Oliver Chang

Curriculum Vitæ

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Education

2016-present **Ph.D., Computer Science**, *Rice University*, Houston, TX.

2012–2016 **B.S., Computer Science & Geography**, *University of Miami*, Coral Gables, FL, *3.9 GPA*. Magna Cum Laude, Mathematics Minor, Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Research Experience

- 2015–2016 **Research Experience for Undergraduates**, A WiFi Localization-based Approach to Analyzing Probe Requests, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
 - Captured WiFi probe requests with a WiFi Pineapple to use with ad hoc localization strategies to passively place users in environments
 - Built upon an openly developed application to create an extensible platform for the research of WiFi localization techniques
- Summer 2015 **Research Experience for Undergraduates**, *Optimization Opportunities for nek5000 on Blue Waters*, Parallel Computing Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.
 - Profiled nek5000, a Fortran MPI fluid dynamics simulator, to evaluate calculation/communication optimizations
 - Pushed scaling limits of nek software against Blue Waters' hardware to achieve a 5% speedup on PGI compilers
 - Spring 2015 **Research Experience for Undergraduates**, Localization through WiFi Signal Strength with Android, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
 - Worked collaboratively with two other students to create localization tools based on WiFi and LTE alternatives to GPS
 - Created Android app for training & localization via WiFi using modern best practices like Fragment
 & DataProvider
- Summer 2014 **Summer Internship Program**, Automating Metadata Compliance Checking, Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA.
 - Consolidated existing metadata checkers for netCDF into a Python framework with verifiable suggestions
 - Lowered cost & difficulty of compliance by creating a RESTful platform over a dependency-heavy local installation

Professional Experience

- Spring 2016 Software Engineering Intern, REConsole, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
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- 2014–2015 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Computer Science Department, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.
 - Reviewed Java code for Intro to Programming with an emphasis on idiomatic, readable code
 - Challenged small labs of Intro to Data Structures & Algorithms students with visualizations emphasizing edge cases
- 2013–2014 **Software Engineering Intern**, Senzari, Inc., Miami, FL.
 - Led visualization for a Django dashboard written with Google Charts & CoffeeScript used to track visitor analytics
 - Built one of the first Firefox OS Apps in HTML5/jQuery Mobile to construct graph queries, once rated 4 stars

Publications and Presentations

- 2015 GPS & WiFi Choke Point Analysis, Poster, University of Miami (UM) GIS Day.
- 2015 **Analyzing the Scalability of Nek5000**, *Poster*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) Summer Research Poster Session.
- 2014 **Improving Compliance for Earth Science Data Records**, *Poster*, Fall Meeting of American Geophysical Union (AGU).
- 2014 **Automating Metadata Compliance Checking**, *Presentation*, Jet Propulsion Laboratory Research Presentation Day.
- 2014 Adventures in Cheminformatics, Presentation, UM Computer Science Department.

Technical Skills

- Basic Fortran, MPI, Ruby, R, API Design, Apache Spark, Docker
- Intermediate JavaScript, C, LATEX, SQL, ElasticSearch, ArcGIS
 - Advanced Python, Java, Unix, Android SDK

Honors

- May 2016 Outstanding Computer Science Undergraduate
- March 2016 Nominated for Sheila Dube Outstanding Tutor Award
 - Nov 2015 2nd place GIS Day undergraduate poster
 - Fall 2015 Supported by REU supplement to NSF grant CNS-1446570
- Summer 2015 Supported by NSF grant CCF-1263145
 - Spring 2015 Supported by REU supplement to NSF grant CNS-1406968
 - 2012–2016 National Merit Scholar

Service

- 2015–2016 Vice President for University of Miami chapter of Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
 - 2015 Certified Internatiol Tutor by the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA)
- 2014–2016 Peer Tutor for University of Miami's Camner Academic Resource Center