

# Timothy Chen

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## EDUCATION

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### Pepperdine University

B.S. in Computer Science & Mathematics

*Summa Cum Laude*

- Cumulative GPA: 3.99 / 4.00
- Coursework: Data Structures, Computer Systems, Machine Learning, Image Analysis, Computer Networking
- Awards: Multiple competitive departmental scholarships (e.g. Northrop Grumman Endowed Scholarship, Keck Data Science Grant, Natural Science Division Scholarship, Faculty Staff Scholarship, Darnell Scholarship).

## EXPERIENCE

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### Amazon

June 2025 – Present

Data Engineer - Security

Seattle, WA

- Developed end to end pipelines aggregating ticket data from multiple internal systems to quantify engineering toil
- Created lightweight Spark SDK to standardize batch data validation (normalization, null thresholds, data types)
- Containerized ETL and inference components using ECS for improved scalability and maintainability

### Amazon

May 2024 – Aug. 2024

Data Engineer Intern - Alexa

Seattle, WA

- Provisioned cloud infra and deployed distributed processing pipelines with Python, TypeScript, AWS CDK
- Metrics invented and delivered to directors led to a 20% boost in Alexa's B2B conversions MoM

### Samsung

May 2023 – Aug. 2023

Software Engineer Intern

Austin, TX

- Redesigned Samsung Foundry's defect reporting tool for various in house equipment via Python on Streamlit
- Adopted by several core engineering teams, standardizing the defect reporting process

### Pepperdine Information Technology

Aug. 2022 – May 2024

Software Engineer (Co-op)

Malibu, CA

- Built full stack applications for University administration, including esign.pepperdine.edu and sso.pepperdine.edu
- Featured in Pepperdine IT's 2024 Annual Review [[Article](#)]

## PROJECTS

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### Cell Detector | Python, Roboflow, scikit-learn, Google Colab

- YOLO-based CNN detecting 1k+ plant cells per image with .94 F1; automated annotation for biology faculty
- This project was adopted in Pepperdine's Data Science curriculum, laying the groundwork for many future works

### Intellectual Disability Balance Reference | Applied Machine Learning

- Built centile curves to track balance for people with intellectual disabilities, which were adopted in clinical practice
- Oral at the 2023 ISAPA conference in New Zealand was featured in Pepperdine's Newsletter [[Article](#)]

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python, TypeScript, C#, SQL, C++, Java, R, Assembly, JavaScript

**Tools & Frameworks:** IaC, CDK, AWS, .NET, MVC, ECS, PyTorch, Roboflow, Redshift, Postgres

**Hackathons:** Morgan Stanley CTG Hackathon Spring 2023

**Leadership:** Grading/TA (5 semesters) - Formal Methods/Discrete Structures, SLA (Residence Life - 4 semesters)