# Spencer Churchill

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## **EDUCATION**

#### **UC IRVINE**

**B.S.**. COMPUTER SCIENCE

June 2022 | Irvine, CA Donald Bren School of ICS Cum. GPA: 3.76 / 4.0 Major GPA: 3.8 / 4.0

#### STANFORD UNIVERSITY

LECTURER

May 2018 | Stanford, CA Bay Honors Research Conference

## LINKS

GitHub://splch StackOverflow://splch Devpost://splch LinkedIn://splcher Kaggle://splcher

## **COURSEWORK**

#### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Quantum Computation (Research Asst. & Teaching Asst.) Machine Learning Operating Systems

Artificial Intelligence Data Structures & Algorithms Database Management Virtual Reality

# **PROJECTS**

## **GITHUB**

38 repositories, 29 pull requests, 25 followers, 18 stars, and 11 forks

#### **CHROME STORE**

5,300 users, 100 countries, 5 extensions, 4.72 average rating

# **SKILLS**

#### **PROGRAMMING**

Officially Certified
Python • Go • C++ • C
Javascript • HTML • CSS
Over 1000 Lines
Julia • Assembly • Ruby
Flutter • Dart • R • Bash

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### IBM QUANTUM | QISKIT ADVOCATE

Aug 2020 - Present | New York, NY

- Updated **nine chapters** of the Qiskit Textbook, a primary resource for quantum programming, to better teach difficult concepts
- Published **Qiskit Medium article** to thousands of readers, demonstrating RSA decryption
- Lectured at the University of Toronto, Queensland, McMaster, Tennessee Tech, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities

#### **BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY** | TEACHING FELLOW

Jun 2021 - Present | Brookhaven, NY

- Organized and supported a team of 15 interns in learning scientific computing
- Led research across 5 teams into different energy potential functions for optimization

#### **ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION** | VOLUNTEER

Sep 2021 - Present | San Francisco, CA

- Assisted in the development of the Atlas of Surveillance data-set
- Contributed to the Coding with EFF through GitHub issue responding and bug fixes

## RESEARCH

### IBM RESEARCHERS' PROGRAM | MENTEE

Sep 2020 - Present

Collaborated with **Naoki Kanazawa** to upgrade **OpenPulse**, a framework enabling microwave-level control of qubits, to a scalable syntax.

#### UNITARY FUND | PROJECT LEAD

Aug 2020 - Sep 2021

Pioneered writing **Quantum Tales**, an educational resource for teenagers interested in quantum algorithms, with support from **Travis Scholten**.

## **AWARDS**

2021	1 <sup>st</sup> / 167	Machine Learning Data Competition, UC Irvine
2020	$1^{st} / 440$	HackSC 2020 — USC Hackathon
2019	$1^{st} / 433$	SD Hacks 2019 — UC San Diego Hackathon
2020	Global	IBM Certificate of Quantum Excellence
2018	National	Fagle Scout of Troop 1210

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] S. Churchill. Rnn composition of thematically diverse video game melodies. *The Computer Games Journal*, 2018.
- [2] S. Churchill. Statistical mozart: Completing the requiem. Think You?! Journal, 2019.
- [3] S. Churchill and L. Sharina. Quantum tales. arXiv, 2021.
- [4] H. Kinsley, D. Kukieła, S. Churchill, and T. Halvorson. Neural networks from scratch. *Kickstarter*, 2020.