



# Soohwan KIM

## Profile

My name is Soohwan Kim and my co-workers call me Kaki. I'm an AI Research Engineer at TUNiB Co., Ltd. My research interests include technologies for human-machine interaction, such as speech and natural language processing fields.

## Education

### Kwangwoon University

March 2014 — February 2021

- Major in Electronic & Communication Engineering
- Minor in Data Science.
- Major GPA: 3.90 / 4.5, Total GPA: 3.68 / 4.5

## Employment History

### TUNiB Co., Ltd.

March 2021 — Present

- Co-founder & AI Research Engineer
- Startup based on natural language processing technology.
- Website: [www.tunib.ai](http://www.tunib.ai)

### Kakao Brain Corp.

November 2020 — February 2021

- AI Research Engineer (Speech & NLP TEAM)
- Developed a natural language processing library named pororo
- Website: [www.kakaobrain.com](http://www.kakaobrain.com)

## Internships

### Kakao Brain Corp.

August 2020 — November 2020

- AI Research Internship (Speech & NLP TEAM)
- Developed speech recognition & speech synthesis technologies.

### Spoken Language Lab (of Sogang Univ.)

April 2020 — August 2020

- Research Internship
- Studies speech recognition task based on deep learning.
- Website: <http://speech.sogang.ac.kr/>

## Publication

### Open-Source Toolkit for End-to-End Korean Speech Recognition

Soohwan Kim, Seyoung Bae, Cheolhwang Won (ELSEVIER, SIMPAC)

### E2E Speech Recognition Models in English, Chinese, and Korean

Soohwan Kim (Bachelor's Graduation Thesis)

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## Links

[GitHub](#)

[Tech Blog \(GitHub\)](#)

[Tech Blog \(Naver\)](#)

[Linkedin](#)

[Facebook](#)

## Skills

Python

PyTorch

Fairseq

Numpy

Git

Java

C

Shell Script

Pandas

Faiss

Hydra

SQL

Android

HTML

Assembly

## 🏢 Project Experience

### **PORORO: Platform Of neuRal mOdelS for natuRal language prOcessing**

November 2020 — February 2021

- Performs natural language processing and speech-related tasks.
- Easy to solve various subtasks in the nlp & speech field.
- GitHub: <https://github.com/kakaobrain/pororo>

### **Multilingual Text-To-Speech**

October 2020 — February 2021

- Supports 11 languages.
- Supports voice style transfer, and code-switching functions.
- Demo page: <https://pororo-tts.github.io/>

### **English, Chinese, and Korean End-to-End Automatic Speech Recognition**

August 2020 — October 2020

- Develop and compare models (LAS, Transformer, Wav2vec 2.0)
- Performance and speed comparison by output unit.

### **KoSpeech: Open-Source Toolkit for End-to-End Korean Speech Recognition**

January 2020 — Present

- Extensible end-to-end Korean speech recognition toolkit.
- Most popular Korean speech recognition project in GitHub.
- GitHub: <https://github.com/sooftware/KoSpeech>

## 🍷 Extra-curricular activities

### **Speech Paper Reading**

December 2020 — Present

- Weekly meeting where people who work in the field of Speech.
- Read the paper and share each opinions.
- <https://github.com/speech-paper-reading/speech-paper-reading>

### **NLP Paper Reading**

September 2020 — February 2021

- Kakao Brain NLP Team's weekly paper reading study.
- Read the paper and share each opinions.
- <https://github.com/kakaobrain/nlp-paper-reading>

## 🏢 Teaching Experience

### **SAMSUNG AI Expert Course**

July 2020 — August 2020

- Conduct teaching assistant role in the speech recognition session.

### **Object-Oriented Programming Practice Lecture**

March 2020 — June 2020

- Covered basic java programming,
- Ran laboratories and had office hours every week.
- Answered students questions in person and marked assignments.

## Hobbies

Drinking coffee, Walking,  
Running, Coding, Singing,  
Watching Webtoons, Buying  
Electronics