

# VINCENT LIU

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## EDUCATION

### Simon Fraser University

BSc. Computing Science (Geographic Information Science Major), 3.65/4.33 GPA

EXPECTED APR 2026

Burnaby, BC, Canada

- **Selected Coursework:** Data Structures, Database Systems, Web Development, Computational Data Science, Affective Computing, Visual Computing, Geographic Information Science, Remote Sensing, Spatial Data Analysis/Modeling

## EXPERIENCE

### GeoComply - Data Science Intern @ Machine Learning Products

PySpark, Python, SQL, Databricks

SEP 2025 - PRESENT

Vancouver, BC, Canada

- Migrated a geospatial fraud-detection pipeline from SQL notebooks to a PySpark-driven **plugin architecture**, supporting **modular scoring workflows** and **customizable customer outputs**.
- Integrated the pipeline into a customer-facing engine using **gRPC** for **high-performance data delivery**.

### Apple Inc. - Software Engineering Intern @ Maps

React, Redux, TypeScript, MapKit JS, Deck.gl

MAY 2025 - AUG 2025

Cupertino, CA, USA

- Merged open-source updates of Kepler.gl, containing new features such as **DuckDB** and an **AI Assistant**, into the internal Apple-adapted version of the tool.
- Refactored Kepler.gl's open-source codebase into **modular, importable components** to integrate with a proprietary geospatial visualization platform, ensuring **long-term maintainability** with future Kepler releases.
- Developed a plugin that **connected** Kepler.gl's visualization features with the platform's **state management** and **persistence** systems, enabling general-purpose, self-service data exploration and analysis.

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- Integrated Apple's MapKit JS into Kepler.gl, an industry-leading **open-source** tool for the geo-spatial analysis of large datasets.
- Enhanced the application with advanced 2D-3D visualizations, split map views, and custom Apple-themed visualization palettes in **collaboration with design teams**.
- Developed and executed an integration plan to **refactor** existing mapping frameworks using the **adapter** design pattern, enhancing the **scalability, maintainability**, and **API extensibility** of the application.
- Managed weekly deliverables, put the application into **production**, and presented the application to Leadership, demonstrating **performance improvements**, enhancements to **codebase architecture**, and refined **visual design**.

## PERSONAL PROJECTS

### MOODMIRROR

Swift, Agora, Python, Flask, TensorFlow, OpenCV

JAN 2025

nwHacks 2025

- Developed a **cross-platform** Swift app to infer emotions from facial expressions captured through video calls or the device camera, using a TensorFlow **ML model** hosted on a Flask server.
- Integrated the Agora SDK to support **one-on-one video calling**, enhancing real-time interaction capabilities between clients.
- Designed an **ML pipeline** to classify facial expressions into emotional categories, displaying results on the client.
- Created a **REST API** for the communication between the client and server, facilitating classification delivery within seconds.

### OBJJUG

MAY 2024

StormHacks 2024

React, JavaScript, Tailwind, Python, Flask, OpenAI API, Gmail API, MongoDB

- Created a job application tracker that **automatically categorizes** applications into their respective hiring-process stages.
- Used the **Gmail API** to extract job application emails, and then provided them to the **OpenAI API** for **classification**.
- Built a **REST API**, using Python and Flask, to store users and their tracked job applications in a **MongoDB database**.
- Implemented a **dashboard** that displays and sorts categorized job applications into three columns, with each column representing a hiring-process stage.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Web Development:** JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML/CSS, React, Redux, Node.js, Express, MapKit JS, Google Maps API, Deck.gl

**Data & ML Engineering:** Python, SQL, PySpark, Pandas, Polars, Flask, MongoDB, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, GeoPandas