William Wang

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Education

Cornell University June 2020 - May 2024 GPA: 4.12/4.3

Bachelor's in Computer Science and Physics

C++ Programming

Computer Vision

- Compilers · Computer Architecture
- · Algorithms

· Machine Learning · Numerical Analysis

Functional Programming

Operating Systems

Skills

Languages: Kotlin, Python, Java, Swift, C, C++, OCaml, Fortran, Protobuf, Assembly, Javascript, HTML, CSS Tools: NumPy, OpenCV, SciPy, PyTorch, MATLAB, Linux/Unix, Git, Firebase, LTEX, CAD, Microsoft Office, Inkscape

Experience

Software Engineer Intern

May 2022 - Aug 2022

Square/Block

San Francisco, CA

- Developed production server-driven UI code (written in Kotlin) for Square Card management and onboarding applets.
- · Created a new flow, on both backend and Android client, which added validations for sellers updating their addresses.
- · Winner of the intern hackweek by designing and developing a solution to collaborative playlists on the TIDAL streaming app. Presented and pitched the proposal to core leads.
- Helped aggregate card spend data for visualizable graphs, which project was awarded "Most Innovative"

Undergraduate Researcher

Feb 2021 - present

Cornell University - Cohen Laboratory

Ithaca, NY

- · Developed a modular protocol and computational models for simulating shear mechanics of biological tissues in Python
- Researched and implemented constrained optimization algorithms to efficiently solve energy minimization landscapes (optimizing up to 10,000 parameters)
- Presented research to cross-disciplinary audiences at Cornell University and Rochester Institute of Technology

Research Assistant Jun 2019 - present

Laboratory for Laser Energetics

Rochester, NY

- Developed Fortran simulations to simulate and optimize new case geometries (hohlraums) for laser-driven nuclear fusion.
- Designed a novel hohlraum geometry that achieves higher levels of uniformity than current designs, achieving simulated results of less than 1% nonuniformity.
- Presenter at the 62nd Annual Meetings of the APS Division of Plasma Physics (Session GO09).
- Published Wang et Craxton, 2020, The Physics of Plasmas

Teaching Assistant Aug 2021 - Present

Cornell University CIS Course Staff

Ithaca, NY

- CS 4120: Introduction to Compilers
- CS 2112: Honors Object Oriented Programming and Data Structures
- CS 3410: Computer System Organization and Programming
- Lead and facilitate lab and discussion sessions, hold weekly office hours, design and grade homework assignments.

Projects

Javalin Compiler (xic) | Kotlin

Worked in a team of four to create an optimizing compiler (from the ground up) that targets x86-64 assembly code for Xi, a procedural programming language. Awarded "Best Compiler" for fastest optimization and correctness of generated code.

Snake Gamebot | Python, Tensorflow

Wrote and trained (supervised learning) neural networks to play "Snake" using data collected and analyzed from previous player attempts, achieving performance similar to or better than.

Chess/Ultimate Tic-Tac-Toe | Kotlin

Over the period of two days, created both a custom chess engine and ultimate tic-tac-toe engine featuring an AI that performs alpha-beta pruning algorithms and a Monte-Carlo Search Tree that evaluates 30,000 entire games per second.

Simulating Evolving Artificial Life | Java, JavaFX

Created a system to simulate multiple critters, each defined by a unique program written in a custom context-free grammar, "critter-lang." Developed a recursive-descent parser, abstract syntax tree interpreter, and a concurrent GUI.

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