

# Steven Ziqiu Chen

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## Interests

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Machine Learning  
Backend Dev / Distributed Systems  
Internet of Things

Computer Vision  
Cloud Computing  
Finance

## Education

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### **University of Texas at Austin**

B.S., Computer Science: Honors  
**GPA: 4.0/4.0**

Expected: May 2017

M.S., Computer Science (anticipated)

Expected: May 2019

## Work Experience

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### **Google - Software Engineering Intern – Mountain View**

Summer 2016

Worked in Google Photos on backend MapReduce infrastructure. Built a new storage API for MapReduce jobs using Java, Python, and Cloud Dataflow. Wrote a code generation framework to generate API classes using template engines.

### **RetailMeNot Inc. - Software Engineering Intern – Austin**

Summer 2015

Built backend service that determines what content hits are displayed on RetailMeNot iOS and Android apps, using Python, MongoDB, and AMQP. Designed sorting and filtering algorithms to improve user engagement.

## Languages and Technologies

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**Java, Python, Linux, MATLAB, Git**

— experienced

**Swift, C++, SQL, Mongo, iOS**

— familiar

## Programming Projects

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### **Avalon Announcer**

iOS, Swift

- Narration and utility app for iOS to enhance the board game Avalon
- Uses Siri dictation libraries to narrate custom game setups
- Tracks game progress and win/loss statistics

### **Face Detection**

MATLAB

- Multi-scale face detector using a linear SVM trained on histogram of gradients data
- Implemented hard negative mining to reduce false positives
- Detector slightly outperforms standard Viola-Jones detector in precision

## Selected Coursework

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Machine Learning Honors  
Data Structures Honors  
Networks

Computer Vision Honors  
Algorithms Honors  
Compilers

## Activities and Honors

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Mobile Application Developers  
Electronic Game Developers Society  
Turing, Dean's Scholars Honors

UT Sciences Presidential Scholarship  
UT Computer Science Scholarship  
National Merit Scholar