

# Nicholas WAN

DATA SCIENTIST



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## Education

### National University of Singapore

Singapore

BS.C BUSINESS ANALYTICS (HONS), HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Aug. 2017 – Dec 2020 · 3.5 yrs

- NUS Merit Scholarship
- Cumulative Average Point: 4.66/ 5.00
- NUS Overseas Colleges (Silicon Valley)

### Stanford University

NON GRADUATING OPTION

Aug. 2019 – Apr 2020 · 9 mos

- Mining Massive Datasets – Grade Obtained: A  
Topics Include: Frequent itemsets and Association rules, Near Neighbor Search in High Dimensional Data, Locality Sensitive Hashing (LSH), Dimensionality reduction, Recommendation Systems, Clustering, Link Analysis, Large-scale Supervised Machine Learning, Data streams, Mining the Web for Structured Data, Web Advertising.

## Skills

**Programming** Python · R · Java · HTML/CSS · JavaScript · Spark

**Database** SQL

**Visualization** Tableau · Sisense

**Cloud** Amazon Web Services · Solutions Architect Associate

## Experience

### Defence Science and Technology Agency

Singapore

ENGINEER (CYBER AI)

Jan 2021 – Present · 1 yr 7 mos

- AI and Machine Learning solutions to defend against Cybersecurity threats.
- Developed models to detect Phishing based on URLs, logos, and Website Screenshots, which achieved a validation F1 score of 0.83 on a public dataset from PhishTank. Automated email alerts in the forms of PDF reports to be sent to stakeholders.
- Created a Tech Showcase (Interactive Website) on the topic of <Adversarial AI Attacks on Smart Home devices> for BrainHack 2021, an annual DSTA organised event. The showcase was voted by participants as the top showcase out of 27 showcases that were created by other departments in DSTA.

### Shopee

Singapore

DATA SCIENCE INTERN

Apr 2020 – Nov 2020 · 8 mos

- Trained NLP models to perform multiclass classification on product titles and descriptions to predict product attributes.
- Implemented NLP in multiple languages including English, Chinese, Thai, Indonesian and Vietnamese.

### The League

San Francisco

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Aug 2019 – Apr 2020 · 9 mos

- Created and productionized a Machine Learning model to predict catfishers and bad users leading to the customer support team saving 30% of time reviewing profiles and improving the trust and safety in the community.
- Set up an alert system for over 20 key company metrics such as Revenue, DAUs, Churn, using Periscope / Sisense to notify stakeholders through Slack.
- Performed Statistical modelling through regression models such as Diff in Diff, IV Regression, Fixed Effect models to advise product decisions.
- Conducted AB Testing experiments with power analysis and statistical significance tests to inform and influence product decisions, which included several product features.
- Experience with creating, scheduling, monitoring and debugging jobs with Airflow. .

## Project

### StreetCredit

[bit.ly/streetcredit](https://bit.ly/streetcredit)

- Conceptualized and prototyped a solution that allows crowdfunded micro-loans for students.
- Won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Financial Inclusion Hackathon organized in San Francisco.

### Hack4Climate

[bit.ly/blizzard-yale](https://bit.ly/blizzard-yale)

- Created a website to show how stakeholders are affecting the environment, using Data Visualisations with Plotly.
- Won 1<sup>st</sup> place in YaleNUS Hackathon in the Data Science Category, Hack4Climate.