 - Aug. 2021

- Improved the object detection model mAP@0.5 score over **two times** from a pretrained model when tested on a custom version of the Open Images v6 dataset.

### LSIR, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

Lausanne, Switzerland (Remote from Vietnam due to COVID-19)

Research Intern

May 2020 - Dec. 2020

- Worked on a Subtree-Reuse-based SQL Query Optimizer using **Graph Neural Network** and **Box Embeddings**.
- Performed experiments on the Attribute Discovery dataset to verify the plausibility of a new Multimodal Feature Fusion method using Graph Neural Network, achieving a **test accuracy** of **96.86%** on this dataset.

### Faculty of Information Technology, University of Science, VNU-HCM

HCMC, Vietnam

Research Assistant

Sep. 2019 - Aug. 2020

- Discovered the correlation between forking patterns and software health and risks in software repositories.
- Performed inference in the Software Heritage Dataset to extract forking patterns between 50,000 repositories using PostgreSQL and Neo4J.

### Big-O Coding

HCMC, Vietnam

Teaching Assistant, Problem Setter, Front-end Web Developer

Jul. 2018 - Dec. 2020

- Explained Algorithms and Data Structures concepts to students at Big-O Coding weekly and prepared more than 20 programming problems.
- Built version 1 of the Front-end Web Application for Big-O Coding’s website: <http://bigocoder.com> to host programming problems and programming contests for up to 1,900 users using React JS.
- Reduced page traversing paths for administrators by 50% by implementing a shortcut to problems.

### Pathfinder Vietnam

HCMC, Vietnam

Founder, Product Team Leader, Front-end Web Developer

Sep. 2018 - May 2020

- Led product team of 6 in implementing the Minimum Viable Product using React JS and NodeJS.
- Introduced the product’s core feature by implementing the programming testing system.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Tuan-Duy H. Nguyen, Huu-Nghia H. Nguyen, “[Towards a Robust WiFi-based Fall Detection with Adversarial Data Augmentation](#),” *IEEE Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems*, 2020.

- Implemented the LSTM module for a Zero-shot Learning Fall Detection system that achieves an **accuracy** of **66.03%** on an **out-of-domain test set**. Accepted for presentation at the 54th IEEE Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems 2020. Princeton, New Jersey, USA.

Tuan-Duy H. Nguyen, Huu-Nghia H. Nguyen, Dao Hieu, “[Recognizing Families through Images with Pretrained Encoders](#),” *IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition*, vol. 1, pp. 887-891, 2020.

- Implemented the **Siamese FaceNet Inception-ResNet-v1** model for verifying kinship relationships in a pair of images (**ranked 9/21**) and kinship image retrieval (**ranked 5/9**). Accepted at the 2020 Recognizing Families In the

Wild competition, the 15th IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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| • Advanced Program in Computer Science <b>Scholarship</b>                                      | 2020 |
| ○ Top 5 out of 92 students.  |      |
| • <b>Honorable Mention</b> in Vietnam National Olympiad for Undergraduates in Informatics      | 2019 |
| • <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b> in University of Science VNU-HCM Olympiad in Informatics         | 2019 |
| • <b>Participant</b> of Vietnam Summer School of Science (VSSS) '07                            | 2019 |
| ○ Among 161 participants chosen from 1760 applicants nationwide.                               |      |
| • <b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b> in VSSS Science Hackathon  | 2019 |
| ○ Created metrics for our mini-research about the love for science.                            |      |
| • <b>Honorable Mention</b> in Creative Idea Contest (CIC)                                      | 2019 |
| ○ Top 6 out of 200 teams.  |      |
| • <b>Top 6</b> in Generation Unlimited Youth Challenge by UNICEF and Saigon Innovation Hub     | 2018 |
| ○ Top 6 (equal standings) out of 100 applicants.   |      |
| • Advanced Program in Computer Science <b>Scholarship</b>                                      | 2018 |
| ○ Top 5 out of 92 students.  |      |
| • <b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b> in Ho Chi Minh City English Competition for Specialized Students | 2017 |
| • <b>Gold medalist</b> in Physics in the Southern Vietnamese Regional Olympiad                 | 2016 |

## PROJECTS

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| <b>What The Food app</b>  | 2018 |
| • Implemented a Convolution Neural Network to identify 101 types of food using <b>TensorFlow</b> .  |      |
| • Converted the Keras model to a <b>TensorFlow Lite</b> model and deployed the model on an Android application using <b>Firebase ML Kit</b> . |      |

## SKILLS

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- Languages: C++ (**3 years**), Python (**4 years**), Javascript, Java, HTML, CSS, SQL.
  - Frameworks and Tools: Tensorflow, PyTorch, ReactJS, Redux, Android SDK, Linux, Git.

## LANGUAGES

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- **IELTS: 8.5** (2021)

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| <b>ICLR, ICML</b>  | Remote from HCMC, Vietnam       |
| Volunteer  | Apr. 2020, Apr. 2021, Aug. 2021 |
| • Checked the websites for possible bugs and answered questions from participants. |                                 |
| <br><b>Google Developers Students Club at University of Science, VNU-HCM</b>       | <br>HCMC, Vietnam               |
| Content Staff  | Nov. 2019 - Sep. 2020           |
| • Helped to prepare the content and venue for a Git Introduction seminar.          |                                 |
| <br><b>AWS User Group Vietnam</b>  | <br>HCMC, Vietnam               |
| Organizer  | Sep. 2018                       |
| • Helped in the logistics phase of AWS annual event for developers in Vietnam.     |                                 |