




# XIAO PING SONG, PhD

8 years of research experience, 7 years in data science, and 3 years as a project manager. I lead end-to-end delivery for technical projects that develop metrics and predictive software. My research and teaching focus on applied machine learning and geospatial techniques.

Certified PMP and AWS Solutions Architect. My track record includes developing use cases for data products, acquiring exclusive data, building dashboard applications, leading technical workshops, and aligning diverse stakeholders in highly matrixed environments.

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2021**
  - **Project Manager, Postdoctoral Researcher, Adjunct Lecturer**  
National University of Singapore, Dept. Architecture  Singapore
    - Secured a 3-year grant for \$1.5 mil
    - Led procurement and deployment of IoT sensor networks, delivering real-time data with 60% cost savings by refining requirements and adopting specific wireless technologies
    - Assembled and managed a diverse, cross-organisational team to develop sustainability reporting standards across six work streams
    - Pioneered new methods to reduce spatial disparities in park access, published in a software journal
- 2020 | 2022**
  - **Project & Product Manager, Postdoctoral Researcher**  
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Science  Singapore
    - Spearheaded Agile Sprints and client workshops for a data product that delivers biodiversity performance benchmarks, gaining buy-in from senior management
    - Developed data pipelines and predictive models to assess the spatial distribution of 1,100 species
    - Secured access to sensitive high-resolution (LiDAR) data and \$60,000 funding for satellite images
    - Led and trained a team of five to proficiency in coding best practices and GitHub collaboration, leading to model training at 8x speed
- 2016 | 2020**
  - **PhD Researcher**  
ETH Zürich, SEC, Future Cities Laboratory  Singapore, Switzerland
    - Drove initiatives for data sharing and industry talks, leading to the publication of four research papers in leading global journals
    - Showcased research at global conferences (e.g., UK, Japan, Switzerland) and won the Three Minute Thesis competition

## EDUCATION

- 2020**
  - **Ph.D. in Architecture (Urban Planning / Analytics)**  
National University of Singapore, College of Design and Engineering
    - Thesis: Big Data Applications for Urban Greening
    - Applied statistical/ML techniques to develop a cost-effective strategy for managing trees citywide
    - Predicted recreational preferences and crowd behaviour at parks based on social media photos
- 2016**
  - **B.Sc. (Hons) in Life Sciences, Minor in Technology Entrepreneurship**  
National University of Singapore

## CONTACT

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## CODE & TOOLS

R / tidyverse / r-spatial / Shiny  
Python / numpy / scikit-learn  
PyTorch / Tensorflow / Keras  
SQL / PostgreSQL / PostGIS  
Git  
Shell / Bash  
RegEx  
HTML / CSS  
APIs (REST, GraphQL)  
AWS / Google Cloud  
QGIS / ArcGIS / Google Earth Engine  
Docker

## METHODS & DOMAINS

Metrics & feature engineering  
Data visualization (inc. spatial)  
Model diagnostics & debugging  
Linear & mixed models (inc. GLM)  
Decision trees / Ensemble models  
Unsupervised learning  
Deep learning (ANN, CNN, RNN)  
Parallel programming  
Remote sensing (satellite / LiDAR)  
Image processing (inc. spectral)  
IoT / Wireless technologies  
Econometrics (e.g., natural capital)  
Web scraping / analytics (GA4)  
Questionnaire surveys

## TEACHING / TRAINING SKILLS

- 2021 | 2022 • **Introduction to Git**  
University workshops on version control and GitHub collaboration  
[github.com/xp-song/Intro2R-Git](https://github.com/xp-song/Intro2R-Git)
- 2019 | 2022 • **Introduction to R Programming and Statistics**  
Online and in-person workshops covering a variety of topics in R  
[xp-song.com/posts/intro2r](https://xp-song.com/posts/intro2r)
- 2018 | 2020 • **Analysing Spatial Patterns of the Landscape**  
Module Lecturer, National University of Singapore. Master of Landscape Architecture: Urban Greening Technologies & Techniques  
[xp-song.com/posts/intro2r-spatial](https://xp-song.com/posts/intro2r-spatial)
- 2016 | 2020 • **Weekly Music Classes**  
Part-time Educator, My Drum School Pte Ltd. Attained Net Promoter Score of 75 (top 5%); Best Educator of the Quarter twice in 3 years  
[instagram.com/p/BzpCir0HQA-](https://instagram.com/p/BzpCir0HQA-)



## CERTIFICATIONS

- 2023 • **AWS Certified Solutions Architect (SAA-C03)**  
[Amazon Web Services](#)
- 2023 • **Project Management Professional (PMP)**  
[Project Management Institute](#)
- 2023 • **Deep Learning Specialization**  
[DeepLearning.AI](#)
- 2023 • **Machine Learning**  
[Stanford University](#)

## AWARDS

- 2016 • **SEC PhD Scholarship (Fully Funded)**  
Singapore National Research Foundation
- 2011 • **Best Full-time National Serviceman**  
Officer Cadet School (Midshipmen Wing), Singapore Armed Forces
- 2009 • **Jacob Ballas Scholar's Award**  
Perfect score (six distinctions), GCE 'A' Level Examinations

## SOFTWARE

-  **biodiversity**  
Assess the spatial distribution of urban biodiversity between places, across time, and into the future
-  **home2park**  
Assess the spatial provision of parks city-wide